

# Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council Newsletter Spring 2022

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## Leiston's Jubilee Weekend

*Friday 3 June - Music Festival*

*Saturday 4 June - Platinum*

*Jubilee Celebration Day*

*ending with Cinema in the Park*



# Chairman's Communication

*Cllr John Last BEM*



Hello and welcome to the Spring edition of the Town Council Newsletter and by now hopefully we are all seeing signs of the new season emerging, which we will all need following the Storm Eunice weekend.

Christmas and the New Year already seems like a distant memory, but two things that do stick in the mind are the town's Christmas Fayre event and the Pantomime. Well done to all those involved in making them happen for the enjoyment of our community.

With Spring upon us, we await the fruits of labour of the groups who gathered in the Autumn to plant more bulbs and wildflower seeds at the Community Orchard. I'm sure that it is going to be a worthwhile visit to the orchard over the coming weeks to see the splendour and colour.

As I write these notes I know the preparations are well underway for a Big Weekend in Leiston on 3rd and 4th June to Commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and also a fun packed weekend for all. Prior to that on Sunday 29th May, we will see the Suffolk Festival, Lord Lieutenant's Torch Relay arrive in town and a local Torch Bearer, nominated by our community to take the torch on to the

next stage of the relay.

Also between now and the Jubilee weekend three Jubilee trees will be planted in the town. I had pleasure in attending the first tree planting at the Victory Road Park, in early March.

The planned enhancement work on the Skateboard Park is still in progress and the ideas and input from the users has been very helpful in moving this project forward and although there is still a way to go, I hope it will not be too long before we see the improvement work underway to this very popular amenity.

The Town Council was pleased to sponsor and support the Dentaaid mobile dental surgery visit to Leiston in February and hope the 45 residents that were able to get dental treatment now have some relief from pain. Hopefully the Dental Surgery issue in the town will be resolved as soon as possible.

The proposed energy projects in the area, including Sizewell C, continue to create much work for the Town Council and I know Councillors continue to work very hard on what issues are important for our community.

Following the public consultation, the

Town Council agreed to take forward a revised Traffic and Transport Strategy plan. This has now been submitted to the Suffolk County Council Highways and the detail of the proposals will be now be worked on to identify what will be required to deliver the strategy. I thank residents who attended the Extra Ordinary Town Council meeting when this was discussed and the valuable input they had to the meeting.

As residents will recall, the Neighbourhood Plan was put together in 2015 by a working group of residents and Town Councillors. The plan was voted on by residents in a referendum, and the plan goes up to 2029. Councillors are currently reviewing the plan to ensure it still fits the needs of the town moving forward.

The Church Square project, part of the town regeneration comes to fruition very soon and a Discover Leiston Spring Celebration day is planned for 26th March, which will give residents the first opportunity to enjoy the space created, with the official opening of the Church Square coming soon. The Community Land Trust have worked hard on this project to get it to this stage and continue to work hard on the proposals for the Market Place project and I would like to acknowledge the tremendous effort made by the CLT in bringing improvements for our Town Centre.

At the time of writing these notes the actions of Russia against Ukraine are becoming very apparent. Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council are strongly opposed to the terrible actions of Russia invading Ukraine. The Town Council are supportive of all the national and local organisations to help refugees and understand the pressure put on those neighbouring countries in Eastern Europe. The Town Council are aware and recognise the support and great effort residents of Leiston have already given to the humanitarian aid.

I hope you can enjoy the spring and summer months ahead and thank you for your contributions to our community.

*John*

John Last BEM - Chairman  
Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council



## DATE FOR THE DIARY

If you would like to share your clubs news please email us on:  
**assets@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk** by Monday 13 June 2022.



## COUNCIL TAX AND LEISTON'S PRECEPT 2022/23

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:

The County Council who require  
£1,438.92 (up £45.32p)

The District Council ask for  
£176.22 (up £4.95p)

The Police require  
£247.68 (up £9.99p)

### 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.

For the second year running, councillors have agreed not to increase the precept for the coming year and feel this is in the best interests of the residents. Councillors have looked at what they need to maintain the facilities they own and will move forward with some of the projects that were put on hold last 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 addition of a wildflower meadow, trees and shrubbery.

The Waterloo Centre in Waterloo Avenue has a lot of activities taking place with local youth football teams playing their

2022/23 Town Council Budget Information						
Expenditure 2021/22 £	Income 2021/22 £	Net Expenditure 2021/22 £	Leiston Town Council	Expenditure 2022/23 £	Income 2022/23 £	Net Expenditure 2022/23 £
4,700	3,000	1,700	Allotments	5,800	3,700	2,100
13,450	2,000	11,450	Community Centre	12,130	2,500	9,630
194,950	169,950	25,000	Film Theatre	261,350	242,100	19,250
150,900	15,611	135,289	Establishment	174,536	6,600	167,936
18,000	-	18,000	Youth Club	18,000	-	18,000
13,850	-	13,850	Dinsdale Road WC	13,100	-	13,100
9,000	-	9,000	Grants	10,000	-	10,000
15,000	-	15,000	Loan repayment	15,000	-	15,000
40,950	16,300	24,650	Waterloo Centre	29,650	11,400	18,250
42,100	-	42,100	Open Spaces/Other Projects	39,200	-	39,200
<b>502,900</b>	<b>206,861</b>	<b>296,039</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>578,766</b>	<b>266,300</b>	<b>312,466</b>
<b>Council Tax</b>		<b>£171.63</b>		<b>Council Tax</b>		<b>£171.63</b>

matches on the playing field and fitness/educational classes taking place in the Centre. The Community Centre in King Georges Avenue is also well supported and both are great venues for groups/clubs and organisations to utilise.

Dinsdale Road toilets were modernised and refurbished last year 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. Many residents and visitors have been impressed with the much improved upgrade of the facilities.

The Film Theatre has been through a difficult time with the pandemic but since re-opening last May, thanks to many residents supporting and enjoying the venue, it has continued to prosper and be 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 currently there is quite a long waiting list for a plot as everyone seems keen to grow their own fruit and veg.

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 owns and maintains 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 she will be very pleased to help.

*Caroline Rinder*  
Town Clerk

# Leiston's Transport Strategy



Further to the Extraordinary Council meeting on 18 January 2022, Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council approved the final proposals for the traffic management plans for the town as part of the SZC Deed of Obligation. These have now been submitted to SCC Highways to work up the detail with the design consultants and cover the consultation process on the Road Traffic Orders together with the legal requirements as part of their role.

It has been quite a journey, with a lot of hard work over the past 2½ years from the Transport Group in bringing these plans together. Consideration has been given to the consultation responses received from residents and businesses and below you can read a summary of the submitted proposal. If you wish to read the proposal in full, please visit our website: <https://www.leistontowncouncil.gov.uk/leistontransportstrategy/final-stage-for-traffic-management/> or you can contact the Town Council office for a copy.

