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WELCOME TO THE MESSENGER



Welcome to the November issue!

Firstly, this month, it is with sadness that I received the news of the planned closure of the Street Forge Workshop in Thornham at the end of next year. Our article on page 9 throws light on the situation.

November is the traditional time of the year when we remember those who gave their lives for our Country in the two world wars. Over recent years, we have focussed our remembrance articles on those that have lost their lives from our villages. This year, something a little different on pages 20 & 21…. the fascinating story surrounding Ipswich Town Football Club who were the only football team in England not to play a single competitive game during WW2.

Elsewhere, Gislingham Parish Council have complied and sent an 8-page report to the Secretary of State to formally request their intervention regarding the proposed solar farm project. Whilst we do not have room to publish the entire report, on page 11, we have included a link to the Parish Council website so you can read it in full.

I must remind all parents with school children of primary school that Christmas is looming! And that means we are looking for a piece of artwork for our December issue cover. Entry details for our Christmas Artwork competition can be found on page 25. Please note, the deadline is Friday 13th November. (Judging will take place that evening!)

I make no apology for this month's issue, being over-loaded with local event posters. There are 10 events being promoted in November as well as advance warning of 3 in December! So, plenty to enjoy! Remember, the organising groups need our support!

Finally, our December issue, has a deadline date of Saturday 14th November. If you have an event in December or January to promote or an article to submit, please send your information as soon as possible. (Please note, we do not publish a January issue, so if there are any events planned for January, they need to be detailed in the December issue). Thank you.

Until next month,

Jeff Norman, Editor e) themessengereditorial@gmail.com

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DIARY & LOCAL EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

NOVEMBER:

Sunday 1st November: Gislingham Litter Pick
- Gislingham Village Hall. 10.00am – 11.00am. See page 7 for details.

Tuesday 3rd November: Rural Coffee Caravan
- Mellis Memorial Hall: 10.00am to 12.00 noon.

Saturday 7th November: Coffee morning & Book sale
- Gislingham Village Hall: 10.00am to 12 noon.

Saturday 7th November: 70's Vinyl Disco Night
- Gislingham Village Hall: 7.30pm. See page 12 for details.

Saturday 14th November: Quiz Night
- Yaxley Village Hall: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. See page 16 for details.

Sunday 15th November: Winter Fayre
- Thornham Village Hall. 11.00am – 3.00pm. See page 37.

Wednesday 18th November: Gislingham WI. – Gislingham WI Annual Meeting.
- Gislingham Village Hall: 7.30pm

Friday 20th November: Quiz Night
- Thornham Village Hall: 7.30pm. – See page 22 for details.

Saturday 21st November: Autumn Dance
- Mellis Memorial Hall: 7.ppm till late. See page 19 for details.

Friday 27th November: Thornhams Film Night – 'Midwinter Break'
- Thornhams Parish Hall: 7.30pm. £6 at the door. To book: films@thorhams.org
- See page 37 for details.

Thursday 26th, Friday 27th & Saturday 28th November: GVC Panto 'Cinderella'
- Gislingham Village Hall: 7.00pm. See page 27 for ticket info.

Friday 27th November: Street Forge Workshops Open Day
- Street Forge Workshops: 10.00am – 3.00pm. See page 8 for more details.

Saturday 28th November: Gislingham Christmas Fayre
Gislingham Primary School. 12.00 noon to 4.00pm. See page 29 for details.

Please note, any event changes after the magazine goes to print are updated on our Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/themessengergismeltho

Our next issue is December 2026. The "What's On" Diary deadline is: Saturday 14 November

CLUBS, CLASSES & REGULAR EVENTS

GISLINGHAM

Chat & Craft Club: Gislingham Village Hall. 1st Wednesday of every month. 12.00-2.00pm. Contact: Elspeth Tranter on 07473 131841.

Baby and Tots Group for the Under 2's: Primary School (School Term time only)**.** Every Wednesday 9.45am – 11.00am. Contact Debbie Nicholls: 07762 116 335

Carpet Bowls Club: Village Hall. Every Monday 2.15pm to 4.15pm. £3.00 per session. All equipment provided. Contact Terry Williams on 01379 783903

Pilates Classes: Village Hall. Wednesdays 9.15am and 10.15am and also Thursdays 7.10pm. Becky Cruickshank: 07734 414151

Total Fitness: Village Hall. Every Thursday 6.15pm - 7.00pm. A cardio fitness class that can be adapted to all abilities. Becky Cruickshank: 07734 414151

Gislingham WI: Village Hall. Meet the third Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm. New members welcome. For more details contact Margaret: 01379 783903 or Terrie: 01379 788521.

Gislingham Silver Band: Band Hut. Tuesdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Contact Iris Debock: 01379 788066 or debock.iris@gmail.com

Yoga Classes: Gislingham Village Hall. Tuesdays 7.00pm - 8.30pm
And via zoom on Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Both term time only
Contact Clare Hall on 07704 570877 or email: thornhamyoga@yahoo.com

Gislingham Variety Club:
A local multi-talented group who perform twice a year in the Village Hall. If you are interested to join us, please contact by email: gislinghamvariety@gmail.com

THORNHAM

parkrun: Thornham Walks
Every Saturday at 9.00am. 5k. www.parkrun.org.uk/thornhamwalks/

Pilates Classes: Parish Hall every Tuesday.
Sit to Stand Pilates – 10.00am. Pilates – Strong, Stretch, Relax – 11.30am
For information please contact: Michelle 07572 500465 or via email: hello@yapl.co.uk.

