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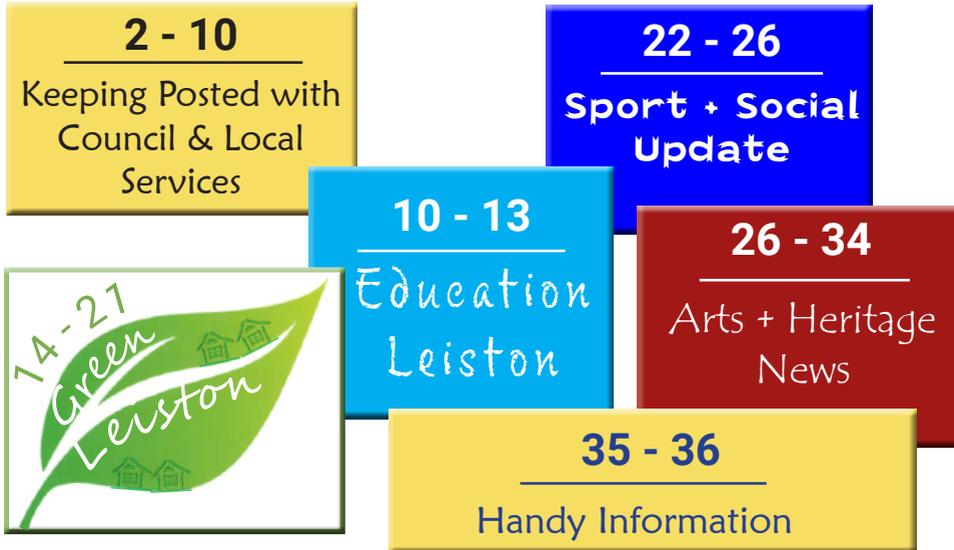
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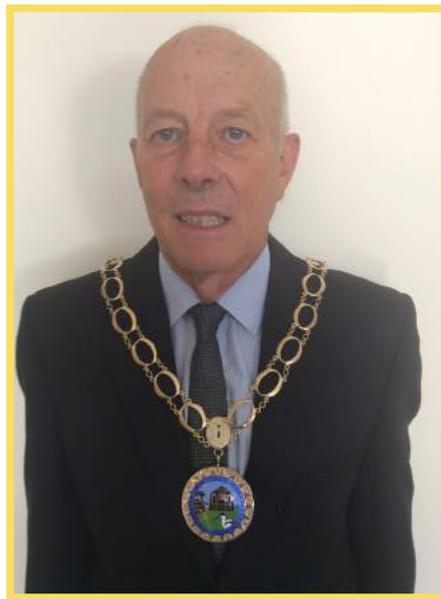
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Chairman's Communication

Cllr John Last BEM

Welcome to the first Leiston-cum-Sizewell Newsletter for 2021.

I write these notes just as the snowdrops emerge in the garden, then the next day we have a blanket of snow, but hopefully by the time this newsletter is published, we will find ourselves coming out of the dark days of winter and move towards the longer and lighter days and perhaps a visit to the Leiston Community Orchard to see the daffodils. This winter has been very hard for us all, with the Covid Lockdown and restrictions. I would like



to thank everyone who has played a part during that time, supporting our vulnerable residents that might have been shielding or self-isolating. Many efforts of support we become aware of, and get to hear about, but also there have been many acts of kindness by

those that might just be keeping an eye on a neighbour or friend.

It seems awhile ago now, but it was good to see some fantastic Christmas Lights about the Town during that period and the prolonged displays to brighten up the days, even well into January and along with a visit from the Rotary Club Reindeer it made for a cheerier time for us all, as we were unable to celebrate Christmas as we would have all like to have done so.

Since I last penned an article for the last newsletter, the Town Clerk, John Rayner has retired after 21 years service to the Town Council and our community. Although we were able to say goodbye to John in December and wish him a long and happy retirement, it is hoped to mark the occasion, subject to restrictions later this year. I thank John for his fantastic service.

Caroline Rinder formerly Deputy Town Clerk has now taken up the post of Town Clerk and I wish her all the best in her new role. We also welcome Bev Kemp who has joined the Administrative team.

In my Chairman's communications to fellow Councillors in February, I mentioned the very well organised and run Covid Vaccination roll-out Programme for Leiston, carried out by the Leiston Surgery staff, along with their band of volunteers. We are all very proud and grateful for their efforts in the fight against this dreadful virus.

It has been a tough year for the Council owned Leiston Film Theatre with a

start/stop period due to Covid restrictions, so it was pleasing to receive the good news that after a lot of work preparing an application the Leiston Film Theatre was awarded by the British Film Institution £57,509 in December. This will be very helpful during these uncertain times and we all look forward to when we can enjoy this venue again.

Your Councillors continue to work very hard for this community through various Committees, and I am pleased to say that there are some exciting new initiatives currently being explored such as 'Make Space for Leiston Wildlife 2021/2022' to co-ordinate and improve wildlife habitats in and around Leiston. I am sure you will hear more about this in the future when the Open Spaces Committee has prepared the strategy.

The Council continue to support the work of the Community Land Trust who are making very good progress with the plans and vision for the regeneration of the Town Centre.

When you hear and see, the involvement of so many in the work of continuously trying to improve our community, we all recognise what a great place Leiston is.

I hope you can enjoy the Spring and please stay safe.

John

John Last BEM
Chairman
Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council

COUNCIL TAX AND LEISTON'S PRECEPT 2021/22



All figures in this article will be for BAND D Council Tax as this is the recognised benchmark. Only 6% of households in Leiston are Band D however with over 70% falling in Band A or Band B.

Your Council Tax bill covers 4 separate elements:

1. **The County Council** who require £1,397.35 (up £53.74p)
2. **The District Council** ask for £171.27 (no increase)
3. The Police require £222.75 (up £14.92p)
4. The Leiston Town Council Precept of £171.63 (no increase)

The first three will be the same for all households in the East Suffolk District. The last element however is what each town or parish in the district "precepts" for to allow them to carry

out the wide and varied functions that they undertake. It also explains why someone in Knodishall say has a different final bill than someone in Leiston and Aldeburgh etc.

It has been an exceptionally difficult year with the Coronavirus pandemic and so councillors decided not to increase the precept for the coming year and maintain the status quo. Councillors have looked at what they need to maintain the facilities they own and put a hold on future projects. They feel this is in the best interests of the residents and hope to be able to move forward with future projects next year to enhance the town and make Leiston an even better place to live.