## Summary

The White Horse junction has been a concern for some time with traffic build up on Park Hill waiting to turn into Main Street. This will be resolved by the signal on Station Road remaining on red to allow vehicles from Park Hill to turn right into Main Street.

The route along Main Street to the High

Street will be one-way southbound (towards Aldeburgh). However the plans have been revised on the High Street so vehicles heading south will now be able to turn left into Sizewell Road at the traffic lights. The one-way route will enable pavements along the High Street to be widened to improve pedestrian safety. The one-way will end at the High Street car park. Traffic from Aldeburgh direction can only come as far as the High Street car park.

Sizewell Road will remain two-way, so traffic can turn left at the traffic lights off the High Street. This alleviates all the concerns the Co-op raised. The Sizewell Road traffic light will be set further back which will enable the widening of the pavements around the crossroads and improve pedestrian safety.

Cross Street would be one-way westbound (towards Haylings Road) from Sizewell Road and the traffic signal on Cross Street removed. Motorists will still be able to turn right into Cross Street off Haylings Road to access Central Road and Platters Walk but no further. A bus stop will be located in Cross Street and Sizewell Road which will be included in the detailed design.

There will be no changes to traffic flow in Grimsey Road, Eastward Ho, Crown Street, Urban Road, Sylvester Road and Seaward Avenue. Investigations are

underway for additional parking bays on Seaward Avenue, the concrete plates in Sylvester Road and the junction with King George's Avenue.

It is proposed to include yellow-up lining along Kings Road so no parking anytime on the bend by the old police station and corner shop.

Bus operators have trialled using Seaward Avenue/Sylvester Road as a possible bus route and feel this would work well if the road surface is suitable.

Various traffic calming and safety measures will be investigated for all roads included in the Strategy.

Five gateways into the town have been proposed and the exact locations to be confirmed.

The cycle route plans were well received and these will be taken forward to align perfectly with East Suffolk Council's Cycling and Walking Strategy to promote health and wellbeing. Additional cycle parking will form part of our plans to support the cycling network.



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## The Leiston Surgery

Main St, Leiston, Suffolk, IP16 4ES

Tel: 01728 830 526

[www.leistonsurgery.com](http://www.leistonsurgery.com)

Dr Karen Blades  
Dr Nicola Maggs  
Dr Samir Pai  
Dr Imran Qureshi  
Dr Michael Barstow



### Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome 2 new GP's to our team at Leiston Surgery –

Dr Gabriel Calfa and Dr Ahmed Badawy.

### Flu Vaccination Update

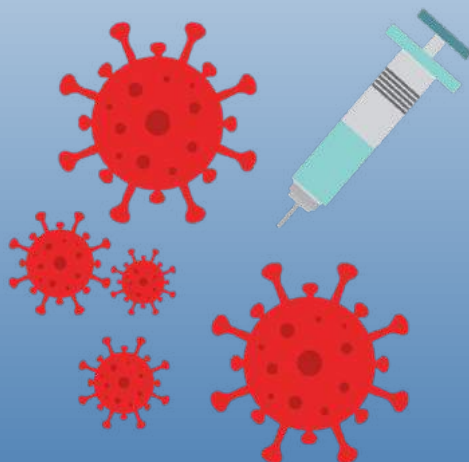
The Flu Vaccination Campaign is now coming to a close, it has been an incredibly successful season and **over 3500** of our patients have received their vaccination.

### Prescription Processing

Due to the loss of two members of full time staff in the Dispensary Team, unfortunately we will be changing the prescription processing window on a temporary basis from 2 to 5 working days, so please ensure you allow time for this when requesting your repeat medications.

### Book your free Covid vaccine today!

Appointments are now available at Leiston Surgery for all eligible patients to book their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and booster doses – to find out more and book an appointment please contact our reception team on **01728 830526**.



**Please note, the GP's at Leiston Surgery politely request that patients and visitors continue to wear a face covering when entering the surgery (unless exempt) in order to protect everyone.**



### NEWS FROM CITIZENS ADVICE LEISTON & SAXMUNDHAM

Citizens Advice Leiston & Saxmundham is very grateful to the East of England Coop's Community Cares Fund which has awarded us a grant of £2,000. The grant will go towards supporting clients who have mental health difficulties and help make a difference to the communities we support in East Suffolk.

We are working hard with many clients to help them with the increased cost of living that is causing financial hardship across our communities. Check out the Suffolk County Council Financial Hardship pages as there is some useful information as to help available and organisations that can help you.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/suffolk-advice-and-support-service/>

Alternatively, if you, or anyone you know, needs help or advice then please contact Citizens Advice. We can give advice, provide practical help or signpost you to

services that can support you.

From our offices in Leiston, we are still running with face-to-face appointments only. Our phone lines are open so please do ring on 01728 832193 (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10am-2pm) or email [supervisor@leistoncab.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:supervisor@leistoncab.cabnet.org.uk).

We are also now open for drop-in appointments on a first come, first served, basis at our outreaches:

1. Woodbridge: Mondays 10-12, Woodbridge Library
2. Wickham Market: Tuesdays 1.30-3.30, Wickham Market Resource Centre
3. Saxmundham: Wednesdays 10-12, Saxmundham Library, Street Farm Road
4. Framlingham: Fridays 10-12, Framlingham Library

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### Leiston's United Church

01728 831446

**FOOD BANK**

Fridays & Saturdays

10am - 11.30am

No requirement to contact first



# Leiston Together



Leiston Together was formed as an enabling partnership in early 2017 by Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council and East Suffolk Council to support Leiston's community. Helen Greengrass has taken over from Jo Thain as the Leiston Together Change Manager.

Initially a three-year programme of work, Leiston Together has been extended to December 2022 with an action plan which focuses on 6 priorities:

1. Leiston Future
2. Destination Leiston
3. Leiston People
4. Leiston Means Business
5. Greener Leiston
6. Digital Leiston

Helen says 'I'm delighted to be working in Leiston as the Leiston Together Change Manager. I have over 6 years' experience of working in a similar role in my hometown of Felixstowe. I am looking forward to working with the businesses and the community and projects to benefit Leiston'.

Over the next few months expect to see:

- » The development of a Town Centre Masterplan to realise ambitious regeneration plans working closely with the Leiston Community Land Trust.

» Working with local stakeholders on further development of the Visit Leiston website. Please do start following and tagging Visit Leiston on Facebook and Instagram. Don't forget, we have fantastic Leiston Pocket Guides ideal for giving out in hotels, cafes and restaurants, and holiday accommodation outlets.

» Projects around Health and Wellbeing helping people to live well.

» Regular News Updates: Are you a business or a community group in Leiston? Please get in touch so we can keep you informed of things that matter.

» Digital Towns project providing a digital platform for businesses and a free WiFi zone in the centre of Leiston. Roll out is planned for the Autumn.