Thornham Bowls Club: Thornham Road. New Members welcome.
For more details contact Keith: 01379 871881

Bellringing: Thornham Magna Church. Mondays 7.30pm – 9.00pm. For details contact Sylvie: 01379 788130

The Pub Book Group (Sonnets and Psalms) *starts in September 2026*
Last Tuesday of each month at The Four Horseshoes at 6.00pm for dinner followed by discussion. Contact: Sheila Linder e) sheilalinder@hotmail.com

Mellis Cricket Club plays at Thornham Estate
(May to Sept.) Phone: James on 07789 111165 or email: jameshkw@icloud.com

MELLIS

Circuit Training Fitness Class: Memorial Hall. Mondays 7.30pm – 8.30pm
Gus: T: 01379 788506 or 07716 118235 / anguswilkinson@btinternet.com

YAXLEY

Pilates Classes: Village Hall. Every Monday at 9.30am and 10.30am
For more information contact Becky Cruickshank on 07734 424151.

The Art Club
Meetings on Tuesdays 10.00am to 12 noon once weekly at Yaxley Village Hall.
Dates: 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th November. All abilities are welcome. £5.00 per session. Come and create something artistic in your own style. Further details: Glyn Owens 07768 026065 or email: gavowens@aol.com

The Garden Club
Thursday 5th November: A social evening with plants and seeds swap.
Yaxley Village Hall: 7.30pm.
More details: Abby Brett: 01379 783984 or email: tony1andabby2@hotmail.com

Yaxley Needlework & Craft Group
Meetings on alternate Wednesdays. 11th November & Christmas Outing in Tiptree on 25th November. From 2pm to 4pm at Yaxley Village Hall - £2.50 per session. Finish old projects or start a new one – enjoy a chat and a cuppa! Further details: Celia Armstrong 01379 788754 or email: celiaarmstrong@hotmail.co.uk





Street Forge Workshops

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OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2026 10.00am-3.00pm
Workshop tours/refreshments and tombola.

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STREET FORGE WORKSHOP: SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you that Street Forge Workshop will be closing at the end of 2027. This also corresponds with our 40th Anniversary.

There are a number of reasons for this decision, the main ones are as follows: -

- Our lease of the buildings is due for renewal, and the owners wish to sell the property. We have been given first refusal to buy it, but the cost of this and the ongoing expense of running and repair costs, make this option prohibitive.
- The second, and for us the most significant reason, is the falling number of referrals of new clients, that has occurred over the past few years. This is partly due to budgetary cuts to Adult Community Services in both Suffolk and Norfolk. But also, as we are in such a rural setting therefore travel costs are very high.

It is, however, important for you to know that SFW is not going out under a cloud and also that SFW is, currently, not in any financial difficulty.

We would like to thank you for your support over the years. Until we finally close, we remain open for business, so continue to purchase our products whilst you can.

Please also see our poster on the page opposite for SFW's Christmas Open Day, on 27th November from 10.00am to 3.00pm, to which you are all invited.

This event where there will be our usual high-quality products for sale, as well as some bespoke items that will make perfect Christmas gifts for family and friends, or just as a memento of SFW. As always refreshments and homemade cakes will be free for your enjoyment.

Claire Keeble, Manager
Street Forge Workshops, The Street, Thornham Magna, Suffolk, IP23 8HB



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GISLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS





Gislingham Parish Council have compiled a report to the Secretary of State to formally request the intervention of the Secretary of State regarding the proposal National Grid Norwich to Tilbury and EcoPower Suffolk Solar Farm projects, currently progressing as a National Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

The scale of disruption anticipated during construction, combined with the cumulative impact of these aligned energy infrastructure projects, poses a severe and unacceptable burden on the residents of Gislingham.

The Council supports renewable energy where it is proportionate, responsible, and sensitive to local communities. However, the current proposal does not meet these criteria and requires urgent ministerial scrutiny.

The report can be found on the Parish Council Website under News and Notices at: https://gislinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk/

Parish Councillor Vacancy

If you have some spare time and care deeply about the village, why not become a Parish Councillor? It's a rewarding way to support your community, influence local projects, and help make a real difference.

Please contact our Clerk: clerk@gislinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 16th November at 7.00pm in Gislingham Village Hall.

Future dates are as follows:- 21st December, 18th January 2027, 15th February 2027, 15th March 2027. All meetings held at Gislingham Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Gislingham Parish Council



NEWS FROM GISLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 7th November: MUSIC NIGHT - Juke Box Memories. Stereo Disco. Vinyls from the 70s. - Doors open at 7.00 PM. Free Entry. Bring your own Nibbles, Drinks and Glasses.

Saturday 12th December: Quiz Night - Doors open at 7.00 pm. Bring your own food and drinks. £5.00 entry. Tickets available from Terry Williams on 01379 83903 or gislinghamvillagehall@gmail.com

Saturday 13th February 2027: Jumble Sale - Watch this space for further details

Quiz Night – 20th March 2027: Quiz Night - Watch this space for further details

Saturday 17th April 2027: Bingo Night - Watch this space for further details

Music Night – Saturday 15th May 2027: Music Night - Watch this space for further details

Saturday 11th May: Quiz Night - Watch this space for further details



The Hall is available for hire at a cost of £10 per hour, which includes tables, chairs, lighting, heating, water etc. There are also village hall assets available for hire at an additional cost. These include, a sound system and a large screen television. Additionally, there are tables and chairs and a marquee which can be used outside of the hall.

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YAXLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



After what seems like a spring, summer and early autumn of unrelenting sun I find myself sitting here looking forward to the rain that has been promised for today. I am also welcoming cooler and less bright weather as autumn draws in. Let's hope autumn and winter don't bring extremes of bad weather as mutterings of El Nino and Polar Vortices are beginning to appear on the weather forecasts. All we can do is hope for the best.