Residents already enjoy the parks and play areas in the town and we also have the benefit of Haylings Pond, a hidden gem, as well as a sports field (old primary school field) which is there for everyone to use. The Community Orchard (at the top) is maturing well and is a big success too with the recent

2021/22 Town Council Budget Information						
Expenditure 2020/21	Income 2020/21	Net Expenditure 2020/21	Leiston Town Council	Expenditure 2021/22	Income 2021/22	Net Expenditure 2021/22
£	£	£		£	£	£
3,800	3,000	800	Allotments	4,700	3,000	1,700
12,850	4,500	8,350	Community Centre	13,450	2,000	11,450
252,050	230,850	21,200	Film Theatre	194,950	169,950	25,000
157,530	6,750	150,780	Establishment	150,900	15,611	135,289
18,000	-	18,000	Youth Club	18,000	-	18,000
14,850	-	14,850	Dinsdale Road WC	13,850	-	13,850
9,000	-	9,000	Grants	9,000	-	9,000
15,000	-	15,000	Loan repayment	15,000	-	15,000
33,420	9,300	24,120	Waterloo Centre	40,950	16,300	24,650
42,900	-	42,900	Open Spaces/Other Projects	42,100	-	42,100
559,400	254,400	305,000	Total	502,900	206,861	296,039
Council Tax		£171.63	Council Tax			£171.63

addition of a wildflower meadow.

The Community Centre in King Georges Avenue and the Waterloo Centre in Waterloo Avenue are great venues for groups/clubs and organisations to utilise, which have been severely limited during this year during the lockdowns. We hope to get both these venues back up and running again as soon as restrictions allow.

Dinsdale Road toilets are currently being refurbished and modernised by East Suffolk Council who own them. The Town Council have always paid to keep them open as they are in a busy area of the town and quite a necessity. I am sure many residents and visitors will be pleased with the end result.

The Film Theatre has had a very difficult year with the pandemic, with having to close its doors 3 times. It is hoped the cinema will be able to open as soon as restrictions allow and bring back the bespoke cinema experience it is known for. The Town Council are the custodians of the film theatre and wants to ensure it continues to flourish and provide the entertainment many families enjoy without them having to travel to the larger towns.

The allotments are well used and there is still a short waiting list.

The Town Council funds the Youth Club as they felt this was a service that they could not allow to close when the County Council withdrew funding. The Angling section of the club also uses Haylings Pond which the Council own and maintain too.

There are generous sponsors to help fund the hanging basket display each year and money is always needed to cut the grass and maintain the parks and public areas in the town that the Town Council owns.

We are fortunate to have a swimming pool and leisure centre in Leiston and part of your council tax to East Suffolk Council pays for that, likewise East Suffolk Council owns and maintains the cemetery.

The Town Council hope that residents appreciate and enjoy the facilities provided and would encourage everyone to engage with them to ensure that, the areas that they can affect, are being done so to your liking. The other areas where angst comes like dog fouling, highways, litter are outside our control although we do our best to lobby on behalf of our residents to get things done. Please don't think there is just "the Council" – there is the County Council, the District Council and your own Town Council. They are separate entities although all are public servants working for you and you pay separate amounts to each of them to do so in their areas.

If anyone is interested in finding out more or wishing to look over the accounts, please contact the Town Clerk or call in when the council office is open and I will be very pleased to help.

Caroline Rinder
Town Clerk



Suffolk Constabulary

www.suffolk.police.uk

Here to help you...Check out the latest news or report a crime all via their website.



The Leiston Surgery

Leiston Surgery Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

The Leiston Surgery have now commenced our Covid-19 Vaccination Programme, which has been in operation since 15th January 2021. In this time, we have held vaccination clinics over 8 days at the Sizewell Sports and Social Club.

So far, we have managed to vaccinate nearly 4000 patients, staff, carers and other members of the community.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Sizewell Sports and Social Club for giving us the opportunity to run our vaccination clinics on their premises, and for being so supportive

with the set up and implementation of the programme.

We would also like to give thanks to all members of the community who have volunteered and offered their services to aid us with the vaccination programme.

Last but not least, we would like to send a huge thank you to all of our staff at Leiston Surgery who have worked incredibly hard during this entire process to ensure all clinics are promptly set up, fully booked and run smoothly.

We are continuously delighted with the support we are receiving from the community during these unprecedented times.

Thank You Leiston Surgery

Dear Resident,

We're sure you'd agree that 'Thank you' always goes down well in life, especially when it's hard earned and that is exactly what this note is about!

It won't have gone unnoticed by many of you that the Leiston Surgery has been working above and beyond the norm serving its community this past year, and more recently delivering a tremendous and well organised vaccination service.

To acknowledge the Surgery Team's hard work, at the request of patients who have asked how to say 'thank you' at this time, the Patient Participation Group (PPG) being a committee of patients that helps support the surgery, has put a special plan in place to collect your greetings and contributions to do just that.

On asking - 'If through a collective gift what would the Surgery Team love to receive to acknowledge its hard work?' the Surgery replied 'If possible, to have our staff-room updated and a new ECG machine'. The PPG thinks this is a great legacy to work towards.

To enable this, from Monday 1 March until the end of May 2021 there will be 'Thank You Stations' around Leiston and the villages that the surgery serves for patients to drop in a note, a card or indeed a contribution – to say a hearty Thank You to the Leiston

Surgery and all its staff for being so outstanding at this difficult time.

However, you wish to join in, or if you prefer not to is of course totally your choice. The PPG is just looking to help in its capacity as being a support to both the Surgery and patients alike and is looking to collect all those 'Thanks' on behalf of its patient community.

Thank You Points will operate:

By Foot: Leiston Town Council Office – marked envelope through the letter box

By Post: Chair of the PPG – Lesley Hill, 45 Garrett Crescent, Leiston IP16 4LF

By Bank: Leiston Surgery Patient Participation Group. Sort Code: 20 16 12 Account number: 2341 7409.

Online – Just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ppgleistonsurgery>

Whichever way, should you choose to contribute, please put **Leiston Surgery Patient Participation Group**.

Please note: There will NOT be a publication of names and contributions just a lovely big –

THANK YOU!

Leiston Surgery

Patient Participation Group



Welcome Back to Leiston Library

By the time you read this, Leiston Library will have reopened for our Select & Collect door service again... and our reservations will be back in action! We've missed you and it'll be good to see you again.

Once again, we will be open with our temporary Covid hours - Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 9.30-2.30.

For Select & Collect, you can pre-order the sorts of books you want – tell us authors and genres or subjects you like. You could pop a note through the letterbox, or you can phone and leave a message, or we'll give you a request form when you come in. Or you can email. Don't forget your name and library card number. Suffolk Libraries also has an online S&C request form on their website – www.suffolklibraries.co.uk. You can of course also reserve books from all over the county on the Suffolk Libraries website, or we can do that for you.

We are still quarantining items for 4 days when they come back. If you have books to return just put them in our letterbox.