If you would like further information please contact Helen Greengrass, Leiston Together Change Manager:  
[helen.greengrass@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:helen.greengrass@eastssuffolk.gov.uk)

SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

## Leiston Library Opening Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9.30am to 7.30pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9.30am to 5.30pm
Friday	9.30 to 1.00 & 2.00 to 5.00pm
Saturday	9.30 to 1.00 & 2.00 to 5.00pm
Sunday	10.00am to 3.00pm

[leiston.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk](mailto:leiston.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk)  
Tel 01728 831252



Volunteers are being sought to form a charity in order to preserve Leiston Community Defibrillator for future generations. Leiston Community Defibrillator is a 24hr Community Public Accessible Defibrillator which is kept in a locked cabinet at Leiston Family Hub in Waterloo Avenue. It is currently the sole responsibility of the Primary Guardian who arranged the installation in 2017 after receiving locally sourced grants and donations, and other assistance. There

is also one Secondary Guardian. The Primary Guardian is looking for people who are interested in becoming trustees. Experience is not essential, but it would be helpful to have somebody on board who does have some. More information about Leiston Community Defibrillator can be found on its Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/leiston.community.defibrillator/>

Information about how to set up a charity can be found on the government website <https://www.gov.uk/set-up-a-charity>. If you would like to be involved in this, please contact the Primary Guardian via T: 01728 833903 or E: [linda.hawes1@btinternet.com](mailto:linda.hawes1@btinternet.com).

Linda Hawes (Primary Guardian)



## Hanging Baskets

We will soon be getting our beautiful hanging baskets planted ready to be hung up around the town. The 40 hanging baskets will be displayed fairly throughout Main Street, High Street and Sizewell Road. These hanging baskets really help bring colour and a summer feeling to our Town.

If your business would be interested in sponsoring our hanging baskets any contributions would be greatly received, there is no minimum amount of sponsorship. Please contact [office@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk) or call 01728 830388, or call in to the council offices to

obtain a form. Your support will be much appreciated.

All sponsors will receive a certificate *which* can be displayed in your window, thanks within our quarterly newsletter and on the Town Council's website: [www.leistontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.leistontowncouncil.gov.uk).







INSPIRING POSITIVE CHANGE

**Leiston  
Community  
Land Trust**

The Church Square garden project at the United Church is progressing very well.

We are sincerely grateful to local supporters for the provision of CCTV and lighting, making the area safe for all, and the quality of the finish will make the area an asset for the town. Laying of the resin path is weather dependant and will be completed when the conditions are right.

Planting is planned for early March in time for the garden to be used as part of the Celebration Market on 26<sup>th</sup> March, when the new bi-fold doors will be open for the Church to use the hall to serve refreshments and host the Makers Market.

In conjunction with Save our Swifts, we now have six boxes around the church to provide suitable nesting sites. Swifts can fly up to 500 miles a day in migration from Africa. They spend their life almost entirely on the wing and even feed, sleep and mate in flight. As a group, Swifts are the fastest birds in level flight beaten only by the Peregrine in a deep dive. Watch

out for these superb fliers when they come back to the UK around the end of April to early May.

Thanks to a grant from the Architectural Heritage Fund, we are conducting a feasibility study. The study will look into the viability of retaining or repurposing the original shops in Sizewell Road, and the land behind these properties.

Working with East Suffolk Council's newly appointed Regeneration Manager, we will be progressing our plans for the Market Square.



## LORRY WATCH

The Lorry Watch scheme aims to help parishes who feel that local HGV weight restriction traffic orders are being abused. The scheme is run by Trading Standards in partnership with Suffolk Highways, who ensure that weight restriction orders are adhered to.

### How the scheme works

1. Local trained observers note details of vehicles that may be misusing a restricted route.
2. A report is sent to Suffolk Trading Standards.
3. Suffolk Trading Standards confirm the vehicle weight and registered

keepers of the vehicle.

4. Investigations are made with the registered keeper and driver of the vehicle.
5. Action is taken in accordance with the Enforcement Policy.
6. Feedback is provided on a quarterly basis to Lorrywatch zones.

If you are interested in joining Lorrywatch in an area which HGVs are abusing a weight restriction, please contact Suffolk Trading Standards. Please note that Lorrywatch zones can only be considered where there is a weight restriction.

Email: [lorrywatch@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:lorrywatch@suffolk.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01473 264859 (please press A for reception).

## Help your Community become 'Plastic Clever'

Are you passionate about tackling the negative impacts of plastic waste?  
Are you already trying your best to cut your own plastic waste?  
Are you willing to share your knowledge and learning by engaging with others in a positive and friendly way to help them make positive changes too?  
If this sounds like you, then maybe you could be a

### Plastic Action Champion.

The role of a Champion includes volunteering in the local community for a minimum of 20 hours annually. The role is fully flexible and how Champions use those 20 hours is up to them. Examples can include reaching out to local community groups and businesses, blogging about relevant topics, and organising litter picks and surveys. In essence using whatever position you have or networks that you are a part of to engage with others and share knowledge about how they too can take positive action. Champions receive the Handbook providing a wealth of handy information to help advocate for action on reducing waste, recycling better and removing waste when it escapes into nature.

The scheme is part of the Greenprint Forum's ongoing Plastic Action campaign which is part funded by the former East Suffolk Partnership and the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB Sustainable Development Fund. The East Suffolk Greenprint Forum is a voluntary network open to all and facilitated by the Council. It aspires to improve the quality of life in the district while reducing the impact on the environment.

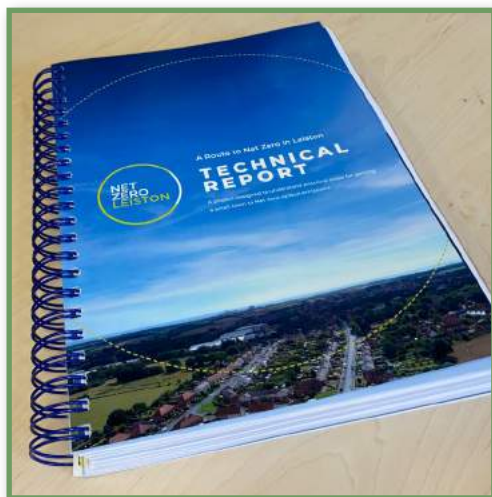
**For more information about the Greenprint Forum, go to**  
**[www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/east-suffolk-greenprint-forum/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/east-suffolk-greenprint-forum/)**  
**or email: [greenissues@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:greenissues@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)**





Net Zero Leiston reached a very important milestone earlier this year when we published the full route map to Net Zero for our town and we were very pleased with the results. This follows two years of hard work by the Leiston Together Partnership, the Town Council and our expert partners. The project has been supported throughout by Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council and engineering and energy experts.

The route map outlines an achievable, although challenging, plan for Leiston to reach Net Zero by around 2030 through a phased approach of credible, robust



and available techniques. For anyone who is interested in reading the technical report containing the route map, they can request a digital copy from [www.netzeroleiston.info](http://www.netzeroleiston.info)

Many will remember that this group came together around two years ago. It was tasked with understanding how this community could tackle its carbon emissions and contribute to reaching Net Zero; the point when the amount of greenhouse gas produced is no more than the amount removed. Helping to protect our environment is an important ambition, in line with the rest of Suffolk's ambition of becoming the greenest county. This project has demonstrated that reaching Net Zero is not straightforward, and that communities need all the support available to help them work towards it.