Post Office Van

After reports that the weekly Post Office van was struggling to park in the layby at the end of Eye Road, I was asked by the Parish Council to approach the manager of the Cherry Tree Bar and Tandoor for permission for it to park on the business's forecourt. This was willingly and gracefully given and I thank the Manager, for this. However, puzzlingly, on offering this location to the Post Office Van Management Team they insisted that they had been able to park easily in the layby and were happy to continue to do so. At least we now have the Cherry Tree Bar and Tandoor forecourt as a reserve location. Please bear this in mind if the van is not present in its usual location one week.

Parking in Laybys

The Parish Council has received some complaints about long term parking in one of our village's two laybys and of overnight sleeping in a camper van in another. As always, the Parish Council researches the powers it actually holds when considering the correct response to complaints. Enquiries were therefore directed by our clerk to the County Council Highways department, which maintains all the adopted roads in the county, and Suffolk Constabulary which has legal jurisdiction over behaviour on them.
The advice we have received said that if the vehicle is correctly taxed and MOT'd, is legally parked, and is not causing an obstruction or danger on the public highway, then it is generally entitled to remain in the lay-by. If there is no restriction on the use of a layby in place under a Traffic Regulation Order, there would be no contravention for enforcement officers to act upon as long as all activity is within the vehicle and there is no proof of littering, waste disposal or anti-social behaviour then there is unlikely to be any breach of legislation therefore no intervention by County Council, Parish Council or Police will be possible. This will not please the complainants, but we can only act within the powers we are given by Parliament.

Hedges

In a similar vein, all roads, pavements and abutting hedges are not the responsibility of the Parish Council to maintain. The roads and pavements are the clear responsibility of Suffolk County Council Highways Department and abutting hedges are the responsibility of landowners and householders. It is true that in recognition of Highways limited resources the Parish Council pays a private contractor to clear areas preventing visibility at junctions and to trim growth overhanging footpaths, but we are dependent on the availability of the contractor to carry out the work in conjunction with his other work. In times of high bramble growth, try as we might, we cannot guarantee that no brambles will overhang the footpath. Whilst we are trying hard to help there is clearly some need for adult pedestrians to continue to take reasonable care and for parents to continue to supervise young children in case overhanging brambles are encountered. Obviously, a wider footpath or more aggressively cut hedges would be more desirable but the uncomfortable fact is that the Parish Council has no powers or responsibility to provide either even though it presses for both. Complaints will continue to be referred on to Suffolk County Council Highways.

Dog Mess on Leys Lane

We are also receiving complaints about bagged and unbagged dog mess being increasingly found on the verges and road down Leys Lane despite the presence of a dog mess bin provided by the Parish Council (which also pays to have the bin emptied weekly). This is littering and is fineable but unfortunately, enforcement officers are few and far between. Can I appeal to dog walkers' better nature and ask them to use the bin provided to dispose of mess? This is not a lot to ask. Please show some respect for other people using the lane.

Town Close Estates Fund

On a more positive note, the Parish Council voted at its last meeting to try to help young people resident in Yaxley who are entering Further Education or Apprenticeships after the age of 16. To this end the Council intends, subject to compliance with current regulations, to donate some money to the ancient charity established in the Village in the Sixteenth Century by the Yaxley Family. This evolved into a fund in the Twentieth Century and is administered by local trustees. Recently, low interest rates stripped the fund of its chief method of replenishment hence the Parish Council's possible involvement. Since this involves the use of public money the Parish Council has established a working party to ensure propriety and advice from a person highly experienced in the fields of charity funds. The recommendations of the Working Party will be considered in public at a forthcoming Parish Council meeting before the end of this financial year.

Water Main

I would like to thank the Essex and Suffolk Water Workforce for the highly courteous and professional way they have carried out the complex work on Mellis Road. I have heard of occasional moments of friction but, on the whole things, whilst difficult for everybody living along the course of the work at times, have generally gone very well. Water Mains do not lay themselves! Once all necessary surface repairs are carried out and the work is complete the road will be handed over to Highways for inspection and residents of Mellis Road will breathe a sigh of relief.
Thank you for reading.

Ian (Chairman, Yaxley Parish Council)



YAXLEY VILLAGE HALL NEWS

September Bingo night success

The Bingo that was held in September was well attended and expertly called by our own John Hawes. There will be a Christmas Bingo evening in December on Saturday 12th so watch out for our advertisement next month.

Replacement of wooden fire door

The Committee are looking to replace the old wooden fire door at the back of the stage. It has become impossible to open without brute strength and as such is not ideally as a suitable fire escape. Enquiries are ongoing with a view to replacing it after agreement from the Parish Council.

The Craft and Needlework Group

If you like crafting of any sort or wanted to try something new, have you thought about joining the Yaxley Craft & Needlework Group? They meet every other Wednesday afternoon from 2 till 4pm for friendly chats, a cuppa and very nice biscuits!! Seriously though, members have a vast range of talents, which they are very happy to share. Sometimes we will have an interesting talk or maybe a workshop on a particular topic and maybe, sometimes we just meet and chat! Once or twice a year (funds dependent) a coach outing is organised. Our next one will be on Wednesday, 25th November and we will be going to Tiptree, visiting The Cheap Shop, the New Times Pub for a carvery lunch and then to the Wilkin & Son Jam Factory where there is a museum, gift shop and cafe for light refreshments. If you would like to come along, just contact Celia on 01379 788754 or e-mail her on celiaarmstrong@hotmail.co.uk

The Rural Coffee Caravan

We are also looking into the possibility of inviting the Rural Coffee Caravan to visit Yaxley, maybe on a Friday morning or afternoon once a month commencing at the beginning of next year, so let us know if that is something you would like to attend. Email: celiaarmstrong@hotmail.co.uk.

