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## Blythburgh leads on Sizewell C

You may be for or against nuclear power or think that it is unlikely that Sizewell C will ever be built. Nevertheless, in order to campaign to minimize the negative impacts and maximize the positives of the project, it is essential to engage with it, assuming that it will go ahead.

Blythburgh with Bulcamp and Hinton Parish Council has, therefore, continued in meetings and through the Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group to press the district and county councils to be proactive in the development of a focused Suffolk case.

Blythburgh has received positive responses from the district and county planners and Dr Therese Coffey MP, to a statement of its stance. But there is much to do. Some parishes did not respond at the Stage One Consultation opportunity. Some of those that did communicated only with EDF, leaving other authorities ignorant of their position. The district and county are therefore playing 'catch up' with a series of local consultative meetings to discover what local councils want.

The timing of Stage Two Consultation is not yet fixed. EDF has to deal with a number of problems first. A price for the generated electricity has to be agreed with government; capital to pay for the project must be found; there are technical and cost problems with EDF's Flamanville (France) development, and

Hinckley Point, ahead of Sizewell, must be progressed.

The picture may be blurred but the parish council is preparing for Stage Two Consultation. It has urged the district and county to help communities by summarising the key areas for consideration - not just those EDF is likely to highlight. The parish council will highlight issues on which there is likely consensus such as the creation of a community fund; the need to support education and training; and the need for sustainability.

Consultants should be provided to help in presenting this case and EDF should be pressed to back its proposals with evidence. Not all communities will be happy with the outcome. Some will have to accept least-worst proposals. But it is essential that there is confidence that local criteria as well as EDF's commercial objectives have been reflected.

The building of Sizewell C will mean a decade of disturbance. Thereafter, the on-going impact of the operating station will be considerable. That also should be considered now so that the best result for Suffolk is achieved. Every resident should be receiving EDF's periodic 'Project Updates'. If you have something to say please contact Jim Boggis, the Parish Clerk.

**Alan Mackley**

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# A place of memories and dreams

Summer 2015 bought with it the celebration of Latitudes 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. Henham Park opened its gates to 35,000 festival goers and an array of quality acts and performances that this music and arts festival has come to be known for.

However, this year, the famously family friendly festival seemed to evolve into something new. The crowd still diverse and the acts just as fulfilling but the site had a hum over it this year, a buzz. Collectively, all in attendance shared the



sense that 'something is going to happen'. A firework display, to open the show on the first night sent people into a frenzy of anticipation – and organisers did not disappoint.

Revellers were left stunned to see the I Arena, set amongst the tranquil forest transformed into the epicentre of the celebration when Ed Sheeran took to the stage.

Sheeran, a Latitude-lover, joined a stream of acts from previous years, who returned to play triumphant shows, joined by *Snow Patrol* – Latitude headliners in 2005 and *Radiohead* front man Thom Yorke. *Alt J*, *SBTRKT* and James Blake also returned to a slot higher in the line-up.

Many festival goers took the opportunity to take a swim in the lake this year. Swimwear was a common sight, with Jacuzzis available and the sun shining overhead the entire weekend.

Once again, as people searched for shade Latitude's comedy tent was overflowing. People

pushed to see headliners Jason Manford and Jon Richardson who drew the biggest numbers over the weekend. Richardson, the perfect act to finish a day of top comedy, had the audience on his side as he shared anecdotes about his now wife and a disastrous trip to Portugal.

The comedian's style is familiar and the territory recognisable but it never felt overdone and the crowd roared at the star of Channel 4's *8 out of 10 Cats*.

The weekend served a varied range of sublime acts at the poetry, theatre, cabaret, literary, and film and music tents with an endless stream of surprises to keep everyone on their toes.

The Tenth edition of Latitude reflected the aptitude of proceedings in every part of the festival.

Security was increased, facilities improved and new stages opened. The weekend had a sense of occasion to it. From soulful Lianne La



Havas captivating the gathered crowd on a beautiful sunny afternoon to Sir Bob Geldof leading the *Boomtown Rats* through an onslaught of punk in a silver suit.

Over the last 10 years Latitude has created a very strong identity. It's a weekend spent in a stunning setting, with an incredible, varied line up and an atmosphere of calm excitement like no other festival.