The plan is one thing but outlining what it means for each member of the Leiston community and delivering on the plan is the next key step. This year we are planning a series of community events and activities to provide clear messaging and tools which will help the community understand their carbon emissions and how they can go about tackling them. By working together, we can support each other in tackling carbon emissions and reaching our net zero commitments.

To help with this, we are very pleased to announce the launch of our "Net Zero Pledges" campaign, which will provide a way for the community to understand what individual contributions they can make to help our goal of reaching Net Zero. It will be a highly visual campaign,

with displays throughout the town, as well as online aspects which you can find on the NZL website. You can pledge to contribute to the town's goal by taking on carbon savings measures we recommend or creating your own! You can collect pledge cards across Leiston, so look out for our posters in shops and the Town Council offices to get involved. If you wanted to find more information and complete a pledge digitally, you can find more information on the Net Zero

Leiston website.

Look out for more information on this campaign as there will be fun incentives and ways you can support the campaign. We hope that by highlighting all the ways in which this town is helping to fight climate change, we will cement our place as a truly green and environmentally conscious community. If you have any questions, please contact the Net Zero Leiston team for further information.



In 2021 the Big Dig was one of a number of events planned as part of Leiston Town Council's initiative, 'Leiston Makes Space for Wildlife', which aims to include more wildlife-friendly

planting in the town's public open spaces. You can follow @leistonmakesspace on Facebook.

An enormous effort from the children and staff at Avocet Academy on 7th December 2021 saw the planting of over 800 saplings to create new 'wild harvest' hedging around the perimeter of the Sports Field beside the Community Orchard. This was part of the "Queens Green Canopy" project run by the Woodland Trust. The hedging was donated by the Woodland Trust to help communities increase the amount of hedging and trees across the country.

This special Jubilee year, we are planting

three Royal Oaks across our parks, as well as a small wild flower area at Victory Road Park.

Please look out for our information stall at Leiston's Jubilee Weekend.

Residents are encouraged to make suggestions on how to further improve Leiston's open spaces to benefit residents and encourage wildlife by contacting [office@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk). You can also contact the council if you would like to offer your help at future events.







## leiston youth club

After a very long and difficult two years, Leiston Youth Club has finally reopened! We are ready to welcome members old and new back into the Club.

We already have a good membership level for our Junior Club which is open on a Monday night from 6.30-8.30pm, however our Senior Club would love to see a few more young people through its doors. Senior night is currently on a Thursday night from 6.30-9.00pm and anyone aged between 12 and 18 is welcome. We do charge 50p subs a night which enable us to keep the club fully stocked with craft equipment and games (though donations are always welcome)

We have a wide range of activities available including pool, board games, table tennis, Xbox, arts and crafts and

cooking to name just a few. We also offer advice and support and have a fully stocked tuck shop. All our staff are db's checked and have completed all the necessary training to enable us to run a safe and fun environment for young people to enjoy.



For any questions, or just to see what we do search 'Leiston Youth Club' on Facebook or email us at leistonyouthclub@yahoo.co.uk.

You can find us at  
Leiston Childrens Centre, Waterloo  
Avenue, Leiston, IP16 4HF.  
Hope to see you soon!

## Leiston's Community Centre

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office@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk

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Available to Book from £12 per hour



King George's Avenue, Leiston



## Leiston's Jubilee Weekend

Leiston Events Group is organising a two day celebration to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th June 2022. A Music Festival and Skate Jam will take place on the Friday followed on Saturday by a Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day, with a Cinema in the Park and Fireworks finale. The weekend event is designed for the whole town to celebrate 70 years of the Queen's reign and for families and friends to come together after the last two years of the pandemic. The weekend will showcase local talent, businesses and organisations. There will be lots of entertainment to cater for every age group, including a Funfair, Street Performers, Sports Zone and stalls over both days. The Music Festival includes local acts and will have a Beatles tribute band The Austin Beats headlining. On Saturday's Celebration Day, a Royal Parade with Leiston's British Legion Band leading uniformed groups plus walkers and floats will bring everyone through the town up to

Victory Road Park. The afternoon will include the Queen's Afternoon Tea Party (details page 20), Dog Show, Live Music and Dancing, Punch and Judy, Wang a Wellie W'Olympics and much more....the evening will finish with a Cinema in the Park showing of the Disney film "Encanto" plus fireworks.

Thank you to all those who are supporting the weekend and in particular our main sponsors Leiston Town Council, EDF SZC, East Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council.

As well as the two day event at Victory Road Park, residents could arrange their own 'Street Party' on Sunday 5th June, national Jubilee Street Party Day! If your street would like to organise a street party than head to the website below for more details.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks/apply-for-a-queens-platinum-jubilee-street-party-or-other-public-event/>



## Skate Jam



Leiston Skate Park  
Friday 3rd June 1pm to 4pm



# *Leiston's Jubilee Weekend*

*Victory Road Park, 1pm - 10pm*

*Friday 3rd June*  
*Music Festival*

AUSTIN BEATS  
HANDLE WITH CARE  
BILLY HUNT/GEORGINA TILSON  
SILMORE  
TOBY YOUNG  
RUE DE LA MORT  
HURRICANE WOLVES  
ELEVENTH HOUR

*Saturday 4th June*  
*Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Day*

ROYAL PARADE  
QUEEN'S AFTERNOON TEA PARTY  
LIVE MUSIC & DANCE PERFORMANCES  
DOG SHOW | PUNCH & JUDY  
CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP | STALLS  
WANG A WELLIE W' OLYMPICS  
CINEMA IN THE PARK  
AND FIREWORKS

**SUFFOLK SPORT | STREET PERFORMERS | FOOD STALLS | LICENCED BAR**



# Leiston's Jubilee Weekend

Friday 3rd June Music Festival

Saturday 4th June Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day

Ending With Cinema On The Park



A full programme for Leiston's Jubilee Weekend (3rd/4th June) will be available in the coming months but in the meantime, PLEASE GET INVOLVED.

- Register for a complimentary ticket to the Queen's Afternoon Tea Party (INVITATION BELOW).
- Book a stall to advertise your Business/Group/Organisation by emailing [leistoneventsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:leistoneventsgroup@gmail.com)
- Arrange a team for the Wang a Wellie WOlympics/Tug of War (details below)
- Enter a Float or think about a costume for the walking Royal Parade on Saturday 4th June (details below).

## Saturday 4th June Queen's Afternoon Tea Party Victory Park Tea Marquee 2pm Or 3.30pm

### INCLUDING ENTERTAINMENT

To celebrate the Queen's 70 years on the throne, we're offering 70 complimentary afternoon tea tickets for Leiston cum Sizewell residents aged 70+ Complimentary tickets allocated on a first come first served basis

Additional tickets can be purchased at £6pp

Please reserve/purchase your ticket by contacting Leiston Council Office on 01728 830388

Or email [assets@leistoncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:assets@leistoncouncil.gov.uk)

Closing date for reserving your place/purchasing your ticket is 13th May 2022, to avoid disappointment, early booking is recommended.

