



LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019



LEISTON WORKS RAILWAY RE-OPENS WITH 'THE BIG 160'



Leiston's last signalman, Brian Ginger, declares the Leiston Works Railway open.

Picture courtesy of John Heald

The Leiston Works Railway Trust (LWRT) celebrated the re-opening of a section of railway along the former Garrett's private industrial railway line, which they have been busy restoring with the help of some very hard working and enthusiastic volunteers.

The two day event, called **THE BIG 160**, took place at the Leiston Works Railway (LWR) trackbed and The Waterloo Centre in Leiston, on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June 2019, which marked the 160th anniversary of when the railway came to Leiston and the Works Railway was opened. The LWRT felt it was fitting to celebrate the re-opening of a section of the Leiston Works Railway, to mark the anniversary in this special year.

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See inside for news of the Alde Valley Academy's celebration evening and an invitation to attend an **Exhibition of art work by pupils of Leiston Schools at St Margaret's Church - 2nd to 6th July 10am-4pm**



CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman's Report 2018/2019

Leiston Town Councillors have been heavily involved in discussing and making decisions and recommendations on a very wide range of items and a number of issues that affect our community over the past year. As well as the usual monthly Council meetings it had been necessary to hold extraordinary meetings to assess information and take into account the views of the community regarding the highly important Sizewell C proposals contained in the Stage 3 consultation and the Scottish Power Renewables East Anglia Two and Anglia One North proposals in order to make an informed response by the consultation deadlines.



In connection with the Sizewell C proposals councillors also attended workshops run by Planning Aid England which helped us in how to best format our response. A copy of the Council's agreed formal response on Sizewell C Stage 3 and Scottish Power Renewables Stage 4 consultations are available to view on the Council's website or please visit the Council Offices to see a paper copy.

At our usual monthly meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month, to which members of the public are invited, we have had a number of presentations from guest speakers. These are very informative and also allow Councillors and members of the public to ask questions and to seek clarification on matters that arise. A representative from the East of England Ambulance Service was our first guest speaker and following his visit, myself and two other councillors were able to visit the Ambulance Response Unit in Norwich. A Planning Officer from the District Council and the Head of Planning at Suffolk County Council came to explain the planning process for Major Infrastructure projects. PC Simon Green came to talk about his role as a Community Support Officer for our Safer Neighbourhood area. The Chair of Governors and Head of School at Leiston Primary School briefed the meeting on their

Good OFSTED report and the other accomplishments of the school and during the year EDF Energy – Nuclear New Build have updated the Council.

Our County Councillor and District Councillors are invited to attend Council meetings to present reports and this is an opportunity for those present to ask them questions relating to County and District matters. Following this, there is a public forum for members of the public to address or make representations to the Town Council before Councillors consider items on the agenda. As I said, members of the public are always welcomed and are encouraged to attend.

I will report on some other business undertaken by the Council but if you wish to find out more please go on the Town Council website where Minutes of all the meetings are available to view or alternatively go along to the Council Offices to see a copy. There is also a quarterly Town Council newsletter delivered to households in Leiston, which includes articles relating to council matters and other items of local interest.

The Town Council have officially taken over the centre section of the old Middle School site in Waterloo Avenue for community use and the building is now referred to as The Waterloo Centre. The Centre comprises four rooms, a gymnasium, the playground and playing field together with a fenced multi sports area. Some redecoration work has been undertaken and recently a small kitchen area fitted out for use by hirers. The Council are looking at ways of further improving and developing the Centre and will keep you informed on progress. All the facilities are available for hire and there has been a good take up, especially for the gymnasium of an evening, by various organisations. If you are interested in looking to hire either the gymnasium, a room or the games court please contact the Council Offices.

You may have noticed that the Leiston Film Theatre, owned by the Town Council, is also undertaking changes. The building that adjoins the Film Theatre, also owned by the Council, became vacant and is being developed to extend the foyer to improve and enhance the experience when visiting this increasingly popular venue and major asset for the town. A recent application for funding from the Town Council and Leiston Together was granted from the Coastal Revival Fund to set up a Visitor Information Point at the Film Theatre. This is being incorporated within the foyer and will provide information for the

many visitors that come to the area. It will also enable information to be provided and shared for the benefit of our local community. It is expected that the project will be completed in time for the holiday season.

Another exciting and far larger development project for Leiston are plans to regenerate the town centre. After a period of time operating as a Steering Group the Leiston Community Land Trust was officially incorporated in October 2018 and were able to start recruiting for members. In December a public meeting was held to elect the Board of Trustees. I served as the Town Council's representative on the Steering Group and was also elected as a Trustee representing the Council on the Board. The CLT were invited to be represented at Leiston Together meetings which comprises representatives from Leiston Town Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council (now East Suffolk Council), Suffolk County Council and other organisations. A significant step towards this project being realised was the purchase of the 3 vacant properties and land in Sizewell Road by Suffolk Coastal District Council. The properties have had some work carried out on them to make a more pleasing street scene and the CLT have been given the use of one of the shops as an office which will assist with promoting the project and for gaining further members. Recently and very importantly a CLT Project Group has been established with CLT Trustees and officers of East Suffolk Council in order to work through all the various aspects required in taking this project forward.