November Quiz Night

We are holding another Quiz Evening on Saturday 14th November. 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Entry will be £3 per person with a maximum of 6 in a team. Bring your own drink and nibbles.

Cash prize to the winning team.

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WHY IPSWICH TOWN F.C. DIDN'T PLAY DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR

On Sunday 8th November, Ipswich Town Football Club will join clubs across the UK in wearing poppies on their shirts as they take on Bournemouth at Portman Road to remember the country's fallen heroes. All football matches held that weekend will hold a minute's silence before kick-off.

Ipswich Town stood alone among football clubs during wartime. The Blues were the only club in the country not to kick a ball during the 2nd World War, closing down their operations for six years and refusing to participate when organised football resumed. It was a controversial decision, one that made Ipswich Town unique among Football League clubs. To understand why, however, we need to go back a generation, to another war that had already left a scar on the club and the town.

The First World War touched every community in Britain, and Ipswich was no exception. Young men left their homes, jobs and football clubs to serve their country, with many never returning. Ipswich Town were playing in the Southern Amateur League. After war was declared in 1914, the club played three friendly matches before football was brought to a halt. Their game was against Norfolk Yeomanry in January 1915. Three days later, a Zeppelin raid on Great Yarmouth brought the war closer to home.

Portman Road was requisitioned for military use, becoming a place for housing soldiers, storing wagons and guns, and tethering horses. It would not be returned to Ipswich Town until September 1919 – almost a year after the Armistice.

When the Blues returned to action, playing Old Bancroftians in a friendly on 4 September 1920, the club had suffered losses. Cecil Fenn, E.R. Pallett and Alf Liffen had been killed. Ernie Bugg, Town's leading scorer in the 1913/14 season, survived – but had lost a leg in the fighting. For the club and its supporters, the experience of war was far more than something happening somewhere else. It had been felt on the pitch, in the stands and throughout the community.

By September 1939, a new generation was facing the prospect of war. Ipswich Town's final match before hostilities began was against Norwich City. The Division Three South fixture at Portman Road on 2 September ended in a 1-1 draw. Only 10,792 supporters attended – well short of the club record of 28,194. With the threat of war hanging over the country, football was no longer at the top of everyone's list of priorities.

The following day, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain announced that Britain was at war with Germany. The Norwich match would be the last time Ipswich Town played for six years. The Football League was suspended, the goalposts were removed from Portman Road and the players received their pay packets. Football contracts included provisions allowing clubs to cancel them on reasonable grounds during such circumstances.

Back in the 1930's it cost 6d (2.5p) to watch Town play – or free after half-time.



Early 1930's when Town played in blue & white stripes.



Team photo: Town team 1948/49
Photos: Dave Kindred

Like many local people, Town's players found wartime work. Several went to Churchman's Tobacco Factory or Cobbold's Brewery. But Ipswich Town's directors were about to make a decision that would set the club apart from almost every other professional team in Britain.

On 13 September 1939, ten days after Britain entered the war, Town directors held a meeting. Club president Captain John Murray Cobbold proposed that Ipswich Town should close down for the duration of the conflict. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

Soon afterwards, the Football Association and Football League reconsidered their position. Football was to return in a regional form, providing entertainment for the public and helping maintain a sense of normality during wartime. Clubs across the country began playing again. Ipswich Town did not. Of the 88 Football League clubs, Town were among six that initially refused to take part. They remained steadfast in their decision throughout the war. For some supporters, it was frustrating. The Home Office was encouraging entertainment during wartime, and professional clubs elsewhere were arranging matches for the public. But the Town board saw the situation differently.

Captain Cobbold was a First World War veteran, while the club's board included military officers and members of the establishment. For them, the war effort came before football. Cobbold was preparing to return to his regiment. His view was clear: at a time when the country was at war, football was not the priority. The players demonstrated their commitment to the war effort. By March 1941, 9 Town players were serving in the Army, with 3 on active service in the RAF.

And so it was, even as clubs played and competitions continued across the country, Town remained dormant. Portman Road was used by the military, but this time for hosting football matches, with more than 20 games featuring Armed Forces representatives during the conflict. Ironically, even Norwich City played there three times!

The war brought heartbreak to Ipswich Town. In June 1944, Captain John Murray Cobbold – a Lieutenant-Colonel – was killed when a bomb struck the Guards' Chapel in London during a service he was attending. Earlier that month, club director Major Robert Cobbold had been killed in action in Italy. Their deaths represented another devastating chapter in a club history marked by the losses of the First World War.

When peace came in 1945, Ipswich Town's six-year footballing exile was over. Only Ipswich Town and Exeter City could claim not to have played competitive football during the war, although Exeter had played three friendly matches. The Blues returned to competitive action at Portman Road in the autumn of 1945. Their first post-war Division Three South fixture was against Port Vale. Town lost. But the result was almost beside the point. After six years, football had returned to Ipswich.

Today, it is easy to look at a football fixture as simply another team to beat, another result to debate on the way home. But the story of Ipswich Town during the Second World War reminds us that football has always been part of something bigger: the communities, families and generations that surround it. For those six years, there were no league tables to argue over, no goals to celebrate and no Town team to cheer from the stands. Instead, Ipswich's players, officials and supporters became part of a national story. Some went to war. Some lost their lives. Others returned carrying wounds that would stay with them forever.

And when football returned to Portman Road in 1945, it was not simply the resumption of a sport. It was a small but significant sign that ordinary life was beginning again. Lest we forget.

Jeff Norman

Source material: 'An exception in War and Peace: Ipswich Town Football Club' by Richard Mills.