Sponsored by Leiston cum Sizewell Town Council.

## Saturday 4th June The Royal Parade

Come and join our royal parade either as an individual or have fun with family and friends by dressing up and walking or entering a float. An ideal opportunity to promote your group/organisation/business.

The parade starts at 12.45pm from the car park opposite Londis in Sizewell Road.

All float entries need to register by emailing [leistoneventsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:leistoneventsgroup@gmail.com)

## Wang a Wellie in a Wheelie WOlympics 4th June 2022 at Victory Park

Each team has 6 members who contest five events.

- 1) Wang a Wellie in a Wheelie.  
(Two Wellie boot throws per team member.)
- 2) The Wheelie Welay (6x30 yard Dash with a wheelie bin)
- 3) 4) The Wellie challenge throw  
(2 throw 2 per member-1 point per 10 yds)
- 4) Tug a Wellie War (6 a side tug of war)

It's wellie wheelie, whealie good fun.

We need teams from Schools, Pubs, Sport Clubs, Businesses, Farmers, Crazy Mad Friends, Fire Fighter, Posties, Police,

Teams can be all male, all female or mixed.

Phone Cliff on 01728-830394 or

Email: [leistoneventsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:leistoneventsgroup@gmail.com)

and we will deliver an entry form to you



## LEISTON'S JUBILEE WEEKEND FUN DOG SHOW

Sat 4th June 2-3:30pm Victory Road Park

1. Loveliest Lady – female dogs over the age of 18 months
2. Handsomest hound – male dogs over the age of 18 months
3. Precious Pup – male or female puppies up to 18 months
4. Golden Oldie – male or female dog over the age of 9 years
5. Best dressed – male or female dog with the best Royal fancy dress
6. Best Talent – male or female dogs who are happy to perform a few favourite tricks

Judges will be looking for dogs that look happy and healthy, including healthy coats, bright eyes and of a good weight. They will also be looking at the dogs character and the special bond the owner has with their dog.



£1 per dog, per class &  
have a go agility with Eve Bailey

Please register at the doggy desk located by the main ring



Sponsored by: Barking Mad and The Dogs Cabin





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## World Book Day 2022

As this goes to press the School is busy making preparations for a spectacular World Book Day which will be spread over two weeks! This year our theme is Empathy, Diversity and Collaboration and children will be invited to dress to express in a way that reflects them – who they are, what makes them happy or even perhaps, who inspires them? The choice is theirs!

## Sponsored Read!

How many books can you read or share in 2 weeks? This began before half term where our children came home with a sponsorship form challenging them to see how many books they can read or share across a two-week period, leading up to World Book Day. The money raised will be spent on buying new books for our revised reading diet, an irresistible offer of classic, contemporary and diverse texts which aim to engage our children in the enthralling world that books have to offer. This was also a great opportunity to make use of our fantastic local library!

## Competition

### Look who's got caught reading!

A whole school competition for families to send in photos or drawings of themselves sharing and enjoying books as a family

with questions to think about such as;

*Where is the most the creative/exciting place you can read?*  
*How can you show others what reading means to you?*

## Sharing the staff's love of reading

Our staff bravely shared photos from their childhood and their favourite books. Can the children identify the staff member and then match them to the correct title?

All of this, coupled with an exciting opportunity for parents and children to share and 'taste test' the texts offered in this years Travelling Book Fair together, put the importance of reading at the heart of our curriculum.



## Suffolk Mind

This term we welcomed a project in collaboration with Suffolk Mind and The East Suffolk Community Partnership for the local area which saw our staff receive an opportunity to support their Mental Wellbeing and how this in turn, supports our children's Mental Wellbeing. This was completed in conjunction with a class based project for Year 5 which saw the children discussing their 12 emotional needs and how they can support themselves as well as how to reach out positively if they require additional

support. This was received brilliantly by staff and pupils alike.



## EACH

Finally, thanks go to our Year 6 pupils who, with the support of Mrs Hammond and Mrs Wilson, raised a fantastic £301.24 for their choice of charity; East Anglian Children's Hospice. This was a school wide event organised by the group. Well done all!

## Local Advisory Board

Are you interested in supporting the continuous development of our school and supporting the young people in our local area? We are looking for Community members of our Local Advisory Board (formally known as Governing Body). If you feel that you have particular skills which you could offer our rapidly expanding school and would like to know more then please contact us via email at [leiston.admin@avocetacademy.org](mailto:leiston.admin@avocetacademy.org)



Preparations are well underway for the LYCAS 2022 fishing season and events schedule, commencing at the beginning of April.

The bailiffs have been busy over the winter months maintaining Haylings pond including cutting back overgrown vegetation both in and around the pond. There are also a number of improvements being made by the volunteer team on weekend work parties around the pond. These improvements include the construction of a new path linking the car park with the disabled angling area, as well as improvements to the bank on the East side of the pond and one of the wooden platforms. Many thanks to Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council for the permission and support for doing this work.

Also in preparation for the new season, a

number of the bailiffs recently undertook the Emergency First Aid and AED defibrillator training course in order to be able to help angling participants, or general users of the open space during pleasure fishing and events.

The club runs fun fishing competitions and lessons for children every Wednesday evening and adult competitions every Friday evening from April through to the end of August.

If you would like to become a member or find out more about LYCAS, please contact any of the bailiffs via the details on the notice board at Haylings pond or pop into Saxmundham Angling Centre.





## LEISTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

This time last year our volunteers were extremely busy with requests to collect prescriptions and with dealing with pandemic related problems. The number of these calls has gradually reduced and this allows us more time for other activities such as visiting people for a chat and planning outings.

We have also taken over the community allotment from the Mens' Shed and hope to make more of this as a place to meet up with others and enjoy being outside in addition to providing small plots for people to grow their own food. We have small raised beds which are perfect for salad crops or a couple of squash plants or even some sweet peas or larger areas



We are pleased to announce that we are hoping to restart up the club again.

After all this time of being shut in at home its time to take a brave step outside and be able to meet up with friends old and new once again.

The Club will meet every Tuesday afternoon hopefully from the end of March in the Community Centre, King Georges Avenue.

We look forward to welcoming old and new members over 60 years of age from

for anything needing a bit more space such as potatoes or runner beans.



We welcome those just starting out as well as experienced growers. If you would like help or company while you grow, a small group meet between 10am and 12 midday on Wednesdays (weather permitting). It's free to get involved and we have tools and some seeds to get you going.

Even if you don't want to grow anything for yourself but you would like some fresh air or the chance to volunteer and meet new people, we have various jobs to do such as watering or helping with various projects such as creating habitats for wildlife.

If you would like to find out more, do call us on 07724 777465 or email [leistongoodneighbour@gmail.com](mailto:leistongoodneighbour@gmail.com).