The Town Council has set up a grants fund for local organisations to apply for financial support. Over the past year we have been pleased to be able to assist a number of organisations including Coastal Accessible Transport (CATS), Leiston Town Pastors, Rose & Sweet William Club, Leiston FC Youth Teams, Citizens Advice and the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service.

To mark the end of my term of office a Chairman's Reception was held at the Community Centre where guests included representatives from local clubs and organisations. This occasion is an opportunity to thank all of those people who undertake a considerable amount of work, many on a voluntary basis, supporting our community, I would like to extend my thanks to all of you who, whether as an individual or as part of an organisation, offer help and support in our community.

The Annual Chairman's Cup was this year awarded to Selena Levermore and Emma Mouser the main driving force behind the



Emma Mouser and Selena Levermore, on behalf of the Leiston Events Group, being presented with the Chairman's Cup

Leiston Events Group. They have enriched the community spirit in the town with the Leiston Big Weekend summer events and the Christmas events. Local residents, the wider community and visitors to the area have supported and thoroughly enjoyed these experiences.

This report marks the end of the previous four-year term in office of Leiston Town Council. I would like to thank all your Councillors and our Officers for the work they have undertaken in serving our community and for the support they have given to me in my time as Chairman.

Cllr Lesley Hill
May 2019

Alde Valley Academy celebrates its star students

At the end of the Spring Term, families, friends and staff packed out the prestigious and beautiful Snape Maltings Concert Hall to celebrate the personal and academic achievements of 160 students from Alde Valley Academy. Alde Valley is now a member of the Waveney Valley Academy Trust. This is a relatively new and increasingly popular Academy chain originating from Sir John Leman in Beccles, which combines the strength of a local base with a strong, innovative energy and support



Following on from the Alde Valley Academy's **'Good with Outstanding Behaviour'** Ofsted report and a steady influx of new pupils, this seemed a perfect time to celebrate the success of its students, the heart and soul of any school .

160 students were selected as being particularly deserving of credit. Two awards from each subject were given for each year group based on criteria ranging from effort and progress to outstanding academic achievement. It was, needless to say, a difficult choice!!

The evening itself was a tour de force of organisation. All guests were greeted with a tempting range of canapes provided by Hotel Folk (previously TA Hotels Group) who have partnered with AVA to provide experience and cooking skills to Hospitality and Catering students



Throughout the evening, wonderful musical interludes were provided by AVA students, who performed their own compositions to the packed hall. Most adults would have been daunted, let alone a Year 7 student barely bigger than the guitar she held.



INTERFERENCE

A Showcase of Artistic Talent from Leiston Schools

'Interference' is an exhibition of art work made by pupils and students from Leiston schools. It is being held at St Margaret's Church in Waterloo Avenue in Leiston between 2nd and 6th of July, open daily 10.00 am-4.00pm.

This exhibition is a celebration of artistic achievement in Leiston schools, recognising the importance of art and design for all young people. It includes work from Leiston Primary school and GCSE work from Alde Valley Academy. The range and quality of work in the exhibition shows how committed, focussed and very hard working the students have been.

Usually the children's work is restricted to being shown within their schools. This wonderful opportunity, given so generously by St Margaret's Church, provides the young people with a showcase to demonstrate their skills to a much wider audience as the exhibition is open for all to see.

Come and see the exhibition and prepare to have your expectations of what school students can achieve 'interfered' with!



Alde Valley Academy



Leiston Primary School

There's lots coming up over the summer weeks in the library. Back in 2011, people in Leiston marched through the streets to save Leiston and other Suffolk libraries. Our libraries survived and are thriving. However, the changes back then to the way Suffolk Libraries is run means that we need continued support, particularly in the form of fundraising. Suffolk Libraries is an Independent Provident Society – which means it's only partially funded by Suffolk County Council, and is a not for profit, independent and charitable organisation running the service for the benefit of the people of Suffolk. It's now more important than ever that we support our libraries by raising money to keep them as good as they are, if not better.



There will be a 'Suffolk Libraries Day' on October 12th where all libraries will be holding fundraising events. However, round here, we're starting early, with the **Three Libraries Challenge!!** If you enjoy our beautiful local surroundings, it's the perfect way to get outdoors, support and celebrate your libraries, and raise money all at the same time. The challenge is quite simple, and you can tailor it to suit yourself.

The idea is to make a £5 donation to register for the challenge and then cycle or walk any route between Leiston, and/or Aldeburgh and Saxmundham Libraries. You can register and start at any library, and do it in one day or over several. You just need to register and pay at your starting library, collect your challenge passport, and have it stamped when you reach your destination library.