We're still doing slightly longer loans – books and DVDs are lent for 6 weeks – and fines and charges are suspended for now.

Gabriele is still doing Baby Bounce on our Facebook pages so do have a look and sing along at home with your little ones! Storytimes and other activities are available too. And of course, Suffolk Libraries still offers all its online services – eBooks, eaudio books, films and music – have a look on www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

Please look at our Facebook page and the Suffolk Libraries website for further updates, of course it's all very changeable.

We do have to continue to follow Government guidelines for those using the library – to keep us all safe, so remember to pop a mask on if you're coming along. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Leiston Library opening hours

- Mondays – closed
- Tuesdays - 9.30-2.30
- Wednesdays – closed
- Thursdays – 9.30-2.30
- Fridays – closed
- Saturdays – 9.30-2.30
- Sundays – closed

Tel 01728 831252

Email leiston.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk

Find us on Facebook 

www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

B1119 Saxmundham Road Flooding

It has been well reported that there is significant flooding of the carriageway on the B1119 near to Saxmundham Road level crossing. It has even generated the support of a public petition. The flooding here has been an accumulation of problems and Suffolk County Council Highways have regularly undertaken reactive works. However, there are several problems that interlink and SCC Highways have developed a programme of works to address the problem.

Following the road from the crossing and facing towards Saxmundham the works include, but are not limited to –

On the immediate right clearing and re-establishing the open drain line that allows excess water from the level crossing to escape into the former sand pit on the south of the road.

On the north verge, the land owner has agreed to assist with clearing the ditches adjacent to the kerb line. Then some replacement pipework to take that water under the road to the south side where it will join the ditch on that verge. These ditches are also to be cleaned out. This connection of private ditches requires some coordination of works and once complete will allow the water to find its way into the Hundred River.

SCC Highways have assessed the works and a scheme has been presented to SCC Drainage Depart for implementation as a priority.

Should you have a highways issue that needs attention, you can report it using the SCC Highways Reporting Tool on our website.

SCC Highways Team

Below is the SCC Highways Reporting Tool.
highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/

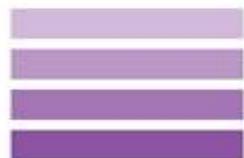
Santa finds time for Leiston children during his busy schedule



The Big Man himself found time in the run up to Christmas to visit Leiston families on the very day before Christmas Eve. Thanks to a last minute effort by the Woodbridge and Framlingham Round Table, his sleigh was hastily made ready for the long ride to the most easterly point of the UK and on a wet and soggy evening he managed a two hour tour. Social distancing made it tricky for the bucket collection but Leiston did us

proud as usual and contributed to local organisations supporting the Covid19 crisis. Leiston Town Council awarded Woodbridge and Framlingham Round Table £250.00 from their grant fund in recognition of their efforts to bring some Festive cheer to the town's children during a challenging Christmas period.

Santa praised Leiston families for staying in their bubbles and only venturing just past their front doors. He said, 'Leiston children were the best. I was delighted to see so many people out and so cheerful on such a wet evening. They made me very welcome and I hope they all received their gifts on Christmas morning. I will certainly be back next year - and I will bring my umbrella and raincoat next time, just in case!'



Leiston Primary School

Together we nurture excellence through aspiration

A word from our Headteacher;

As we reach the halfway point of the academic year, we have seen our fair share of successes and challenges but throughout, our school community has proved to be resilient, resourceful and most importantly supportive for the benefit of our pupils.

Leading up to the end of the Autumn term, we found solutions to each barrier that Covid tried to raise. Superb Class Assemblies were shared online

with families and the Christmas Spectacular filmed in school was a huge hit (despite the staff's attempt at joining in). Parents' Consultations were held remotely with a great turn out and it is fair to say that there are definitely practices which we've had to put in place that we can learn from and take forward.

Through this latest period of lockdown, we have continued to provide a very high level of care and support through live teaching, interactive learning

platforms, remote assemblies, home workouts, remote Yoga to support mental wellbeing, home visits, food deliveries, technical support as well as personalised pastoral support for our families. A big thank you to our children and staff for making our new situation work so well but the biggest recognition must go to our families who have had to adapt in these challenging circumstances. Parents: you have done and continue to do a remarkable job. We must also say 'Thank you' to you for the messages and gifts of support which have not gone unnoticed.

Moving forward, it is crucial that we support our children's mental health and support them to lessen the impact that the numerous lockdowns will have had on their education – we are already putting plans in place for a remarkable World Book Day on 4th March with a very theatrical theme! We can't wait to take you on an amazing journey.

Melissa Geater
Headteacher

A word from the Chair of the Local Advisory Board;

In 2014, Leiston became part of Avocet Academy Trust. Joining Avocet and being part of a multi-academy trust (MAT) has meant we have enjoyed many of the benefits of being part of a smaller, more local group of schools, working together to promote the achievement of East Suffolk pupils. At the same time, it has given us access to better resources and support. To reflect this and monitor how effective our school is, we now have Local Advisory Boards (LABs).

Leiston Primary School has a streamlined, focused LAB in place with members drawn from the local school community stakeholder groups – parents, staff and community. Replacing the old Board of Governors, the LAB makes certain that the curriculum, quality of teaching and outcomes are outstanding as well as offering advice to the Trust Board about local issues they need to consider that affect the school. And, the LAB represents the interests of the school community in the running of the school. Working closely with the Headteacher and other school leaders, LAB members visit the School either in person when permitted or online during lockdown to see for ourselves how teaching and learning is being delivered, children's needs are being met and targets achieved. Especially important at the moment is ensuring children and staff are safe, checking arrangements in place for safeguarding and overseeing the mental and emotional wellbeing of pupils, staff and parents. Despite the demands and pressures of schooling during a pandemic (coupled with ever changing regulation and instruction), Leiston has risen superbly to the challenge and responded creatively and consistently to minimise the impact of the pandemic on everyone. Do you think that you have skills which would benefit our pupils and interested in finding out more? Get in touch with us at school on 01728 830745 or send us an email at leiston.admin@avocetacademy.org

Lesley Cassie
Chair of the Local
Advisory Board



Happy 100th Birthday Summerhill

This year, 2021, marks a Happy One Hundredth Birthday to Summerhill School.

Founded in 1921 by Scottish educational

pioneer, A.S.Neill (1883-1973) who was widely considered to be one of the great educators of the time. UNESCO list him as one of the 100 most influential educational thinkers and he was also listed as one of twelve greatest educators of the last millennium by a UK national broadsheet newspaper in December 1999.

He founded his school, Summerhill, in 1921 based upon his own education philosophy.

After all the battles, all the doubts, all the mean-spirited media coverage, A.S. Neill's system of education has survived. Not only survived but it has thrived.