Henham Park has been a place where memories have been made and dreams realised for a decade and this year was no different.

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## Och-aye the moo\*

Residents of Angel Lane who overlook Angel Field and the estuary beyond, have been delighted to greet their new neighbours whose numbers are steadily growing. At the end of June, four Highland cows (the shaggy variety with dramatic pointed horns) arrived. They had previously been grazing the Natural England Walberswick and Benacre reserves, but had arrived in Blythburgh for specific maternal reasons.

Each of the four were heavily pregnant and were moved to Angel field from their more wooded site so that Reserve Managers Adam Burrows and Will Russell could keep them in plain sight as the due date drew near.

Delightfully, two of these mothers gave birth on Blythburgh Day, 12 July, both to bull calves, and both of whom favour their father, being dark and brindled. They are thriving. At the time of



writing, there has been one further birth (see picture above) and we wait expectantly. You can see the cows and their calves if you walk along the public footpath that runs alongside the river.

Natural England has introduced Highland cattle to the reserves because these magnificent beasts like to feed on the margins between the heath and the reeds. In the process, they make holes which fill with water, attract fish and create a 'mosaic' area which is ideal for bittern feeding.

**Malcolm Doney**

*\*This is the author's headline*

**There will be** a Coffee Morning at Rushes Point, Dunwich Road on Wednesday 19th August at 10.30 a.m. in aid of SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy) Action. Everyone is welcome and there will be a draw, cake stall and a bring & buy produce/plant stall. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute an item for one of the stalls please contact Ro Williams on 01502 478484.

SUDEP Action campaigns for better awareness and treatment for epilepsy sufferers and for research into a condition that kills 650 people in the UK every year. For those of you that know Ro you will know that she lost her son last year aged 39 to this condition. Please come along and support this worthy cause.

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## BLYTHBURGH REFLECTIONS

# An early morning pint – tuppence

The Weighbridge Restaurant & Brew House in Swindon is quite a place to dine and, if distraction is needed, there is an opportunity to spot your favourite brew from the hundreds of historic bottles of ale that line the walls.

As chance would have it beside our table was a case containing a bottle of Adnams Ale and it set me thinking about the time in 1978 when I worked on *The Story of Adnams Ales*. In the 1970's little literature was available about Adnams but by chatting with key people the story emerged.

Through conversations with Bernard Seagrave-Daly and Simon Loftus the bookend chapters on early history and the future took shape but it was the conversations with employees past and present that provided personal insights into the more recent history and the brewing process.

Adnams had a number of employees who had been with the firm for a considerable number of years and one gentleman who was extremely generous with his time was Greg Wright.

Greg joined Adnams & Co as Under Brewer when Adnams took over the Aldeburgh brewery of Flintham Hall in 1924 and continued to work for Adnams until his retirement in 1966 at the age of 77.

Greg was in his 90s when we spoke and his insights were fascinating. When Adnams took over the Aldeburgh brewery Greg's wages were just twelve shillings a week and a pint of bitter or mild cost just two old pennies. Greg's working life was not easy: he acted as brewer, bottler, delivery-man and accountant with the assistance of only one horseman.

He was also tenant of the Albert Inn at Aldeburgh, one of the five houses in the area owned by Flintham Hall. A typical working day for Greg started at 4am when he began the mash. At 6am he opened the pub, looked after by his wife during the day, and which stayed open until 11pm.

Back then, everybody's working day began early and it wasn't unusual for Greg to open the pub before the legally permitted hour. He recalled one such occasion when the local policeman marched in with a cheerful cry of "I've got the

lot of you now!" Looking round the assembled company he apparently saw so many friendly faces that he simply shrugged and said: "Oh well, draw me a pint too."

The move to Southwold was beneficial for Greg – his wages were immediately raised to fifty shillings a week and he joined an expanding company which had just acquired its first steam wagon, was shortly to buy its first motor lorry and was actively buying up public houses in the immediate vicinity.



Adnams had 24 employees and Greg's working day, though excessively long by today's standards, was less strenuous than previously. Adnams went on to win many brewing medals but life wasn't without its challenges - Greg remembers using a hundred tons of wood to fire the coppers during the General Strike when coal was unobtainable.