There's a little inter-library competition too, to see which starting library can clock up the most miles from their registered participants. The challenge starts on Monday 15th July (Tuesday 16th if you wish to start at Leiston) and ends Sunday 29th September. On Saturday 12th October we'll be awarding certificates to our participants and announcing the library with the most mileage.

We'd love as many people as possible to take part and raise funds for our precious libraries. It's an easy way to give support and a fun outing for all the family! All the info you need will be available in Leiston, Saxmundham and Aldeburgh libraries nearer the time.

It's also nearly time for the **Summer Reading Challenge!** This is our yearly summer holiday activity for children, the challenge being to read 6 books during the summer holidays. This year's theme is the Space Chase, an out-of-this-world adventure, inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. The challenge starts on Saturday 20th July and runs until Saturday 7th September. Children register (they'll need a library card!), and for each library book they read and come back and tell us about, they receive a reward and stickers. If they complete the challenge and read six books, they'll receive a certificate and medal at our special award.



Some of the 66 young people who completed the challenge last year.

On Saturday 20th July 2.30-3.30pm we have a children's activity planned – **'Wild About Writing'** – it will include a storytime, and some interactive activities exploring what makes a good story. Children might then be inspired to take part in a story writing competition to win RSPB Minsmere passes and other exciting prizes! More information available soon...

Our latest art exhibition is a stunning photography collection by **Nick Boulter** – local scenes and familiar places, beautifully captured on camera.

Pride and Periods was launched in the library at the end of April. This is a service providing free sanitary items, no questions asked, to those who need them. The service helps in the fight against period poverty. Affording the right kind of protection can be a real struggle for some and can have a negative on their life. You can request sanitary and bladder weakness products by completing a simple, discreet form in the library and handing it to a member of staff. Request forms are in the library and while exact matches and amounts of items can't be guaranteed, we will do our best to

provide you with what you request, or something similar. The items have been donated by supporting organisations East of England Co-op, Pink Parcel and Bloody Good Period. We also accept donations of sanitary and bladder weakness items if you would like to support it.

The **Suffolk Parent Carer Network** will be with us on Tuesday 6th August, 10am to 12.30 pm, to provide information and support to address **the needs of disabled children, young people and their families.**



Don't forget our regular events – **Baby Bounce** on Thursday mornings, 10.30-11, a free drop in rhyme and singing session for under 5s and their grown-ups, also our two **Book Clubs**. One meets monthly on a Tuesday morning (next meeting 2nd July 11am-12 to discuss *The Hen Who Dreamed She Could Fly* by Sun Mi

Hwang) and the other monthly on a Sunday morning (next meeting 30th June 10.30-11.30am to discuss *Still Life with Breadcrumbs* by Anna Quindlen). The library provides the books, and the groups are relaxed and friendly and have very lively conversations about what they've read!

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Mondays closed, Tuesdays 9.30-7.30, Wednesdays closed, Thursdays 9.30-5.30, Fridays 9.30-1 & 2-5, Saturdays 9.30-1 & 2-5, Sundays 10-3

What's happening at the WATERLOO CENTRE

Hire Rates

£15 per hour - Gymnasium

£12 per hour - Board Room

£10 per hour - MUGA

Multi Use Games Area - Ideal
for Tennis or Netball.

Welcome back to the Waterloo Centre and what a busy few months it has been! With new classes booking the Gymnasium and training courses being held in the board room, the Centre has certainly been a hive of activity and has seen some new faces through it's doors, and what lovely new front doors the Centre has now!

It doesn't just stop with new front doors, the Centre now has a kitchen available for our hirers to use, a place you can make a lovely warm cup of tea or coffee and sit back to enjoy a 5 minute break before heading back to your club.

The Centre is currently undergoing plans to make the Waterloo Centre into the 'Community Hub' for Leiston and we will be shortly unveiling these plans to the public! So keep an eye out for this exciting development.

Don't forget if you are running a club or need a place to hold a meeting, then look no further and head over to the Waterloo Centre, we offer great rates and brilliant facilities.



Looking to hire the Gymnasium or Board Room?

Or just looking for some more details about the

Waterloo Centre? Then contact us on:

assets@leistoncouncil.gov.uk or 01728 830388

LEISTON COMMUNITY LAND TRUST in No22 SIZEWELL ROAD



We are now in No22 and the window is looking much better



thanks to students from Suffolk New College on the Coast who have put their new skills to good effect as part of their training. Thanks to Robert and the team we can keep everyone up to date even when No22 isn't open so keep looking as you go past.

No22 is now open from 9am to 11.30am every Tuesday so please drop in to see Denise, find out the latest in our progress and ask questions and give us your views. You can even become a member in the Community Land Trust for just £1!

PS Looking even better now the hanging baskets are up in the town.

Stop Press: It has just been announced that the CLT will now have support from the Plunkett Foundation after a successful bid to the Bright Ideas fund.



TOWN DIARY?
Get your event listed on
www.visit-leiston.co.uk

If you type the word Leiston into Google, the chances are that www.visit-leiston.co.uk will probably rank highly on the search listings. The Town Council were pleased to support this project when it launched in 2015 and as the website continues to develop, any local (IP16) events can be listed on the website for free, by simply emailing full details to: info@visit-leiston.co.uk.