Neill believed in the innate goodness of children and set out to build a school to 'fit the child' rather than to mould the child to fit the school. He believed that children can learn to make important decisions in their lives and to take the path that they feel fits them best, following their own rhythm at their own speed. Allowing his children to make their own choices about classes Neill



saw them work with huge motivation and determination to achieve whatever they wanted to achieve. This *self-motivation* meant that the children could learn at a remarkable rate

when they were truly interested and understood the purpose behind it.

Neill broke down the idea that only those who were academic achievers were successes in life. He believed that everybody had something to offer society in whatever form they chose. He agreed that learning is important, but not to everybody. What is more important is to take joy in what we do.

Interesting that in the last few months we have recognised the so-called 'unskilled' workers that carry their countries on their shoulders and keep the utilities working successfully. The workforce we truly value, regardless of their academic achievement.

A S Neill once wrote: 'It is ludicrous that a man who can do skilled handwork should feel inferior to a university professor who may not be able to mend a puncture, ludicrous that the ploughman who can make a perfect stack or a straight furrow should rank lower in culture than a teacher.'

Zoë Neill Readhead ©



Lockdown

As the first half term of 2021 comes to an end, once again we can look back over several weeks of school life where we have had to overcome issues caused by the current pandemic. Instead of our students returning to school on 6th January we found ourselves in another lockdown thus presenting serious challenges for families and schools. The well-being and learning of our students are paramount and our staff, students and local community have all pulled together to ensure that we have been able to maintain as normal an education as possible for our students whilst adhering to the current government guidelines.

Remote Learning

Our Keyworker School has been in operation since the beginning of term with approximately 35 students attending each day. All students within our school community have been receiving 'Live Lessons' every day and I would like to publicly thank all individuals and organisations from

our community who have donated their old electronic devices for 'remote learning'. We have been humbled by the huge amount of support that we have received, particularly from the Good Neighbour Scheme (IP17GNS) and EDF Energy. I am extremely pleased to announce that all of our families now have at least one suitable device in their house for home learning. We are still accepting donations of any unwanted devices

so that we can offer families with more than one child at Alde Valley Academy a second device. Please contact the school if you have any devices that you would like to donate.

Looking Ahead

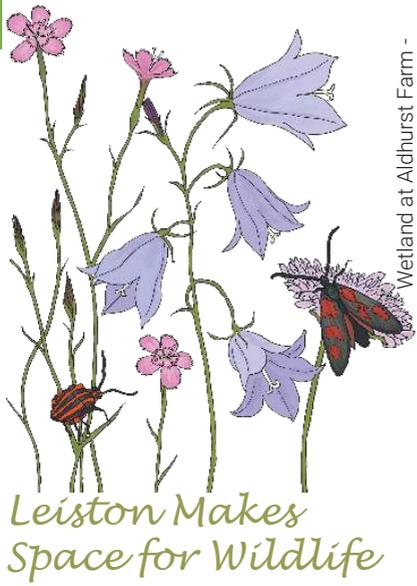
We are very pleased that Alde Valley Academy is the fastest growing secondary school in the local area and can confirm that we have 121 pupils joining Year 7 in September 2021.

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our students back into school when current restrictions allow and also meeting our new Year 7 students in September.

Anyone wishing to find out further information about our school can do so by visiting our website: <http://www.aldevalley.suffolk.sch.uk/> or by calling the main reception on: **01728 830570**.

**Dan Mayhew -
Headteacher**





Leiston Makes Space for Wildlife

Our pollinating insects and other wildlife species need our help as their habitat globally is under threat. But by working together, each parish can contribute towards providing more wildlife spaces. So Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council will be launching an exciting new project in 2021/2022. The ambition of 'Leiston Makes Space for Wildlife' is to create wildlife corridors throughout the town which will link up the larger wildlife habitats within the parish.



Hayling's Pond

Leiston is already blessed with green spaces at the Community Orchard, Hayling's Pond and



Wetland at Aldhurst Farm - Photo courtesy of Sizewell C



the recently created habitat at Aldhurst Farm but we believe we can make even more spaces attractive to our pollinating insects and wild animals by carefully managing suitable spaces within our more urban areas. This will provide a wildlife corridor, which is particularly useful for our pollinating insects like bees and butterflies. This doesn't mean leaving the verges along our roadsides to be left uncut as we want our town to look tidy, so that we can all be proud of where we live. It means that with careful planning, we can create spaces for wildlife that also look attractive for our residents and visitors.

Throughout the coming months we will all be looking forward to life after lockdown and can begin identifying small pockets of land within the town that could be managed for the benefit of wildlife. We will keep you updated on progress throughout the spring, summer and autumn via this newsletter, local press, our website and social media channels.

Community Orchard



Most importantly, we would like you to become involved too. We are inviting you to become a champion for 'Leiston Loves Wildlife' throughout spring and summer 2021. Do you have space in your garden, your courtyard or on your window ledge to make space for wildlife? Even if your car is parked in front of your house, perhaps you have space for a container or a small area for planting? Front garden planting is especially rewarding, as passers-by also benefit from enjoying them.

You could

- * Sow a small wildflower patch or container,
- * Make a 'washing up bowl pond' to attract water,
- * Create a buffet for your garden birds,
- * Make garden containers from old wellies and buckets etc.

Over the coming weeks, we will be publishing links to all the advice and instructions from organisations like the RSPB and Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Please watch out for information online and in the local free press.

Leiston - cum - Sizewell Town Council would like to help you get a head start by offering wildflower and sunflower seeds for you to collect from one of our local shops. As long as you live in Leiston, you will be entitled to one free pack per household and anyone from 1 - 100 years old can join in (while stocks are available). We will be looking out for your most successful and ingenious ideas over the summer - and they don't have to be big projects, just interesting. So, we will ask you to post photos of your progress on our Leiston Loves Wildlife facebook page, or send them to the council offices. There will be a prize for the most creative household. We would also like you to let us know about the wildlife you see, so that we can put together a picture of how much Leiston has loved wildlife in 2021.

Please keep the coupon below and in a few weeks' time, when we can all safely visit the shops again, we will let you know where you can exchange the coupon for your seeds. (Coupons will also be available at the shops exchanging the seeds.)

FREE WILDFLOWER and SUNFLOWER SEEDS

We would like to be part of 'Leiston Loves Wildlife 2021'

Name:

Address:

Contact details:

All details are collected and stored in accordance with GDPR.



ALDHURST FARM WORK STARTED ON PUBLIC ACCESS

Work has started to create designated areas for public access at Aldhurst Farm in Leiston.

EDF Energy received planning permission to create six hectares of wetland habitat and 60 hectares of surrounding heathland at Aldhurst Farm, with the condition that public access and recreation was allowed within the site.