NEWS FROM THORNHAM PARISH HALL



FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 15th November: Winter Fair:
11.00am – 3.00pm: Local crafts, gifts, cakes, bacon butties and lots more……

Friday 20th November: Quiz Night
7.00pm. £5.00pp. Max team of 6. Bar & ice creams available. Bring your own snacks.

Friday 27th November: Film Night – 'Midwinter Break'
7.30pm. £6.00 at the door. Bookings: films@thornhams.org

Saturday 5th December: Ceilidh
Call 07707 530340 to book. Tickets £15. (Children free) Bar available.

Thursday 31st December: New Year's Eve Party
8.30pm – Late! - Celebrate the New Year in with puddings, Prosecco and a sparkler or two! Tickets £10.

Saturday 20th February: Jumble Sale
12.00 noon – 3.00pm. 50p admission
All donations gratefully received. Call Jude Farrell on 07483 234290.

To find out more about these events or book, just email: events@thornhams.org
For Film Nights, email: films@thornhams.org

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Tuesdays: Sit to Stand Pilates – 10.00am.
Pilates – Strong, Stretch, Relax – 11.30am
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The age categories are:

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- **Age 9-11**

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3) **Closing date for entries: Friday 13/11/26 at 2.30pm**
4) Entries should be submitted to: Gislingham School Office, Mellis School Office or Strawberry Fields, High Street, Gislingham (next to Gislingham store).
5) Name, address and age of child **MUST** be included on the **BACK** of picture.
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TEAM GISLINGHAM JRSOS

Firstly, congratulations to last year's JRSOS (Cory, Riley, Phoebe and Eva) who achieved a GOLD award from Suffolk County Council.

We now welcome a new set of JRSOS....



We would love to introduce ourselves to you all.... We are the Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOS)- Eva, George C, Evie and L-J. We want to work with you to make our school and village a happier, safer and healthier place to be. Our mission is to work together with parents, guardians, the public and professionals to help educate and support around all things to do with ROADSAFETY.

We have lots of important and exciting events planned already including...

We supported "Cycle/walk to school week" 5-9th October. We encouraged people to walk or cycle to school and park at the village hall to help reduce congestion and improve health. When leading a school assembly, we launched a competition all about the importance of wearing a cycle helmet. We shared the winners in a special assembly this week. Congratulations to...

- Reception runner up Florence, winner Lucille
- Class 1 runner up Bianca, winner Alfie G
- Class 2 runner up Adam, winner Georgia
- Class 3 runner up Imogen, winner Lincoln
- Class 4 runner up Henry, winner Eva
- Class 6 winner Bella B
- OVERALL WINNERS Giorgia and Margot (year 4)

We are really proud of the brilliant working partnership we have with Gislingham Speedwatch. We completed our first "Speedwatch" on 2nd October. We think it is really powerful and important that drivers see how passionately we feel about safe driving in our village. Unfortunately, we caught 2 people speeding. We hope to change behaviour and make adults think!

We plan to run regular traffic observations before and after school to encourage responsible driving and parking and celebrate good road safety skills. Look out for us in our high vis!

We will keep you updated on all our activities during the year. We could not make the roads safer without your help. Thank you in advance for your support. We always value ideas and feedback in working together on our mission and you can contact us via the school office if you have any questions, ideas or feedback.

Eva, Evie, George and L-J - Team Gislingham JRSOS

NATURE NOTES by Darrel Charles



Hello everyone, welcome back to Nature Notes

And welcome to this special astronomy edition! What has prompted this you may ask? Well several things, not least the arrival of earlier darker night skies that makes star gazing more accessible. Other than that, I visited the Norwich Astronomical Society (NAS) at their base at Seething Airfield, a few miles north of Bungay, in late September. This was to attend a talk about how space-science has been used and abused in science fiction films over the years. It was presented by an astro-physicist and turned out to be most interesting and entertaining. Later that evening, we had an opportunity to look through several telescopes including two big ones, each housed in their own domes. One of those was pointed at Saturn and it was a thrill to see that planet and its famous rings in real-time.

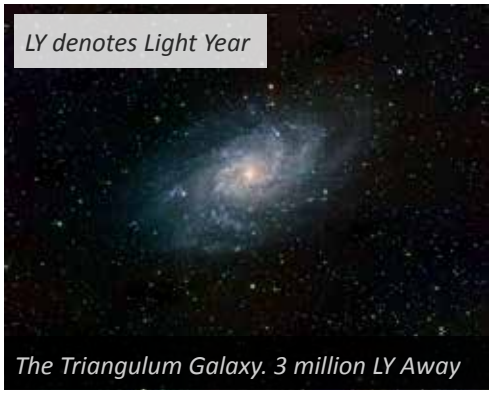


NAS's 40cm Telescope Within its 4m Dome



The Author's 5cm Smart Telescope

Coincidentally, I took delivery of a new telescope a few days after the visit to Seething. I'd been reading about the benefits of "smart" telescopes for a while and things got to the stage when I couldn't resist getting one for myself. I am pleased to say that the telescope's performance is wonderful and fully justifies the excitement amongst astro-photographers. After mastering the inevitable app, for which there's plenty of help on YouTube, all that needs to be done is to place the device on a firm level surface, tell it what you wish to photograph and it does the rest. What's more, the resulting photos are really very good, as I hope you'll agree from the selection shown here.



LY denotes Light Year

The Triangulum Galaxy. 3 million LY Away



The Pinwheel Galaxy. 25 million LY Away

Clearly, such a compact telescope has its limitations. It's not capable of revealing much planetary detail at all but this is not surprising - something the size of one of the big telescopes at Seething would be needed for that. But galaxies, nebulae, the Milky Way, the Moon and the Sun (using the essential included filter) are all targets that can be photographed. I should say that this telescope is only for taking photos - there is no eyepiece. That said, the images it takes can be viewed in real-time on a phone or iPad as well as being saved as a normal digital photo.