Leiston Works Railway Trust

It was on the 1st June 1859 that the branch line opened from Saxmundham to Leiston. For the first time the Garrett Town Works had a direct connection to the main rail network. Initially a horse drawn tramway linked the Town Works to the main line at Leiston station. The tramway included a number of sidings and a spur line to the Garrett's brickworks to the north of the town.

The works line had its own shunting engine 'SIRAPITE' which worked on the line from 1929 until 1962, when it was replaced by an electric locomotive. However, on a sad day in 1968 the works line closed.

In 2011, a group of railway enthusiasts got together to form a new organisation, called the Leiston Works Railway Trust. As the track bed had miraculously survived intact, the aim of the Trust was to re-open a section of the former private industrial railway that once connected Richard Garrett Engineering Town Works to the branch line in Leiston as an educational experience and to boost tourism for the town and to restore another part of the town's unique history.

The locomotive used for the re-opening was *Ruston 48DS 0-4-0* diesel shunter and was kindly loaned and driven by owner Lawrie Rose, and normally resides at the Mid Suffolk Light Railway.



For all the latest information on the LWR, please visit the Leiston Works Railway Facebook page or visit the website www.lwr.org.uk where you will find the latest information about the progress of the LWR.

The LWRT are always looking for Volunteers to help re-build the railway. If you are interested, please telephone 0777 464 0708 for details.

Leiston Film Theatre News

Let's get started by sharing the good news that Leiston Film Theatre has recently received a Certificate of Excellence from Trip Advisor, in recognition of receiving such consistently positive reviews on the popular traveller website. We enjoy seeing such wonderful comments about our venue, which really does make all our hard work worthwhile. See for yourself, or even leave your own review at: www.tripadvisor.co.uk.



We've been welcoming some big crowds to our wonderful venue lately, to enjoy the array of fine films and terrific live shows. We've also been really busy moving forward with our foyer refurbishment and we hope to have everything completed in time for our summer season, with blockbuster films including *Rocketman*, *Toy Story 4*, *Spider-Man: Far from Home*, *The Queen's Corgi* and the eagerly awaited live action version of *The Lion King* all coming to our screen in the coming weeks.

Our foyer improvements will also include the introduction of a Visitor Information Point, where visitors and residents will be able to pop in and obtain information on what's on, accommodation, where to eat and drink and all manner of attractions that Leiston and district has to offer.

Our BIG film for July, which is already receiving some great reviews is on screen at the Film Theatre from the UK release date of Friday 28th June and is the romantic feel-good film, *Yesterday* (12A), from director Danny Boyle and starring Himesh Patel, Lily James and Ed Sheeran. The film tells the story of a struggling musician, whose fortunes turn when he wakes after a cycle accident to find that The Beatles have never existed! Cloning their songs as his own, he becomes an overnight singing sensation. Extensively filmed in Suffolk and Norfolk, with locations including Southwold, Lowestoft, Halesworth and the Latitude music festival and with countless locals used as 'extras' during filming, the film looks set to be another success for writer Richard Curtis (*Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Love Actually*). The film will be on screen until Thursday 18th July, with tickets now on sale at: www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk.



What's On at
Leiston
Film Theatre

Fri 5th & Sat 6th July at 4.45pm & 7.30pm,

Sun 7th July at 3.00pm & 7.30pm

Mon 8th & Tues 9th July at 4.45pm & 7.30pm,

Wed 10th July at 3.00pm & 7.30pm

Thurs 11th July at 4.45pm & 7.30pm, Fri 12th & Sat 13th July at

7.15pm, Sun 14th July at 3.00pm, Mon 15th & Tues 16th July at

7.15pm, Wed 17th July at 3.00pm & Thurs 18th July at 7.15pm

Himesh Patel, Lily James and Ed Sheeran in

YESTERDAY 12A

Fri 12th July at 5.00pm, Sat 13th July at 3.00pm,

Mon 15th, Tues 16th & Thurs 18th July at 5.00pm

THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 PG

Sun 14th July at 6.00pm & Wed 17th July at 7.15pm

Taron Egerton and Richard Madden in

ROCKETMAN 15

Fri 19th - Thurs 25th July

Fri 19th at 4.45pm, Sat 20th & Sun 21st at 3.00pm, Mon 22nd &

Tues 23rd at 4.45pm, Wed 24th at 3.00pm & Thurs 25th at 4.45pm

Showing in 2D on Sat 20th, Mon 22nd & Wed 24th

TOY STORY 4 U

Fri 19th - Thurs 25th July at 7.15pm

Showing in 2D on Sat 20th, Mon 22nd & Wed 24th

Tom Holland, Zendaya and Jake Gyllenhaal in

SPIDER-MAN: FAR FROM HOME 12A

Fri 26th July at 4.30pm, Sat 27th July at 3.00pm

Mon 29th, Tues 30th July & Thurs 1st Aug at 4.30pm

THE QUEEN'S CORGI PG

Fri 2nd - Thurs 8th Aug

THE LION KING PG



Rocketman

COMING
SOON!