The primary function of the Aldhurst Farm Habitat Creation Scheme is to provide wetland habitat to compensate for land taken from the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) to the north-west of Sizewell C main development site.

The work to create the wetlands and wider habitats was undertaken in 2015-2016. The wetlands include five lagoons and more than 120,000 reedbeds, have been designed to ensure that reed bed and lowland ditch habitats are able to develop a similar biodiversity value to those within the adjacent Sizewell Marshes SSSI.

The wetlands, and surrounding grassland and heathland habitats, are already well established and have been colonised by rare Marsh Harriers, which also breed at Minsmere.

are being introduced which will allow people to enjoy Aldhurst Farm, while discouraging them from roaming into areas where they might disturb wildlife. There will also be open access areas in the southern three fields where dogs can be let off leads.

Fencing and signage will ensure that walkers and dogs are kept away from the wetlands which are a haven for wildlife. The fencing will also provide extra security for the residents of Carr Avenue who border the south of the site.

The public access areas will also help to mitigate any potential disruption to the surrounding Public Rights of Way network caused by the construction of Sizewell C power station.

Access into Aldhurst Farm will be managed through entrances at Abbey Road, Valley Road and Lovers Lane, and will ensure that sensitive plantings can establish.

The work on public access is expected to take until the end of March and it is anticipated that designated areas of the site will be opened to the public in Spring 2021.

To create a site where
wildlife can continue
to thrive, pathways





EXCLUSIVE LEISTON ENERGY TARIFF

Better Together is an **EDF zero carbon energy tariff**, available **exclusively for residents of Leiston**, even those already supplied by EDF.

SAVE MONEY

Very competitive rates with a fixed price guarantee to protect against prices rising in future.

ZERO CARBON

Electricity backed by zero carbon electricity from wind, nuclear from Sizewell B and solar.

HASSLE FREE

Switching takes just a couple of minutes, with no interruption to your service.

To take advantage of this offer, please visit www.edfenergy.com/Leiston



EDF are rated 4.5 on Trust Pilot for excellent customer service.

UK Fuel Mix disclosure information, published by the Government (BEIS) recognises electricity from wind, solar and nuclear fuel produces zero carbon dioxide emissions at the point of generation.



An ambitious and exciting project to create the country's first Net Zero town

OUR GOALS

Draft a route map for Leiston, showing current emissions and what it would take to reach Net Zero carbon emissions.

Create a socially acceptable pathway to Net Zero.

Ensure Net Zero Leiston is openly-available and replicable for other towns.



WE'D LOVE TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS

We've just published our Vision Paper, which includes our high-level route map - tell us at netzeroleiston.info

To find out more visit netzeroleiston.info and help Leiston get to Net Zero #Communitypower



Leiston Community Land Trust

We were pleased to have a good number of members attend our AGM on 8th December, which had to be held via zoom. It was sad to say goodbye to our Chair Sammy Betson, who is needing to leave Leiston to move nearer her family, we thank her for all her hard work over many years and wish her well.

Russ Rainger was elected new Chairman, to continue the great progress that has been made. Our Business Plan is in its advanced stages and will form the basis for investors to identify the constructive and dynamic potential of the Town Centre Regeneration as an exciting investment opportunity.

The plans for Church Square, our Phase 1 project are progressing well, despite the constraints of COVID. Local businesses are invited to be involved wherever possible Sizewell B apprentices are constructing the Arches which will illustrate the Garrett History.

The Market Square, our Phase 2 project for the development of the south side of town, the Sizewell Road site, is at an interesting stage where the conceptual designs are enabling us to identify the mix of potential retail and residential accommodation; local housing needed for local people. An exciting creative community area will be developed to incorporate both civic and commercial elements. The creation of a central space which will form the Market square as a venue for music, dance, craft and market stalls, entertainment and a central point for residents to meet and celebrate our historic and beautiful town. The development will help build on our town's existing high quality of independent traders, giving us a modern town centre that both reflects our heritage and is vibrant, exciting and inviting to residents and visitors, who will want to come back time and time again!

If you feel you can help, have ideas, dreams you could fulfil then join us. Contact us via our website www.leistonclt.co.uk or visit 22, Sizewell Road which we hope to reopen when COVID is passed.

Bing Boast CLT Trustee

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**IF YOUR DOG POOPS
AND NOBODY IS
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Leiston-cum-Sizewell
Town Council

Thank You



LEISTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Who would have thought that over a year into Covid-19 the possibility of being able to take someone out for a cup of tea would still seem a way off? But there is hope on the horizon and with spring coming at least a proper chat on the doorstep will become more feasible. In the meantime we have tried to keep in contact with people who may be feeling rather sad and worn down by it all and help out by collecting lots of prescriptions and supporting people with various problems. There are around 170 households where we have given regular support and, since April 2020, our volunteers have carried out approximately 600 activities. They have done a fantastic job while coping with their own lockdown worries!

We have also tried to come up with positive ideas for keeping in touch and letting people know that we are thinking of them. For example at Christmas

we delivered gifts and handwritten card to over 40 people and recently we have been involved in the 'Art in a Bag' project which covers the East Suffolk Council ward boundaries for Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and villages. The bags contain some art activities and all the materials needed and are delivered for free. The first set of bags included making a fan-fold book and Sue, who made the one in the photograph, has been so inspired she is now starting on her third version.

We wish you well and look forward to the time we can get together again.

Leiston Good Neighbour Scheme

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Plans to launch new community radio station moves forward

Residents in Leiston are set to have a new voice as plans to launch a brand new, community radio station move closer to fruition, thanks to a grant of £500 from Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council.

Alde and Blyth Community Radio (ABC), has been in preparatory discussions for several months and now, with the generous support of Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council, are in a position to start purchasing the necessary items, enabling the organisation to progress towards launching in the spring of 2021.

Run entirely by volunteers, ABC will have social purpose at its core and aims to provide a mixture of topical, cultural and entertainment broadcasts, initially every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with hopes of extending its broadcasting repertoire once established.

ABC Chairman, Derek Wyatt, is thrilled on receiving the donation. "After such a difficult time for many local people, the station will serve local communities by providing vital information, entertainment and discussions, mixed with a variety of music genres and guests, plus topical programmes,

featuring community interest interviews, as well as educational access to radio for young people." he said.

The station will broadcast from a central studio, with the capability of broadcasting throughout the coastal corridor between Aldeburgh and Southwold, encompassing the numerous towns and villages between. In fact, the station will be heard anywhere in the world, thanks to its access via the internet. A website for the station will be launched soon, along with a presence on social media and there are aims to extend its service to D.A.B. once launched.

The team behind the station are thrilled with the initial response and would welcome interest from anyone wanting to get involved, whether it be as a potential presenter, or part of the integral team of producers, contributors and technical support.