Well known as a man who rose early and worked late, Greg attributed his vigorous old age to a hard but happy life.

**Words: Sonia Boggis**  
**Illustration: Spike Gerrell**

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NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY (with pic)

## Goodbye and thank you Joan Lyon

This month, Holy Trinity says a fond farewell to the Rev Joan Lyon, as team vicar. She has also been responsible for the churches of Wangford, Uggeshall, and Sotherton. She joined Holy Trinity four years ago from Luxembourg, and has since become an active and welcome part of village life.

She returns to her native Scotland, where she will be closer to children and grandchildren. She is to be priest-in-charge of St Ninian's Scottish Episcopal Church, Aberdeen, a city church built in the 1930s. Joan would like to point out that this is not the Church of Scotland, the Kirk, which is Presbyterian but the Episcopal Church which is a branch of the Anglican Communion.

St Ninian's gathers up to 40 worshippers, with a group of children and a growing number of young adults, most of whom live in the surrounding university halls of residence. She will also have contact with a local primary school, a residential care home, and work half a day a week in hospital chaplaincy.

Among her highlights of her time with us: "More people coming into the church for all sorts of occasions – the mini-market and café, the Christmas Market, children's activity day resulting in full length paintings of St Kevin and

St Clare, and a full church for the dedication of the Laurence Edwards altarpiece."

She will also miss "sitting on the grass on a sunny afternoon listening to music on Celebrating

Blythburgh Day; wonderful spooky bittern walks led by Adam Burrows; eating cake from the village shop; and looking out over the estuary."

But, above all, she has enjoyed the people of Blythburgh, saying:

"Thank you to those who have accompanied me along this part of life's journey and trusted me with their tales."

Joan has made a warm, lively and imaginative contribution to our church life. Her friendly, pastoral presence will be much missed in the village, too. We wish her a rich and fulfilling time in her new Aberdeen life. To see where she's heading, go to

[www.stniniansaberdeen.aodiocese.org.uk](http://www.stniniansaberdeen.aodiocese.org.uk)



## Joint attack on church parking

**Holy Trinity** and the Parish Council have joined together to find ways to improve parking in and around the village when Aldeburgh Music Festival Concerts are held in the church. The situation was particularly bad at a concert on June 13.

Jenny Allen, church warden at Holy Trinity, is to contact Aldeburgh Music to discuss the problems with them, suggesting that concert goers should be encouraged to use the church car parks (many chose not to because of the delay in leaving after concerts), to try to make more space available in the car parks, and to liaise with the village hall for the use of its parking space. Mrs Allen told the last meeting of the parish council that she had found Aldeburgh Music, which provides parking attendants, to be very helpful.

The council is to approach the police to see how they might be able to help and to investigate the purchase of bollards for use in Church Road and Chapel Lane.



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# Jenny Allen wins top Guiding award

*Jenny Allen thought it was an ordinary unit meeting, until her County Commissioner turned up to present her with the Laurel Award for outstanding service to guiding.*

It was a Monday night Guide meeting. We were out on Southwold Common playing a wide game in the perishing cold that made it feel more like January than June. We planned to follow the games with a Promise Ceremony and a celebration of our unit's 105<sup>th</sup> birthday by the tree that we planted for our centenary. We do make a bit of a d' for our birthday so it seemed worthy of cake, squash and inviting our local Trefoil Guild.

So far so good. But as we formed a horseshoe for the Promise Ceremony, I was suddenly aware that people were coming out of the bushes – literally. Our County President, our County Commissioner and her team, our Division Commissioners and our Region Chair of Communications, all appeared.

It was very peculiar, but I thought that my assistant leader must have invited them for our birthday celebrations. There was no time to speculate, they joined the horseshoe and four Guides duly made their Promise.

Then as I invited everybody to join us for cake - wondering whether we had enough to go round - my County Commissioner, Jacqui, stepped forward and said: "Just before that, I have something else to present" and to my total astonishment, she presented me with a Laurel Award. For once, I was completely lost for words.