The Secret Life of Pets 2

COMING
SOON!



Spider-Man: Far from Home

COMING
SOON!



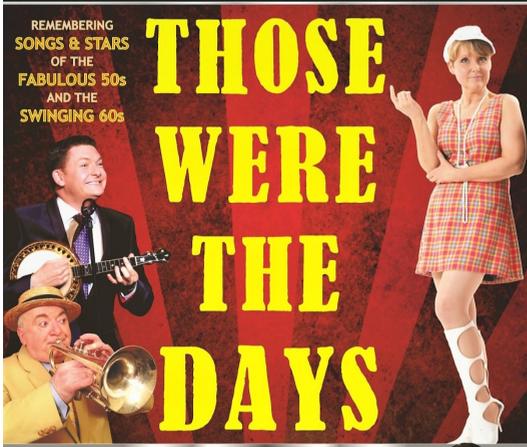
The Lion King

Live entertainment at Leiston Film Theatre

AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND MEMORIES AT LEISTON FILM THEATRE
DEvised & DIRECTED BY ANDY EASTWOOD

REMEMBERING SONGS & STARS OF THE FABULOUS 50s AND THE SWINGING 60s

THOSE WERE THE DAYS



PETE LINDUP ANDY EASTWOOD MAGGIE O'HARA

WITH THE DAVID CARTER BAND & SPECIAL STAR GUEST
LONNIE DONEGAN JNR
SON OF THE LEGENDARY 'KING OF SKIFFLE'

WED 16 OCT 2019 - 7.30pm

Tickets £16.95 / Concessions £15 - BOOK NOW: 01728 830549
Leiston Film Theatre, 74 High Street, Leiston, IP16 4BZ
www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk

Those Were The Days Wednesday 16th October, 7.30pm

A feel-good nostalgic show, paying tribute to the stars and songs of the fabulous 50s and swinging 60s. Starring Pete Lindup, Andy Eastwood and Maggie O'Hara, accompanied by the David Carter Band, plus special guest star, Lonnie Donegan Jnr (son of the legendary Skiffle king). Early bird tickets: £16.95, Conc. £15.00 (for a limited time) - NOW BOOKING on 01728 830549 or at: leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk



YESTERDAY ONCE MORE

CARPENTERS

Performed by
Emily K
& her band

Professional singer Emily K has delighted audiences throughout her singing career with her dulcet tone of voice and has been recognised for her similarity to the great Karen Carpenter. Emily K has now got together with local musicians, Brian Parker (Keyboard), Simon Howe (Lead guitar), Dan Lacey (Bass guitar), and Dan Ball (Drum Kit) to produce this nostalgic tribute to the Carpenters.

Taking you back to the 1970s, Emily and the band will perform many of the classic Carpenters hits as well as a few rarities. If you are an avid Carpenters fan, this is definitely a show not to be missed.





2019

Thursday July 4th - Maddermarket Theatre, Norwich
Friday September 6th - Leiston Theatre (Cinema)
Saturday September 7th - Southwold Arts Centre
Saturday November 23rd - Seagull Theatre, Lowestoft

Yesterday Once More Friday 6th September, 7.30pm

Emily K has astounded audiences throughout her singing career with her dulcet tone of voice and similarity to the great Karen Carpenter. Taking you back to the 1970s, Emily and the band will perform many of the Carpenters classic hits. Tickets: £15.00 - NOW BOOKING

Rude Riding Hood Thurs 26th-Sat 28th Sept, 7.30pm

Following the enormous success of Team B Productions debut appearance with Throbbin Hood in 2017, Wayne Burns and his mischievous cast return with another Pantomime for grown-ups. Follow Red Riding Hood, as she ventures into the wood to visit her Grandma, only to encounter the randy wolf. Introduce a foul-mothed dame, a wayward woodsman and even a feisty fairy and you have all the ingredients to create chaos in Pantoland! Over 18's. Tickets: £14.95 - NOW BOOKING

Special events at Leiston Film Theatre

ANDRÉ RIEU

Shall we dance?



TWO DAYS ONLY!

JULY 27TH & 28TH

BOOK TICKETS ONLINE OR AT THE BOX OFFICE

Set against the stunning medieval backdrop of the town square in André's Dutch hometown, the legendary Maastricht concert features the maestro in his element, along with his 60-piece Johann Strauss Orchestra, sopranos, tenors and very special guests. André delivers an unforgettable musical experience full of humour, fun and emotion for all ages.