Anyone interested in becoming part of Alde and Blyth Community Radio, should contact the ABC team by emailing: AldeandBlythCommunityRadio@gmail.com.



“Development Plans at Leiston Football Club”

Whilst the pandemic is limiting our opportunities to get out and exercise, it hasn't stopped one local team from forging ahead with plans to expand. Leiston Football Club's exploits have been very well supported this season with a couple of memorable FA Cup games that caught the imagination. If you were at any of these games, you may have noticed a larger than normal number of youngsters in attendance. The club has invested a great deal of effort in the past few years developing the youth and junior sections of the club.

At a recent town council meeting, Dave Williams, Head of Youth Development at the club, was invited to speak. He provided a brief history of the club, it's recent expansion, as well as bold plans for the future.

“The club has grown over recent years; we now have 3 senior teams and 7 age group teams from U11 to U18 plus a mini football section. We currently have two full sized pitches (main pitch and back pitch) plus some younger age group pitches on the Waterloo Centre area, but that is not enough to cope with demand. There's not enough space to accommodate training sessions and matches, and the back pitch just can't cope with the amount of football played on it. There are numerous other teams in the town that have historically used the Victory Road

facilities that we simply can't fit on.”

David presented to the meeting the club's plans to replace the back pitch with an All Weather 3G pitch. These facilities are extremely durable and could cope with significantly more football. He explained that as well as Leiston based teams, clubs from the surrounding area, e.g. Saxmundham, Aldeburgh, Benhall etc would be able to access the facility.

“It would also allow football to reach under-represented groups in the community,” David told the meeting. He went on to say, “but as ever, facilities are an issue. There is a veteran's team and a walking football team that would also be able to access the improved facilities. It could also be used for other forms of physical activity, keep fit – general exercise classes etc. It would be a great boost to help improve physical activity in our local community.”



The club is being supported by East Suffolk Council and Suffolk FA in the venture that is likely to take 2 years to

come to fruition. David said, “we have a significant challenge to raise sufficient financial support to make the project viable. There is some funding available through the football authorities, but the club will need to find further sources of funding to reach the target. In addition, the club hopes to build additional changing facilities between the two existing pitches. The building will also have a classroom/meeting room and hospitality area. Our plans are big

but achievable. The nearest similar facilities are in Ipswich or Kirkley, but the Leiston community deserves something much closer to home. Hopefully we are able to gain the support necessary for our project.”

If you would like any further information or are able to help in any way, please contact David on David.williams@leistonfc.co.uk

Leiston Youth and Community Angling Society (LYCAS)

The 2020 season from April has been a unique one for the committee and anglers alike, various levels of lockdown with local travel restrictions have given the society a huge boost in permit sales which has and will continue to help the society in many ways. Our weekly junior matches have not been as busy as they were last summer since the 1990s. Around 25 Children made an appearance to at least 1 match with average attendances of 13-15 for each 2 hour match, with the girls matching the boys for numbers. Interest in the adult matches fished mainly amongst the bailiff team to generate a bit of cash for the pond upkeep also soared with on average 10 anglers meeting on a Friday evening up from half that last year. These are all keen anglers wanting to help the youth of our community develop a skill that will stay with them and develop further for years to come.

It's rare now to walk around the park on a nice day and not see someone having a relaxing fish on the bankside, this has in turn helped prevent predation of the



fish from heron and cormorant which we were suffering with before fishing restrictions were relaxed in May. The 'Angling Trust' has done a superb job with the government to keep fishing on the list of permitted activities, even in the strictest of lockdown. This primarily due to the huge benefit fishing is seen to have on our mental health and wellbeing.

It has not all been plain sailing for the pond, late last Summer the pond like many others got an algae bloom which put a lot of stress on the fish which unfortunately resulted in a small number of mortalities, however due

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26 to the extra occupancy at the pond and the extra income this had gained us we were able to spot this early and introduce oxygenation and a few weeks later the EA gave us a helping hand to regain control of the situation. Many others around the country were not so lucky.

The hugely successful presentation night that is normally held after the summer matches in the autumn was unable to go ahead, therefore we are planning on kick starting the new season by holding an outside presentation during the easter holidays. Weather and COVID-19 rules depending this will be held after a 2 hour match at the park on the 10th of April, normally speaking we would encourage anyone that has had any involvement with the club and its matches to pop along but we may need be more selective this year, that said anybody that has fished in the junior matches will have something to pick up so please make it if you can. Regular Wednesday evening

matches will then follow through until August with weekends being used to catch up any match not fished due to the weather or any other reason.

Committee member details are available at the park, please do not hesitate to contact us if you or anyone in your care would be interested in starting up fishing as a hobby or you would like to help the club out in anyway.

Thanks to Leiston town council for their support ensuring that this pond is affordable for all, with further improvements in the pipeline too, the long term future of the pond is looking very good. Thanks also to Sam at Saxmundham Tackle for distributing permits and being open for business. Final thanks to our members and volunteer bailiffs that have ensured all the additional government rules alongside the clubs rules have been upheld.

Gareth Cossey

Music concerts due to return to Leiston Abbey

After last year's initial lock down one of the first music venues in the country to re-open and restart live music concerts was in our own town, at the beautiful Leiston Abbey.

The first concert we were able to put on was outdoors, to comply with the current regulations at the time. The team spent a whole day putting up gazebos and bunting but unfortunately the weather had other ideas and strong winds completely wrecked everything with less than an hour before the

concert was due to start! That, however, was not enough to deter us. With an eager full house audience turning up we immediately moved the location to the open side doors of our Medieval Barn and our audience stoically sat outside in the wind and rain in the car park to eat their picnic meal and enjoy our music. The show must go on! May people commented it was the best night out they had had in years!

In that spirit we continued with our concerts, following all government

guidelines and with strict Covid safe policies in place, and were able to eventually move them indoors to the interior of our very spacious Barn. They have proved extremely popular, particularly our Christmas events, and so we were devastated when the new lockdown laws came into place this year and made us temporarily unable to continue.

However, with the new vaccines being rolled out and optimism returning, we are very much hoping to resume our concerts with a full event calendar from April onwards. The concerts will start on the 10th April with "The Sounds of Nature". With everyone now spending more time appreciating the natural world we hope this concert will appeal to all.

The music is provided by our very own CEO and concert pianist Andrew Quartermain and the talented violinist and local radio presenter Noel Vine, who will also be sharing their musical musings.

All our concerts include themed food and a soft drink from our delicious, locally sourced, Abbey House menu, served "take out" style in boxes.

The tickets are very reasonably priced at £15 per person to include food and the concert with the chance to upgrade to a VIP Fizz ticket at £25.