Leiston and the surrounding villages.

We have a mini bus to collect anyone who needs help in getting there.

All members must have had their COVID-19 Vaccination.

We are looking for Volunteer Drivers and also Volunteer helpers to help with the club.

If you are looking to join us either as a member or a volunteer please phone Irene on 01728 832028 or email [packardi@btinternet.com](mailto:packardi@btinternet.com)

## Leiston Town Bowls Club

be challenging these champions.

Leiston Town Bowls Club was founded from the Garret Works working men's club early in 19<sup>th</sup> century, originally the green was where the LTAA car park now is, the new green, pavilion, changing rooms, positioned at the far side of the LTAA Sports and Social Club was financed and built totally by the club members and opened in 1984.

At that time the club had over 50 members, their main rivals were the Con Club where the membership was also around 50, over the years popularity has caused less interest in the game of bowls, bowler numbers dropped, the two clubs amalgamated about ten years ago,

Leiston now has just the one flat green bowls club the Leiston Town Bowls Club, the Con Club having closed and now needing redevelopment. Leiston Town seek new members.

Leiston Town Bowls Club facilities has for many years been seen as one of the best flat green bowling venues in East Suffolk, often used to host Suffolk County games, but unfortunately, we lack numbers, we seek new members, novices, returning bowlers all welcome. The bowls club can supply, coaching, equipment everything you need to try your hand at bowling.

Once seen as old mans game the National Bowls Championships held at Potters Hopton, Gt Yarmouth every year shows that all champions are between 18 and 50 now, simple to learn, yet skilful to play. Line and length are terms used for you to learn to play but in no time a novice can

Leiston Town Bowls Club plays in the Saxmundham and District league, the Woodbridge District League and when suitable numbers the Fynn League, opportunities for all bowlers to ply their skills at other local clubs. There are additional opportunities to play for Club Cups, Shields or individual, single, triples in league or County tournaments.

Non-competitive? Just like a gentle hobby we can accommodate you too.

Leiston Town Bowls Club sits inside a eight foot high security fence just beyond the LTAA Sports Club house in Victory Road. It's a very homely, welcoming club run by a committee of bowlers. The Club high class facilities are managed by a team of players who maintain the green, grounds, pavilion and kitchen.

Every year it runs an open tournament which attracts upward of 100 people, players and spectators, this can raise over £600 which helps finance the annual cost of running the club.

Flat green bowls is an outdoor sport, healthy, friendly, good social meeting place, gives you exercise, fresh air, not expensive. Everything the government and your Doctors recommend.

Contact – Visit our games most evenings during May - September season or ring:

**Chairman- Craig Alexander:** 07759918387

**Secretary - Grennie Wright:** 07761390352

**Greenkeeper - Mick Battle:** 07807966382

**Treasurer - Bing Boast:** 07889451703



Guiding momentum is increasing faster every day with the Rainbows, Brownie and Guides able to do even more than ever, we are also thankful for the ongoing easement of Covid restrictions. Our units are thriving, all are meeting 'face to face', we have welcomed new rainbows, brownies, guides and recently 10 brownies have made their Brownie promise. The opportunity is here, come and join us.

Our programme is packed full of adventure and variety. We have a huge range of activities to try, plenty of badges to earn and loads of ways to develop new skills, there something for everyone. Guiding challenges, us all to be the best we can be.

Leiston Rainbows, 1<sup>st</sup> Leiston Brownies have been celebrating Chinese New Year and Knodishall Brownies International Pizza Day. The environment is of concern to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Leiston Brownies, they are looking at minimising waste and plastic pollution as part of their Zero waste badge. How often do we throw things away when they can be reused, I hear that the brownies are repurposing glass bottles into vases to give as a gift. We challenge you to make a new outfit from clothes you have not worn for a long time, you will be surprised at the result.

With the opening up of travel, 1<sup>st</sup> Leiston Brownies are working on their Aviation badge, making planes, learning about what can fly and of course not forgetting how map grid references work, they will never get lost.

Knodishall Brownies challenge as part of the Winter Olympics was playing indoor ice-hockey, anything is possible with some imagination and a set of hockey kit.

Leiston Guides are working towards their Stage 3 - Skill Builders badges of Innovate and Feel Good which incorporate activities for Building confidence, Sports, Inventing, Happiness and Healthy food.

All our units are looking forward to celebrating World Thinking Day with challenges (food, games, craft and music) planned.

With the evenings beginning to get warmer and lighter, we cannot wait to get outside more, when you spot us out and about in the local area do say hello.

This year is very special for our Queen. We are now in the year of the Queens Platinum Jubilee; did you know that her majesty was a Guide joining 1<sup>st</sup> Buckingham Palace Guide company at the age of 11 and continues to this day to be patron of Girl Guiding UK. We will be celebrating the Queens association with Guiding with various activities being planned and joining local celebrations.

There are opportunities (children and adults) to join us, please contact us at:

<https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-member/>

Come and make a difference, help us to provide the guiding opportunities for our younger generation, share and increase your own skills by becoming Leaders, Unit Helpers with our units.

To show what being in Guiding can mean, achieve and knowing all of you love to sing (*tune of "She'll Be Coming 'Round the*

*Mountain..."*), remember singing is good exercise as well:

Remember we can all learn from the past, enjoy the present and look forward to the future, be part of Guiding.

**Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Unit Helpers, Leaders of Leiston and Knodishall Units**

### *Give Croquet a Try? Come to the Open Day*

Many of the Thorpeness Croquet Club members have been playing right through the winter but the 2022 season really gets under way after the AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> March. Club afternoons will be on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 2pm.

There is an Open Day on Saturday 16 April from mid-day through the afternoon to give anyone interested in trying out the game. Just turn up in flat soled shoes – we have plenty of mallets to choose from. There will be instruction for those new to the game.

Croquet offers sport, friendship, fun,

competition and a whole lot more. It is also a game where men, women, young and old can all compete against each other, unlike most games. It sounds easy and is for beginners but once you know the game it embraces skill, strategy, angles, tactics and guile

Our friendly club has a lawn at the Pavilion Sportsground in Thorpeness where we have our own clubhouse and use of the Pavilion too. It is situated opposite the golf course on the Aldringham road out of Thorpeness. Plenty of parking.

Further information from Gerald Lomax on 01728 768846 or 07882 621102 or email him on [geraldlomax@outlook.com](mailto:geraldlomax@outlook.com)

[thorpenesscroquetclub.onesuffolk.net](http://thorpenesscroquetclub.onesuffolk.net)



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### News from Alde and Blyth Community Radio ...

As our first anniversary approaches, we are hoping to move into new premises in the near future, which will provide a greater presence, the introduction of a second studio and an open day, for listeners to come and have a peak behind the microphones.

The cost of the equipment for the second studio has been kindly part funded by grant funding by Suffolk County Councillor T.J. Haworth-Culf, for which we are extremely grateful. This means that our second studio can be equipped to mirror our first studio, enabling presenters greater flexibility when preparing their various programmes.