Special screenings at Leiston Film Theatre on
Saturday 27th July (6.45pm) & Sunday 28th July (2.45pm). Tickets: £15.95

Box Office: 01728 830549 | www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk



Gateway to Homechoice

If you wish to register for Social Housing within the East Suffolk region you will need to make an application to Gateway to Homechoice, which you can do on our website:

www.gatewaytohomechoice.org.uk

If you do not have access to a computer you can either visit the local library or Citizens Advice team where you may be able to use a terminal or be given assistance to complete an application. Or you can call the Gateway to Homechoice team on 01502 523524. You will have to leave a voicemail but we will call you back on the same or following working day and make an appointment with you to place an application over the phone.

Once you have an application placed it will wait to be picked up for processing. As part of the processing procedure you maybe asked for information such as proof of ID and details of your Housing History. Once your application has been processed and the Council have undertaken verification of your circumstances your application will then be made active and will be given a banding of A-E based on your housing need. You will only be eligible for properties that are suitable for the size of your family.

New available properties are advertised on the system every Thursday morning, and each advert runs for 1 week until midnight Wednesday. All applicants can place 2 "bids" per week on the properties they are interested in either online through their accounts or by phone.

As people place their bids the system automatically compiles a shortlist of applicants. Applicants are not shortlisted in order of when they bid, the shortlist orders applicants in order of need - Band A down to Band E. If 2 or more applicants have the same band, then the system will usually place the applicant with longest effective date first - however shortlists will also take into account other aspects, for example: whether

the property is adapted or whether an applicant has served in the armed forces.

If you can see that you are very low down on any shortlist, you may wish to consider removing your bid and placing it on another property that week which you could be higher for, this will make the best use of your 2 "bids" per week (if there are more than 2 properties that you are interested in).

If you are in Band D or E, it could be unlikely that we will be able to offer you a Social Housing home through our scheme (unless you require retired or age-restricted living accommodation).

If you need any further information on Gateway to Homechoice or need assistance with completing an application please call us on 01502 523524 or email us on homechoice@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

Lisa Irvine
Senior Housing Needs Officer



Allotment Plots Available

We now have a couple of allotment plots available at the Hayling's Allotment site - This is a rare opportunity to get your hands dirty and grow your own veggies down at the Hayling's Allotments.

If you are interested then please do contact us on:

01728 830388 or assets@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk

Leiston-cum-Sizewell
Town Council



The great Spring Clean

On 15 May residents and Councillors joined our young people to conduct a good spring clean and litter pick around the Town. The town, to be fair, was very presentable but there were some areas that needed some determined attention!



The Leiston Guides and Cubs in particular did a wonderful job and filled up over 10 bags of litter.



Framlingham in Wartime

2019 marks the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War and also the 75th anniversary of D Day. The Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group's next talk is based around John Bridges' latest book, *A Suffolk Town in Wartime, Framlingham 1939 to 1945* and considers the many changes and local events that took place throughout that period. Most towns had ARP, Fire, Police and Ambulance preparations in hand before war broke out, but the provision of air raid shelters and a siren would not become a reality until much later, by which time lives had been lost.

The illustrated talk, with sound effects, will cover many subjects of interest including Evacuees, Invasion threat, Defence of the town, Home Guard, ARP, War Agricultural Executive Committees, Bombing raids, Rationing and more.

The talk will be at 7.30pm on Friday 19 July at Kelsale Village Hall, Bridge Street, Kelsale, IP17 2PB. Admission is £1 for members, £3 for non-members, including tea/coffee.

Beach Bonkers

Join Beach Bonkers and explore Sizewell beach, a cracking example of our special Suffolk shingle. All those stones may look tough but it's a rare and fragile habitat. Come on a beachcombing walk to discover your own beach treasures and learn the stories they tell. There is also the chance to look at some more unusual beachcombing finds, including a fossil woolly mammoth's tooth.

Full details of all Beach Bonkers activities are online at www.beachbonkers.org.uk or call 0751 255 7200

Saturday 13th July 10:30am-12:30

Thursday 8th August 10:00-12:00

Saturday 31st August 10:00-12:00

Please call Kate or go to

<https://www.beachbonkers.org.uk/come-to-the-beach/>

Tel: 0751 255 7200



Drama Group Donates Money To Local Charity

Bright Sparks theatre group currently based in Leiston have provided family pantomimes to the community for over a decade. Every year during the intervals of their performances Bright Sparks host a raffle to raise money. Due to the resounding success of their most recent panto 'Dick Whittington and his cat' the group decided it would donate £400 to 2 charities within the community.

On the 17th of May, The Bright Sparks Chairman and Co-chairman, Teresa Webster and Megan Last presented a cheque to the Worry Tree Cafe. They were invited to a session to see how the organisation worked and to meet the volunteers.

The Worry Tree Cafe is based in Framlingham however, they also provide sessions in Leiston. Delivering a warm welcome, a cuppa and lots of cake! The volunteers provide support for people with mental health problems as well as those who just need someone to talk to. Attending the sessions at both Framlingham and Leiston gives people the opportunity to meet and talk with those who are going through similar situations. The Charity also gives 1-1 support for more personal and confidential discussions.

Sessions in Leiston run on a Thursday from 1pm till 3pm at the Children's Centre in Waterloo Avenue and sessions in Framlingham run from 4.30pm till 6.30pm at The Mills day care centre.