To see our full upcoming event schedule and purchase tickets for upcoming concerts, or to support our charity, please visit the website: <https://procorda.com/> ProCorda – be part of an incredible musical journey

Or purchase tickets via Ticketsource: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/procorda/events> Pro Corda Trust event tickets from TicketSource.

Or give us a call on: 01728 831354

We very much look forward to welcoming you to The Abbey in the near future.





Guiding 'Rising to the challenge'

Guiding is looking, feeling and being offered differently, our guiding spirit will never diminish even though everything is uncertain during this time. The adventures don't stop just because we're staying home. We have found new ways, learning new skills and providing activities. Who would of thought that 12 months on, we would be doing cooking activities via zoom, with everyone in their own kitchen, although it still feels odd talking via a computer screen to the brownies rather than meeting 'face to face'?

Why not take part in our monthly guiding challenges, find games to play or download activities from the Girlguiding programme, you don't need to be a member of Girlguiding to give them a try. <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/adventures-at-home/>

The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides of Girl Guiding Leiston District challenge you all to come up with 26 random acts of kindness and carry them out, one for every letter of the alphabet. A small act of kindness can have a big impact on people around you and bring a smile to their faces.

We'll continue to be driven by a desire to provide girls and young women

with the activities, friendships and experiences so that guiding will help them through the pandemic and rise to the challenges.

Many people are or have been part of the guiding family, made your guiding promise and learnt about the guide law, in keeping with the different way of learning, please enjoy the a slightly modified interpretation of the Guiding law.

The Guide Law Rap

Be honest and trustworthy every single day.

Use resources wisely, I can find a way.

Be polite and considerate wherever I am,

Face the challenges and learn, oh yes I can,

Respect myself and others in everything I do.

My talents and abilities, I'm proud to share with you.

Protect our environment in every way I can.

With courage and strength, I can take a stand.

The sisterhood of Guiding, I share with one and all,

And that's the challenges of the Guiding Law.



In November 2020 the Poppy Appeal was very different from that held in previous years. No house-to-house collections or collecting in the street could happen as this could not be done whilst undertaking social distancing. However the Leiston branch of the East of England Co-op as always welcomed our collectors and did all they could to help.

People were ready to collect donations on 29th, 30th and 31st October and 5th, 6th and 7th November. All went well in the first week and everyone was very generous. However a second lockdown was imposed from Thursday 5th November meaning we could not be in the Co-op as collecting for the Appeal was not visiting the doctor, going to work, attending school, doing essential shopping – all things deemed permissible by HM Government.

On Monday 2nd I visited the Manager and asked if we could change our dates and collect 3rd and 4th November instead and he gave his permission. I put up posters where I could, to advise the change in dates. Apologies to those who came on 5th, 6th, 7th November to get poppies – I had no wish for the volunteers to be fined for breaking lockdown by collecting donations on those dates.

Several people who missed our collection days in the Co-op popped their donations in an envelope and put it through my letterbox. Some were able to donate online. Organisations made donations for wreaths which were paraded through the town and placed at the War Memorial at St Margaret's Church on Remembrance Sunday. I am told that as the parade went past the houses people stood on their doorsteps or in their front gardens and applauded as the parade went past. The wreath laying was followed by a short open air service, socially distances, around the Memorial. Thank you to all those who attended that service, to those organisations who paraded their standards and to the Leiston RBL Band members who took part.

The total sum collected for the Poppy Appeal so far is £3419 33. A very sincere THANK YOU to everyone for supporting The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Pat Carter, Local Organiser

**Poppy Appeal has raised
£3,419.33
so far!
THANK YOU**

FUNDING SUCCESS FOR SUFFOLKS OLDEST CINEMA. @DCMS Culture Recovery Fund, @BFI, #HereForCulture



Everyone involved with Leiston's iconic Film Theatre are celebrating, after being awarded £57,500 of funding from the DCMS Culture Recovery Fund for Independent Cinemas in England, administered by the British Film Institute, as part of the UK Government's Cultural Recovery Package.

The 105-year-old venue was forced to close in March for 15 weeks, reopening in July, but with many film releases being removed or diverted to streaming services and then a second closure in November, its recovery has been difficult, leaving admissions down by an estimated 15,000 to the end of 2020.

The venue has been inundated with

messages of encouragement from concerned customers, anxious about the future of the cinema, with public donations totalling £9,581. Messages and donations of support included one from screenwriter, producer, and film director Richard Curtis who described the venue as "The biggest hearted cinema in Suffolk".

The Film Theatre has also been forced to cancel almost all its live shows in 2020, including its popular annual Pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, which has been postponed until January 2022. However, a recent COVID-secure and socially distanced performance proved that live performances are possible and there is confidence that live shows will return to the venue in the spring of 2021.

Film Theatre manager, Wayne Burns, is both delighted and relieved about the funding news. "Like countless other venues around the UK, 2020 has been a disastrous year in many ways, especially as we'd worked so hard to be where we were in trading terms pre-pandemic. We are so very grateful for this award from the BFI and DCMS Cultural Recovery Fund and also to everyone who has supported us. We are determined to return to our former glory in 2021" he said.

The cinema was saved from closure in 1976 by Leiston Town Council, whose ambition, working with their dedicated cinema staff and fund raising by the Leiston Film Theatre Support Club, have enabled a remarkable renaissance at the venue in recent years.

Leiston-cum Sizewell Town Clerk, Caroline Rinder believes that the government funding will mitigate the financial deficit facing the Film Theatre. "The Town Council are delighted to receive this funding award from the BFI and DCMS Cultural Recovery Fund.

It will certainly help alleviate the financial pressures put on the Film Theatre this year. It has been a difficult year and the Theatre Manager and staff have all worked incredibly hard to ensure the Film Theatre is COVID-secure. The Town Council are committed to keeping this iconic venue open and to offer customers, old and new, the bespoke theatre experience to which Leiston Film Theatre is known for" she said.

Leiston Film Theatre will reopen as soon restriction allow, with films including *The Dig*, based on the 1939 Anglo-Saxon ship burial excavation at Sutton Hoo and starring Carey Mulligan and Ralph Fiennes, which many people were looking forward to enjoying on the big screen prior to lockdown.

For information, please visit the website at: www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk, or [find Leiston Film Theatre on Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

#HereForCulture

The Dig - Netflix





Leiston Looks Back

It was well loved local resident Carolyn Proudfoot who inspired me to create a new history group for Leiston on Facebook. "There's wonderful, interesting history carried inside local people's heads," she said, "I'm always fascinated to learn things I had no idea about. Some people are so very knowledgeable, wouldn't it be lovely to collect all their memories together, save them, and build a meaningful picture of our dear old town's history?"