We are extremely grateful to our advertisers, who generous support enables us to cover our expenses. If you would like to know more about our affordable advertising and sponsorship opportunities, please email: [studio@abcradio.co.uk](mailto:studio@abcradio.co.uk)

The new ABC Radio app has been well received and this extends the availability of the station, beyond the website, with many people also listening regularly via

their Alexa devices.

Talking of listeners, our statistics for February were very encouraging, with an average of 13,000 connections each week.

We are also now investigating the possibility of presenting live outside broadcasts and purchasing a branded marquee, so that we can cover many local events. We are already in talks to broadcast live from Aldeburgh Carnival in August and this facility would greatly broaden the awareness of our station.

All in all, ABC Radio continues to move forward at a comfortable pace, but will always need volunteers to get involved, so if you'd like to get involved, either as a potential presenter, technician, or studio support, please get it touch, via the ABC Radio website.

ABC Radio currently broadcasts every Friday between 5pm-10pm, Saturdays from 9.30am-11pm and Sunday's from 9.30am-10am. Visit the website for our programme schedule at: [www.abcradio.co.uk](http://www.abcradio.co.uk)



## Leiston Abbey · 1363 ·



We continue to be very busy at Leiston Abbey. Our music school is currently in the midst of holding the semi-final rounds of the Pro Corda Chamber Music Festival for schools. This is the only national festival to exclusively promote and celebrate chamber music within schools and is a vibrant annual celebration of chamber music education. We have schools from all over the country taking part and this year we are thrilled to have some very talented young local musicians involved and progressing to the semi-final including ensembles from Woodbridge School, Thomas Mills High School, and Ipswich School. Our adjudicators have been really excited to hear all the ensembles and to hold some rounds of The Festival in our Medieval Barn for the first time.

In other news, we still have two concerts left in the current series with more to be announced soon. If you would like to join us the concerts we have coming up are:

19<sup>th</sup> March "Spanish Night Concert."  
Andrew Quartermain (piano) and Noel

Vine (violin) would like to welcome you to a night of Spanish themed music and food. Relax and enjoy an evening that will transport you to sunnier climes. Tickets £17.50 or £25 with "fizz" upgrade. 6pm start.

30<sup>th</sup> April Classical Chill Springtime Gala Dinner Concert. Join Andrew Quartermain and Noel Vine to celebrate the start of a new season with piano and violin music along with their usual musical musings. Welcome drink, canapes, main course and dessert. Ticket price £35. 6pm start.

If you are interested in booking for an upcoming concert, please either give us a call on 01728 831354, visit our website [procorda.com](http://procorda.com) or go to Ticketsource and search "Leiston Abbey".

We look forward to welcoming you to The Abbey very soon.

Katy Osborne-Palmer

PA to the CEO Schools & Educational  
Programmes Administrator



## Making a splash at Leiston Film Theatre

Everyone's favourite children's theatre company, The McDougalls, return to Leiston Film Theatre this Easter with a brand new live musical show for all the family. BIG SPLASH will be appearing for one performance only at 2.00pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Wave hello to Max, Auntie Aggie and Morag the Rabbit, and swim deep under the sea for an enchanting adventure.

Something fishy is going on in the underwater kingdom, and the mermaids and deep-sea creatures need help. Will The McDougalls save the sea?

### THE McDOUGALLS BIG SPLASH!



Auntie Aggie, one of the show's stars, said: "We can't wait to visit Leiston once again. We need your help to solve the quest and sing the songs! We've love it too if you could dress up as a sea creature. If you've never seen a McDougalls show before – your kids will love it!"

To find out more about this spectacular stage show, packed with seaside sing-along songs, audience participation and musical mayhem, and to book tickets, head along to the Leiston Film Theatre website at: [www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk](http://www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk).

The show is recommended for children up to 8. Grown ups will love it too! Join The McDougalls for fun-filled afternoon of musical mayhem! Tickets are discounted to only £5.95 for a limited time, so book now to avoid disappointment.

## What's On at Leiston Film Theatre SPECIAL EVENT

Northern Ballet

Fri 1st & Sat 2nd Apr at 7.15  
Sun 3rd Apr at 6.00  
Mon 4th Apr at 3.00  
Tues 5th Apr at 7.15  
Wed 6th Apr at 3.00  
Thurs 7th Apr at 7.15

Catherine Tate and Matthew Horne in

### THE NAN MOVIE 15

Mon 4th Apr at 7.15  
Tues 5th Apr at 3.00  
Wed 6th Apr at 7.15  
Thurs 7th Apr at 3.00

Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren in

### THE DUKE 12A

Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd Apr at 7.15  
Sun 24th Apr at 6.00  
Mon 25th Apr at 3.00 & 7.15  
Tues 26th Apr at 7.15  
Wed 27th Apr at 3.00 & 7.15  
Thurs 28th Apr at 7.15

Colin Firth and Matthew Macfadyen in

### OPERATION MINCEMEAT 12A



#### Northern Ballet: Merlin

Leiston Film Theatre  
Sunday 24th April at 3.00pm.  
Tickets: £14.95.

Discover how the world's most famous sorcerer mastered his magic to unite a warring kingdom. Inspired by the story of the mythical wizard, Northern Ballet's Merlin will take you on a sweeping epic adventure of heartbreak, hope and more than a little magic. Expect an enchanting spectacle, reawakened through a blend of classical ballet and magical storytelling.

NOW BOOKING - 01728 830549  
[www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk](http://www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk)



## The Band of The Royal British Legion, Leiston




As life starts to return to some sort of normality the band are pleased to be back rehearsing twice a week and getting ready for another busy year ahead. With performances planned along the seafront at Aldeburgh and Southwold, the Rendlesham Show, and of course celebrations for the Queen's Platinum

Jubilee, there is lots to look forward to in the band calendar for 2022.

Whilst it has been lovely to see so many players return to the band after a difficult couple of years, there is always room for a few more! If you play brass or percussion, we would love to see you. Alternatively, if you are interested in learning to play, we have a training band and drum school which would be a great place to start. To find out more information, please contact our Musical Director, Peter Gray on 07388 868247.

To keep up to date on what's happening with the band and where we will be playing next, don't forget to follow us on Facebook or go to our website at [www.leistonband.org](http://www.leistonband.org).

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*"It is now time for us to regroup, relaunch and recruit new voices"*

The choir boasts very strong tenor and bass sections, which is something to be envied

## THE LONG SHOP MUSEUM

### Museum's Community Hub steams toward the finish!

The Long Shop Museum in Leiston is happy to announce that its Community Hub is now set to open in March 2022. With the new kitchen building in place, it just requires the final fittings and equipment to be installed. Museum Manager, Fraser Hale said "This project has taken rather longer than we'd planned, and we are enormously grateful to the organisations that supported us so generously and patiently, allowing us to bring this project to fruition." Mr Hale continued, "We have been, and continue to be, supported throughout by Magnox Ltd. Their generosity has funded not only much of the capital cost of the project,

but also the work of our Outreach and Volunteer Officers. Together, these contributions have allowed us to transform the museum both physically and ideologically into an exciting new facility for the town and its visitors."