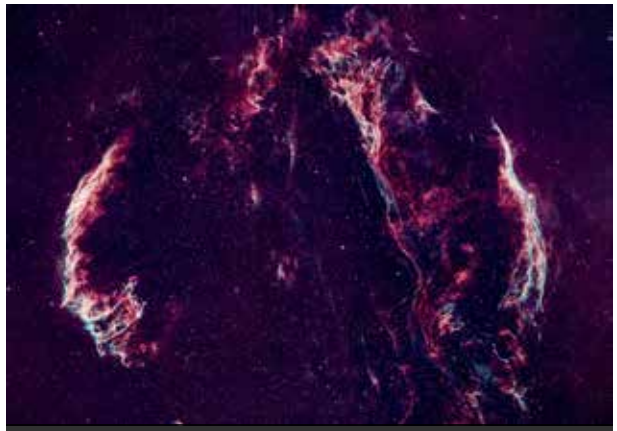


The Pacman Nebula. 9,000 LY Away



The Dumbbell Nebula. 1,300 LY Away

My favourite image captured so far with the smart telescope is the Veil Nebula. I find this to be a fascinating object and one that I've struggled to photograph with my conventional telescope set-up. This nebula is the result of a star 20 times more massive than our sun exploding some 12,000 years ago. The nebula is enormous, spanning some 110 light-years across.



The Veil Nebula. 2,100 LY Away

As I write, it's World Space Week, an event to raise awareness and commemorate the contribution of space science and technology to the betterment of human life. Certainly, star-gazing is currently very popular as I witnessed at the sell-out NAS event.

Until next time, clear skies and happy star gazing!

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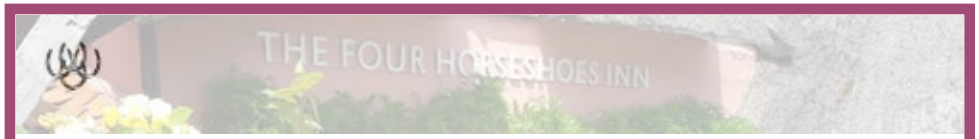
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TEDESCHI TRUCKS BAND AND LEON RUSSELL: MAD DOGS & ENGLISHMEN REVISITED (LIVE AT LOCKN')

MUSIC NOTES



Some albums capture a moment in musical history, while others bring that history thrillingly back to life. Mad Dogs & Englishmen Revisited (Live at LOCKN') does both, celebrating one of rock music's most memorable collaborations with a performance bursting with energy, soul and outstanding musicianship.



Although released on CD at the end of 2025, this recording takes us back to September 2015 and Virginia's LOCKN' Festival, where the Tedeschi Trucks Band joined Leon Russell, original tour veterans and an impressive array of guest musicians to revisit the legendary 'Mad Dogs & Englishmen' tour of 1970. Originally led by Joe Cocker and keyboard maestro Leon Russell, that celebrated tour was renowned for its huge ensemble, exuberant performances and irresistible blend of rock, blues and soul.

Led by husband-and-wife duo Susan Tedeschi and Derek Trucks, the Tedeschi Trucks Band proved the ideal band to revive this musical landmark. Their own distinctive combination of Southern soul, blues and rock sits perfectly alongside the original material. At times there were upwards of 20 musicians and singers on stage during high-energy numbers. Reviewers described the stage dynamic as a "jukebox on steroids"!

The 14-track album features a wealth of familiar favourites, including "The Letter", "Feelin' Alright", "The Weight", "Delta Lady" and "With A Little Help From My Friends". These classics are delivered retaining their original character while benefiting from the band's considerable musical firepower.

Susan Tedeschi is magnificent throughout. Her powerful, expressive voice brings real urgency to "The Letter", while "Let's Go Get Stoned" stands out as a particular highlight. Supported by backing harmonies, an excellent brass section and an uplifting, gospel-inspired arrangement, the performance builds into a joyous musical crescendo.

The slide guitar maestro, Derek Trucks is equally compelling. His fluid, emotionally charged guitar adds depth and texture to "Delta Lady" and "She Came In Through The Bathroom Window".

The recording successfully captures the scale and excitement of this remarkable gathering. Its 2026 nomination for Best Blues Album at the Libera Awards provides further recognition of its musical achievement.

Ultimately, Mad Dogs & Englishmen Revisited is a fitting tribute to Joe Cocker and Leon Russell, but it is also a celebration of what happens when musicians of different generations come together. This is an album that honours its roots while remaining thoroughly enjoyable in its own right. Highly recommended for anyone who loves soulful rock played with passion and heart.

JAN

Author's Rating: ★★★★☆ 4/5



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In addition to representing the interest of Gislingham Ward and being a member of the Planning Committee I have also been Lead Member for Housing Solutions at Mid Suffolk.

The Housing Solutions team of officers work across both Babergh and providing advice and support to residents who are having housing difficulties or are at risk of homelessness. Their role includes:

- Preventing homelessness and helping people keep their existing accommodation – our officers have succeeded in preventing homelessness for 70% of cases, well above national figure.
- Arranging temporary accommodation where the council has a duty to do so – in Mid Suffolk at present we have 154 households in Temporary Accommodation, I am regularly updated on this. Demand is increasing, primarily amongst single people of a wide range of ages. The most common cause of homelessness is domestic violence, the second most common cause is the end of a private tenancy.
- Providing advice on private rented housing and access to accommodation and administering access to social housing through Gateway to Home choice

The service also offers wider housing advice, signposting, and support with housing-related financial issues through the council's housing support services. In short, Housing Solutions is the council's frontline housing advice and homelessness prevention service, helping residents find, keep, or secure suitable accommodation.