I have always had a deep interest in social history, which perhaps started back in 1989 when I was part of a group of Leiston Middle School pupils who worked with Jenni Fleetwood to compile a social history book called, Leiston Looks Back. We interviewed residents, gathered memories, photos and stories and had a lot of fun doing it! So I knew straight away that Carolyn was right and that there was the potential to create an engaging community page.

Snippets of memories and photos are scattered across the many local Facebook pages, but as they have no proper home, they are at risk of being lost. I truly believe these precious memories and stories from the past need to be captured, preserved and enjoyed. The "Leiston Looks Back" Facebook group is the place to do that. Anyone can join the group and

share photos, memories and stories relating to the town. These don't have to be memories from many years ago either, recent memories are just as important.

And there can be no better time to start such an endeavour. Sharing memories and reminiscing together can connect us and reduce the feeling of isolation bought on by our current circumstances. Leiston Looks Back is certainly proving to be very popular and gained almost 300 members in its first week. The page has been a hive of activity, with lots of photos and memories shared already.

I hope the Facebook page will become a valuable resource. An informal archive of our town's social history with memories and photos of our Leiston ancestors could prove beneficial to local historians and researchers. After all, the British Library recently archived posts from the Facebook history group for the town of Ossett in Yorkshire. They recognised that the information contained was worth safeguarding for future generations. Leiston is such a unique town with a rich history, and it would be wonderful if we could achieve the same.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/leistonlooksback/>

Emma Jackson



YOUR FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEEDS YOU!

A year on from the initial outbreak of Coronavirus in China, the committee of Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group has recently spent some time reflecting on the challenging events of 2020 and looking forward to the return of some form of normality in the coming months.

At the outset, it is fair to say that the first national lockdown prompted a lot of nervousness about the impact of COVID-19 upon the well-being of our group, in terms of the health of our members, the limitations on our activities and our financial viability.

During the early weeks of 2020, we devoted a lot of time to preparing for and staging our annual open day. This went ahead as planned at the Long Shop Museum, Leiston in the final week of February. Then, just two weeks later, we launched a new initiative at Leiston library, where the public were invited to regular 'drop in' sessions in order to seek help with their family history research. Sadly, we were able to host only one such session before they were put on hold. Similarly, our proposals to display suitably themed 'family history' material as part of a programme of local events planned to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day, were also postponed indefinitely.

As the first national lockdown in March 2020 effectively outlawed physical gatherings, so our monthly meetings came to an abrupt standstill. Fortunately, an alternative approach to maintain contact with our members was only a computer 'mouse-click' away.

At the beginning of 2020, if you had asked people who grew up in the '60s and 70s' what the word ZOOM meant to them, they would probably have recalled a brightly coloured, rocket shaped ice-lolly from their childhood. Now, it seems that many people are attending online talks and meetings facilitated by ZOOM software on a regular basis. So it is with Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group. Having trialled a couple of online committee meetings in the summer of 2020, we then dipped our toes into hosting online events for our members, including the group's AGM in September, followed by a number of online presentations from external speakers.

More than six months since our initial flirtations with ZOOM, we can say that it has proved to be the group's salvation, opening up our activities to members and non-members in distant locations, as well as enabling us to attract high profile speakers who might not normally be enticed to travel to the 'rural wastelands' of East Suffolk for a 60 minute talk. As a result of our success with online events, we actually ended 2020 with more members than we had at the beginning of the year. During January 2021, we have already



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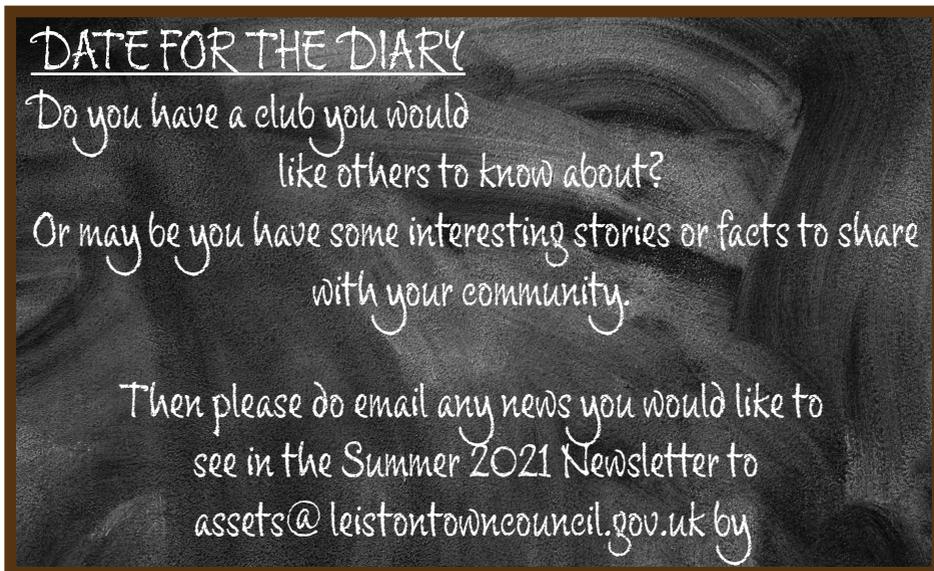
34 swelled our 100 strong ranks with another 20 new recruits and hope that attendance numbers at future online meetings will regularly exceed 50.

Notwithstanding our recent successes and the benefits of online meetings, we sense a pent-up demand for physical gatherings and, as the current national vaccination programme gathers pace, we fervently hope that a path will be paved for easing current restrictions by the late spring. With this in mind, our group has already discussed plans for greater involvement in the communities we serve later in the year, including the possibility of working more closely with local schools, restoring the local library 'drop in' sessions and, subject to demand, hosting 'family history' workshops for small groups. We would also like to think that our members could be involved in communal projects, such as churchyard surveys, at some point in the year.

It is also worth mentioning that members of our committee have devoted a lot of time and effort during the last twelve months, enhancing the AVSFHG website, curating the group's archives, building a social media presence and, last but not least, continuing to produce the best newsletter on the planet!

Now into our 14th year, we are keen to attract new members to join our growing band of passionate family historians, irrespective of experience. So, whether you are new to the area and have never heard of us or, if you are a long standing resident of East Suffolk, and have an interest in researching your ancestry, do take a look at our website www.avsfhg.org.uk and, if you like what you see, why not consider signing up? At only £6 for a full year, we think membership represents great value.

YOUR FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEEDS YOU!



DATE FOR THE DIARY
Do you have a club you would like others to know about?
Or maybe you have some interesting stories or facts to share with your community.

Then please do email any news you would like to see in the Summer 2021 Newsletter to assets@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk by

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Other defibrillators are available (when open) in the Community Centre, the Library and the Film Theatre.



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