Ways to contact The Worry Tree:

Facebook - The worry tree

Email: theworrytreecafe@gmail.com

Phone: 01728 440533

Bright Sparks are taking a year off of pantomime to provide entertainment for local organisations. You may not see them on stage but you will however hear about the work they will put in to put smiles on the faces of the locals.

Everyone in the Bright Sparks Family work incredibly hard to put on big performances so it's about time that they are given a break. This means that they can all come back refreshed in 2021 to put on the biggest and best local show yet.

Bright Sparks are extremely disappointed to hear they will not currently be returning to their home, The Leiston Film Theatre, due to a new group taking over the pantomimes in Leiston for the foreseeable future. However the group may be performing in a new setting locally so if you

have seen past performances from Bright Sparks don't be afraid to travel a few miles further to see them. They will still provide the same jokes about the local area just in a new setting.

Follow the Bright Sparks Facebook page for upcoming events and posts about the group. If anyone you know enjoys singing, acting and dancing keep your eyes peeled for possible auditions in the near future.



Megan, Co-Chairman presenting the cheque to Mike Brewell on behalf of Bright Sparks. The donated money will be used to pay for future outings for those that use the charity.

The Rose and Sweet William Club

The Rose and Sweet William Club has continued to grow and as we find ourself in sunny June we have had several more new members who have come along and joined us.

Since the last newsletter we have welcomed the children from the Leiston Primary School again along with Reverend Finch from St Margaret's church for our Easter meeting. The Easter competition this year involved a decorated Easter cake or a flower posy. Reverend Finch kindly judged this and the cakes were auctioned at the end of the meeting.



At the end of May we were delighted to celebrate a 100th birthday for Mrs Peggy Howard. To start the party we had the children from Leiston Primary School singing a variety of songs. They then presented Peggy with cards they had made for her. A bouquet of flowers and card was presented by

Councillor Mrs Lesley Hill, Chairman of Leiston Town Council. This was followed by a Birthday Cake from The Rose and Sweet William club together with an afternoon tea and sherry. Times Past provided the entertainment with a singalong and the afternoon was enjoyed by all. We also had two other birthdays being celebrated that week by our members and Happy Birthday was sung to them all.

We are continuing to promote our club, most recently we had a table in the Leiston Co-op and a Saturday Sale in May to raise funds and awareness. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us on a Tuesday afternoon from 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. for a cup of tea and biscuit. You just have to be 60 or older and live in the Leiston-cum-Sizewell area. Transport is available if necessary



Blythburgh Church

A Summer's Evening Concert

Saturday 6th July 7 pm

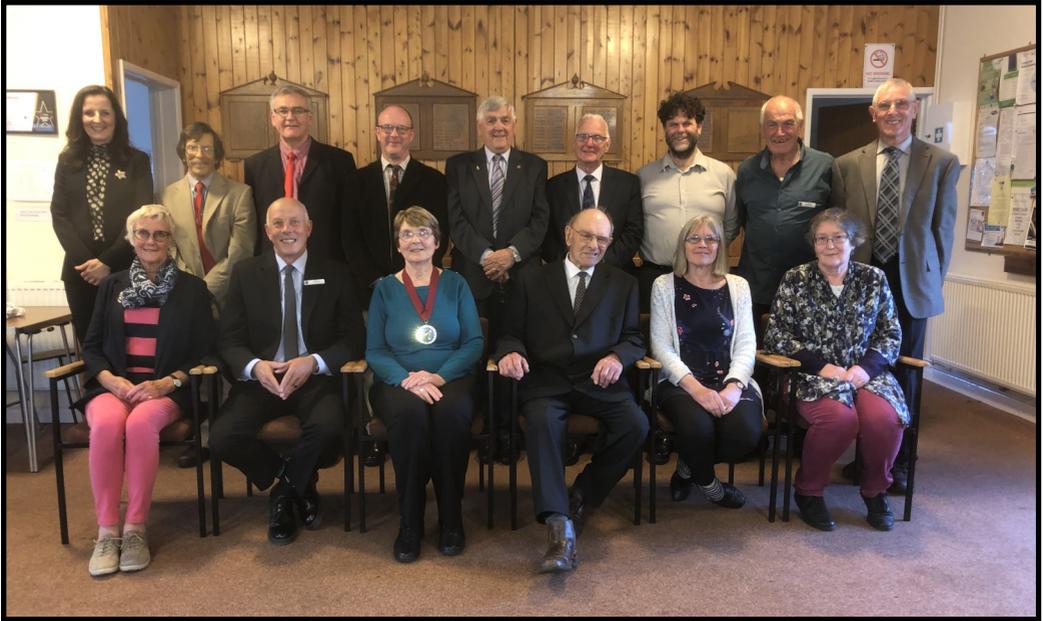
An evening of

Beautiful Music

with the accomplished

Love to Sing Choir

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Back Row; Selena Levermore, Terry Hodgson, Phil Harle, David Dix, Tony Cooper, David Bailey, Sean O'Reilly, Bing Boast, David Morsley.
Front Row; Sammy Betson, John Last, Lesley Hill, Colin Ginger, Susan Geater, Mary Anne Woolf.