As Lead member I am the Cabinet member with political responsibility for the council's housing functions, including oversight of the Housing Service and Housing Solutions. This includes helping to develop policy direction, agreeing priorities, championing housing issues, and being accountable for housing performance within the Cabinet structure.

It is with pleasure that I can report that later in October we will be taking over 3 units on the Taylor Wimpey development: Northfield View in Stowmarket. These will be available to households who have a need for temporary accommodation and will reduce our reliance on Hotel Accommodation. Nine more units will be delivered by the end of the year and by April 2027 our target is to have delivered a total of 30 units. Hotel accommodation, B&B, is expensive, it exceeds the housing allowance for households on universal benefit, and the shortfall is made up by the district council. Our policy is to build up the council's own property resources to reduce this. The properties will be a long-term asset for the council and ensure that we can meet our mandatory obligations in a cost-effective way. The 15 new units in use at present across Babergh and Mid Suffolk generate a reduction of £10,500 per week in Bed and Breakfast costs.

Our officers have a plan in place to ensure that any rough sleepers will be in accommodation over the winter. We have across Babergh and Mid Suffolk 20 identified rough sleepers, 8 in mid Suffolk. Our policy is accommodation first; unlike other authorities we resolve to house them safely before addressing their complex needs. If they have dogs, providing they are well behaved we pay extra to accommodate them, we recognize the emotional support animals may offer. In November teams of officers take part in a nighttime sweep of places where rough sleepers are known to frequent, this is part of a nation wide "census" that provides valuable data to identify the scale of the problem and resources needed.

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DI'S BOOK BLOG



"The Longest Walk Home" by Ray Bailey (1940) and David Wilkins (2025)

N.B. There are spoilers in this review.

The subtitle of this book caught my interest... *'The epic 2,000-mile escape of a WWII prisoner of war'*. It sounds like a good old fashioned, daring "boys own" book that tells of the fictional adventures and brave and heroic deeds of a dashing hero. But it's actually a true story based on the diaries, written over 16 notebooks, of a young soldier, Private Raymond Bailey. It tells how, during an enforced march after becoming a POW, he escapes and manages to get home via France and Spain - a breathtaking achievement.





Ray was only 20 when he was called up to fight in WW2. After the battle of St Valery, he was amongst the British soldiers who were forced to surrender in June 1940. After days of enforced marching towards Poland, Ray saw and took his opportunity to escape. He then embarked on an incredible, almost thrilling, journey home to Dunstable, England, which he does by Christmas that same year.

His detailed narrative is a fascinating look at what it was truly like for a young man, far away from home and caught in the absolute horror of war. He describes how he survived the battle field, the enforced march, his prolonged journey to get home and what happens afterwards. But it is never boring or repetitive. He is an engaging writer and writes with a cheerful optimism, most of the time. He tells of the incredibly kind folk that were willing to help him, despite the risk to their own lives and how he uses his wit, cheek and sheer good luck to keep going. He does have major setbacks and conditions were sometimes awful, but he keeps pressing on, determined.

Interspersed with Ray's narrative is David Wilkins' explanations and notes about the events that Ray has written about. He includes useful footnotes, and has done his research very thoroughly. He even found out and tells us, what happened to some of the other people that Ray encounters. Wilkins says that Ray's story is interesting and remarkable for a couple of reasons. It is about someone who wasn't a high-ranking officer or an impressive heroic figure - he was just a normal, ordinary man. He didn't have the advantages of class or rank. Plus, Ray's story gives a very accurate historical look at what was actually happening at the time. Not written decades later as memoires. Wilkins came across Ray's diaries when they were discovered after being left forgotten in a garage for over 80 years!

When Ray finally reached home, he was considered a hero - he was in the newspapers and was asked to repeat the story of his adventures over and over again. He also rejoined his battalion, and was then sent to North Africa and Italy with his troop.

Tragically, Ray died after an icy road traffic collision on 4th January 1944. He is buried in Southern Italy. His name is carved in the Dunstable war memorial and on his regiment's own war memorial.

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SCAM ALERT

This month, Trading Standards are highlighting two text message scams which are currently very prevalent.



Scam Alert - Text messages claiming to be from 'Barclays'

One recent example reported to us states 'Barclays Alert: A Direct Debit of $489.99 to TUI has been set up on your account'. The message goes on to provide a contact number 'cancel this payment'.

Criminals are experts at creating spoof messages that then provide links to scammers who will attempt to trick you into providing personal or financial information as part of urgent action they will claim you need take without closer inspection.

Always be wary of unexpected messages received and never respond, make contact via numbers quoted or click on any links unless you know you can trust them.

If you are concerned about the security of a bank account or think you have interacted with a scam message and provided scammers with your financial details, contact your bank directly using the Customer Service number printed on the card, on a recent statement or via information available on their genuine website or app. Never use details provided in an unexpected text message.



Scam Alert - Fake DVLA text messages

This follows reports of messages circulating stating 'DVLA: We failed to process your vehicle tax payment' before claiming you have a short time window to 'update your details' via a link in the message or 'you will be fined'.

These text messages are not from DVLA, anyone clicking on the 'update now' link provided will be taken to a fake version of the DVLA website which will attempt to gather personal and financial information.

If you think you have interacted with a scam message and provided scammers with your financial details you should contact your bank immediately on a number you know to be correct, such as the one on the back of your bank card.

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WHERE AM I? QUIZ

Below are eight clues as to where I am this month.