The Community Hub Project has seen a large area of the museum remodelled into an open, adaptable and inclusive community space to which entry will be free. The addition of new, purpose built kitchen facilities will allow for the sale of hot and cold refreshments in the Hub. Seating and tables, both inside, and out in the museum's garden, will be available to visitors to eat, socialise and relax. The area will also contain community curated and other temporary displays, which it is hoped will stimulate engagement and conversation.

Work on the project is scheduled for completion in March, the target being that the Hub will be ready to open to the public in time for the museum's season opening event – Steam Up! - on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

in the world of community choirs! Not to mention a soaring soprano section and alto's that just constantly deliver!

The choir currently has a combined membership of 50 talented choristers across the two areas, and a planned joint Concert with Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir this October to celebrate our 10 year anniversary.

It is now time for us to regroup, relaunch and recruit new voices as we emerge from the past 2 years a different choir, but with our same core values: bringing joy to our

audience and members and supporting our community through our 'Love to Sing'.

### Rachael Tecklenberg

Musical Director Love to Sing Choir

Go to [www.lovetosing.onesuffolk.net](http://www.lovetosing.onesuffolk.net) or  
email: [love2singchoir@gmail.com](mailto:love2singchoir@gmail.com).



# Leiston Works Railway

## MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

Gauge Steam Railway.

The Leiston Works Railway (LWR) are delighted to announce their second Model Railway Show.

Once again, the event is taking place at the Sizewell Sports and Social Club in Leiston on Saturday 9th April 2022.

The show will be in the main hall of the venue and will be open from 10.00am until 4.00pm.

In the hall there will be a selection of various gauge model railway layouts from different eras of railway history. The LWR will also take the opportunity to bring everyone up to date, with an exhibition showing the progress that has been made so far with the project. Also available, to help with LWR funds, will be railway books and magazines to purchase at reasonable prices. The Mid Suffolk Light Railway and the Halesworth to Southwold Narrow Gauge Railway Society will also be bringing their stands to show their latest progress.

A new edition to the Model Railway Show, and especially for the young ones to enjoy, will be an early 'Playmobil' Railway Layout from the 1980's, complimented by 'Playmobil' accessories. This will be available (under the supervision of adults) for the children to take part at controlling the trains on the layout.

Weather permitting, the Halesworth to Southwold Narrow Gauge Railway Society will also be bringing their Outdoor Narrow

The LWR Model Railway Show in October 2021 was very popular by members of the public who visited and the exhibitors alike, so the LWR have decided to hold this second event.

The Sizewell Club will have food and beverages available to purchase throughout the day during the model railway show.

Admission to the show is £3.00 per adult, with children under the age of 16 getting in for free.

Free parking is available at the venue. The address of the Sizewell Sports and Social Club is King Georges Avenue, Leiston, Suffolk. IP16 4JX.

For more details about the show please contact 07769 906 035. You can also follow the progress of the LWR on the Leiston Works Railway Facebook page.

The Leiston Works Railway look forward to seeing you there!

Please note: The LWR cannot be held responsible for the unavailability of any model railway exhibit.

Do you own a model railway that you have been painstakingly building? Have you ever considered showing it at a model railway show? If so, the Leiston Works Railway would like to hear from you so that they can get in touch for future model railway shows. Please contact the LWR on the telephone number above.

## Handy Information...



[www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area/leiston](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area/leiston)

**Suffolk Police: 101 (ask for Leiston SNT)**

**Email: [leistonaldeburgh.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:leistonaldeburgh.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)**

**101 is the police number to report any non emergency.**

## The Leiston Surgery

**Tel: 01728 830526**

Main Street, Leiston, IP16 4ES

**Email: [sec.leistonsurgery@nhs.net](mailto:sec.leistonsurgery@nhs.net)**

**DOCTORS:** Dr Blades, Dr Maggs, Dr Pai, Dr Qureshi, Dr Barstow, Dr Calfa, Dr Badawy

**Public Defibrillator:** Outside Co-op (Sizewell Road) and Children's Centre (Waterloo Avenue).

**Other defibrillators** are available (when open) in the Community Centre, the Library, the Film Theatre and Alde Valley Academy (outside reception).



## Report It! at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/online-services](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/online-services)

**EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL:** [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

**Tel: 03330 162000**

**SC NORSE:** refuse collection/dog bins/recycling

**Tel: 03450 402020**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL:**

**Tel: 08456 077055**

**Highways:** Tel: 0800 591055 **Social Care:** Tel: 03456 066067 **Bus Passes:** Tel: 03456 000659

## Local Services...

**Community Car Service:** Tel: 831215

**Job Centre:** Tel: 401004

**Library:** Tel: 831252

**Long Shop Museum:** Tel: 832189

**Leisure Centre:** Tel: 830364

**Citizens Advice:** Tel: 832193

**LEEWAY:** Tel: 0845 2142171

(Domestic violence & abuse service)

**CRUSE :** Tel: 01394 670770

(Bereavement Care)

**The Ferns:** Tel: 01473 668974

(Sexual Assault Referral Centre)

**Leiston Primary School:** Tel: 830745

**Alde Valley Academy:** Tel: 830570

**SCotC** Tel: 07767114770

(Suffolk New College on the Coast)

**Leiston Good Neighbour Scheme:**

Tel: 07724 777465 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm  
[leistongoodneighbour@gmail.com](mailto:leistongoodneighbour@gmail.com)

## Local Organisations...

**Leiston Children's Centre:** Tel: 642930

**LFT Support Club:** (Leiston Film Theatre) Tel: 831714

**Leiston Scouts:** (Steven Burch) Tel: 832479

**Leiston Guides, Brownies, Rainbows:**  
(Vicky Taylor) Tel: 07530697826

**Leiston Youth Club:** (Lucy Pickett) via Facebook

**Leiston WI:** (Judy Geater) Tel: 831628

**CYDS:** (Stuart Watson) Tel: 830716

**CATS:** (Accessible Transport on demand) Tel: 830516

**Leiston Worry Tree** [worrytreeleiston@gmail.com](mailto:worrytreeleiston@gmail.com)

**Leiston Swimming Club:** (Matt Dye) Tel: 833266

**Email: [mathew.dye@btoopenworld.com](mailto:mathew.dye@btoopenworld.com)**

**PISCES** Disabled Swimming Club: Tel: 648270

**Rose and Sweet William Club:** Tel: 832028

**The Band of Royal British Legion:** Tel: 833458

**Email: [secretary@leistonband.org](mailto:secretary@leistonband.org)**

**SAMARITANS Helpline:**

Tel: 08457 909090

**Leiston Town Pastors:**

Tel: 603221





# Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council



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## OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

**Monday & Tuesday:** 09:00 - 12:30 & 14:00 - 16:45

**Wednesday:** Closed

**Thursday & Friday:** 09:00 - 12:30