Since this photograph, taken at the May AGM and Annual Meeting of the Council, Terry Hodgson has sadly passed away. Terry served as a Town Councillor for 40 years as well as representing the Town on the District Council. He will be sorely missed by his fellow Councillors and by all his friends in the community.



District Councillors
representing Leiston.
Jocelyn Bond, Tony Cooper
and T-J Haworth-Culf

With this newsletter you should also receive an information leaflet that reflects the details provided over the next two pages. This is so that you can keep those details somewhere handy.

Handy Information...



www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area/leiston

Suffolk Police: **Tel: 101** (ask for Leiston SNT)
Email: leistonaldeburgh.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk
101 is the police number to report any non emergency.

The Leiston Surgery

Tel: 01728 830526. *Main Street, Leiston, IP16 4ES*
Email: sec.leistonsurgery@nhs.net



DOCTORS: N Maggs, K Blades, S Pai, I Qureshi.

Public Defibrillator : **Outside Co-op** (Sizewell Road) and **Children's Centre** (Waterloo Avenue). Other defibrillators are available (when open) in the Community Centre, the Library and the Film Theatre.

Report it! at www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/online-services

EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk **Tel:** 0333 016 2000
SC NORSE: *refuse collection/dog bins/recycling* **Tel:** 01394 444000
SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL: **Tel:** 08456 077055
Highways: **Tel:** 0800 591055 **Social Care:** **Tel:** 03456 066067 **Bus Passes:** **Tel:** 03456 000659

Local Services...

Community Car Service: **Tel:** 831215
Job Centre: **Tel:** 401004
Library: **Tel:** 831252
Long Shop Museum: **Tel:** 832189
Leisure Centre: **Tel:** 830364
Citizens Advice: **Tel:** 832193
LEEWAY: **Tel:** 0845 2142171
(Domestic violence & abuse service)
CRUSE : **Tel:** 01394 670770
(Bereavement Care)
The Ferns: **Tel:** 01473 668974
(Sexual Assault Referral Centre)
Leiston Primary School: **Tel:** 830745
Alde Valley Academy: **Tel:** 830570
SCotC **Tel:** 07767114770
(Suffolk New College on the Coast)

Local Organisations...

Leiston Children's Centre: **Tel:** 642930
Leiston Film Theatre Support Club: **Tel:** 831714
Leiston Scouts: *(Steven Burch)* **Tel:** 832479
Leiston Guides, Brownies, Rainbows:
(Selena Levermore) **Tel:** 635608
Leiston Youth Club: *(Lucy Pickett)* *via Facebook*
Leiston Women's Institute: *(Judy Geater)* **Tel:** 831628
CYDS: *(Stuart Watson)* **Tel:** 830716
CATS: *(Accessible Transport on demand)* **Tel:** 830516
Leiston Royal British Legion Band:
Email: secretary@leistonband.co.uk
Leiston Swimming Club: *(Matt Dye)* **Tel:** 833266
Email: mathew.dye@btopenworld.com
PISCES Disabled Swimming Club: **Tel:** 648270
Rose and Sweet William Club: **Tel:** 832028
Royal British Legion: *(Leiston Branch)* **Tel:** 833537

Leiston Good Neighbour Scheme:
Tel: 07724 777465 *Mon-Fri 9am-5pm*
leistongoodneighbour@gmail.com



SAMARITANS Helpline: **Tel:** 08457 909090
Leiston Town Pastors: **Tel:** 603221
Email: carol.cotton@btinternet.com

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Your Town Councillors...

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Clr Tony Cooper:	28 King Georges Avenue, Leiston, IP16 4JG	Tel: 01728 830181
Clr David Dix:	42 Carr Avenue, Leiston, IP16 4JA	Tel: 07526 802094
Clr Susan Geater:	19 Haylings Grove, Leiston, IP16 4DU	Tel: 01728 833501
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Clr Sean O'Reilly:	52 Haylings Road, Leiston, IP16 4DN	Tel: 01728 830506
Clr Mary Anne Woolf:	58 Westward Ho, Leiston, IP16 4HU	Tel: 01728 830469

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Clr Jocelyn Bond:	Email: jocelyn.bond@eastssuffolk.gov.uk	

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Clr Russ Rainger:	Email: russ.rainger@suffolk.gov.uk	Tel: 01728 688739
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DEPUTY CLERK

Mrs. Caroline Rinder:	Email: admin@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk
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ASSETS OFFICER

Mrs. Hannah Everett-Spearing:	Email: assets@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk
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Address: Council Offices, Main Street, Leiston, IP16 4ER **Tel:** 01728 830388

OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Monday & Tuesday: 09.00 - 12.30 & 14.00 - 16.45

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday & Friday: 09.00 - 12.30