1. I have a long history of boat building, rope-making and sail-making.
2. Historical war-fighting ships were built here for King Edward III and Sir Francis Drake
3. The town dates back to around 970AD and was listed in the Domesday Book of 1086 with 35 households.
4. The Tide Mill, which dates back too 1170, is one of only two working tide mills in the UK.
5. The town is the birthplace of musical pioneer Brian Eno, the legendry visual artist and music producer (U2, Coldplay and David Bowie) and former band member of Roxy Music.
6. I was named the UK's happiest place to live in a national survey.
7. I am located on the banks of the River Deben in Suffolk.

The answer appears at the foot of page 63.

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

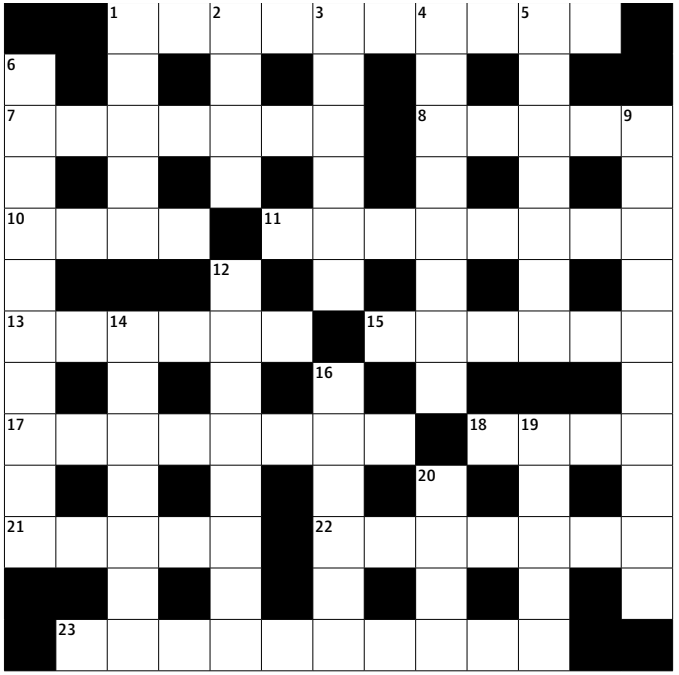
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Last issue solution

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CROSSWORD CHALLENGE



Across

1 Regard as likely (10)
7 Metallic element – a CID mum (anag) (7)
8 Pseudonym (5)
10 Seldom encountered (4)
11 Imaginative musical composition – 1940 Disney film (8)
13 Thinly scattered (6)
15 Clear away clutter (4 2)
17 Large shop selling variety of goods (8)
18 Water jug (4)
21 Paint thinner or solvent (5)
22 Sophisticated roll of hair (7)
23 Cocktail (6,4)

Down

1 Puff ___ (5)
2 One of two, sometimes identical (4)
3 Military action (6)
4 Coarse green-skinned banana (8)
5 Craving libation (7)
6 Record of state of play (10)
9 Making haste playfully (10)
12 It's strong and black (8)
14 Habiliments (7)
16 Public show of anger (6)
19 Flatulent or tortuous? (5)
20 Prima donna (4)

Last issue solution

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Answers to the Where Am I? Quiz on page 60: Woodbridge.

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I'm not sure about you, but for me summer seems a long time ago now, but there is one memory I have that will remain with me, it was a visit to the Normandy Beaches in France. I remember going there as a child and not really taking in what I was seeing. This year, as an adult, cycling along the coast and coming across so many memorials, ruins and cemeteries the scale of the loss of life for thousands of young soldiers and French women and children really struck me.

We visited the Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer overlooking Omaha Beach on a hot August afternoon, but the 9,389 white crosses spreading across the rolling hills as far as the eye could see was very sobering and chilling. Each one representing a lost soul, many still in their twenties when they died. There were hundreds of people visiting that day, looking for relatives' graves or paying their respects to those who had given their lives. The silence was striking, as each person took in the scale of the loss.

The silence was broken by one of the most poignant things I saw while I was there, I could hear two fighter jets on manoeuvres flying along the coast, I noticed as they passed the cemetery, they suddenly dipped their wings. That act of respect and honour really struck me. Those planes must fly by hundreds or thousands of times, but they show that respect and thanks each time. Every evening a flag lowering ceremony is held. It really brought the saying "Least we forget" home to me.

This Remembrance month whether we are wearing our poppies, paying our respects at a war memorial, taking part in a two minutes silence or attending a church service, we honour, give thanks, show our respects and remember all those who have been lost in the World Wars and subsequent conflicts.

As we hear or read the poem, 'For the fallen' by Laurence Binyon, this month, we can reflect on the words of the most famous part:

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Emma Morris, Lay Reader

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER	Thorndon	10.00am	Together @ 10
All Saints' Day	Gislingham	10.30am	Holy Communion
	Thorndon	3.00pm	Memorial Service
SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER			
3rd Sunday before Advent	Mellis	10.30am	Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance
Remembrance Sunday	Wetheringsett	10.30am	Act of Remembrance at church and afterwards the laying of wreaths at the village memorial
	Gislingham	10.50am	Act of Remembrance
	Thorndon	10.50am	Act of Remembrance
	Thornham Magna	10.50am	Act of Remembrance
	Yaxley	10.50am	Act of Remembrance
WEDS. 11TH NOVEMBER	Stoke Ash	10.45am	Act of Remembrance
Remembrance Day			
SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER	Thorndon	10.30am	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday before Advent	Thornham Parva	10.30am	Holy Communion
	Gislingham	3.00pm	God and Play *Purple Poppy Pet Service*
SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER	Thornham Magna	10.30am	Holy Communion
Christ the King	Wetheringsett	10.30am	Welcome to Holy Communion
	Yaxley	10.30am	Worship for All
SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER	Stoke Ash	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion *Benefice Advent Rings blessed & first candle lit*
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