My guiding story is not very different from that of thousands of others - I began as a Brownie, Guide and Ranger in Hertfordshire. I became a Queen's Guide, and as a Ranger I went to Our Chalet. I loved everything about guiding, but probably camping most of all. I had a break at university but when I started work in London I began helping at a Guide unit on Tottenham

Court Road – it was very different from leafy north Hertfordshire.

From then on, whenever I moved around the country I joined a local Guide unit. It was always a great way to get to know people in the community. I became a Division Commissioner and also a Division Camp Adviser in Bedfordshire.

I first got involved in Girlguiding Anglia when the Region wanted to know what grassroots volunteers wanted from our Region Training Centre, Hautbois. I am a statistician by profession--which is usually a conversation-stopper - so conducted a postal survey to find out the views of Leaders - this was before the days of Survey Monkey.



One thing led to another, I joined the Region Finance Committee, then chaired it, did business planning for the Region, and then nearly three years ago Mary Putt, who was about to become Chief Commissioner for Anglia, did me the huge honour of asking me to be her Deputy – another occasion when I was lost for words!

I am currently also a District Commissioner, an Assistant County Commissioner and Chair of our County Finance Committee. In fact you could describe me as 'the girl who can't say no'!

But the most important thing I do is lead a Guide Unit and a Ranger Unit. It was wonderful to share the amazing moment when I was presented with my Laurel Award with my Guides, with the other Leaders, some of my Rangers, and our local Trefoil Guild. I am not sure that the Guides understood quite how special the award is, but perhaps the fact that they have probably never seen me lost for words may have said something.

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# My life as a dog....



My identity has been stolen. By a dog. When the leader of the pack calls: "Alan, lunch is ready", the dog is at the table before I have got my brain into gear. When I hear: "Alan, try these new biscuits I have baked", the dog has passed an opinion and is licking her lips well before I arrive in the kitchen. It works the other way too.

The leader of the pack addresses us both with the same tone of voice and with instructions that vary only in detail. I often cannot tell the difference. I hear "I'm going out. I won't be long, so be a good dog until I get back." It takes time to realize that automatically I have curled up on the sofa with a resigned look on my face. It takes a good shake to bring me back to the real world.

I should have put my foot down years ago. The dog should have been addressed in German and I in English. After all, she has a German name, a feminized diminutive version of the name of the manager of the German soccer team in the year she was born, Jurgen Klinsmann.

That worried me for a while because I read that a Bayern Munich colleague, Bastian Schweinsteiger, had objected to the use of the word *Schweinie* by a Bavarian butcher to brand his products. Lawyers were involved. I awaited

the post with trepidation expecting a large envelope from Klinsmann's learned friends demanding a lot of euros in compensation for bringing his name into disrepute.

He need not have worried. The dog is smarter than either of us. You think you are training them but the reverse is true. They are storing up any experience that can be of possible advantage.

While they may give the impression that they have the cognitive ability of a human three-year-old, their senses of smell, sight and hearing are far superior.

Their understanding of body language is superb. A large vocabulary is acquired. It is a vain hope that dealing with the dog in German would have worked because she would quickly have become bilingual. That's me at a disadvantage again.

A ray of hope is that in human terms the dog is ageing faster than I am. The day will come when we are both the same age and matched in degrees of decrepitude.

We can share the sofa and hope that the pack leader will care for us equally well. But I know whose paw will be on the TV remote control. No more University Challenge for me.

**Alan Mackley**

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# Top speed in Blythburgh, 85mph

The new speed warning sign installed by the Parish Council show that In the period from 1st June to 18th June a total of 78,543 vehicles travelled north through Blythburgh on the A12.

From 8 am to 8 pm the average speed of traffic was between 28 and 29 mph; after 8pm the speed rose until between 11pm and the early hours of the morning the average was 40 - 42 mph.

The majority of vehicles (about 66,000) travelled between 25 and 35 mph but quite a large number (8,000) were doing between 35 and 45 mph. Higher speeds were also recorded: 1,400 vehicles were doing 45-55 mph; 200, 55-60; 70, 60-65; 13, 65-70; 8, 70-75; 1, 80-85. Most but by no means all the very high speeds were recorded late at night or in the small hours.

## VEHICLE NUMBERS GOING NORTH ON THE A12 FOR LATITUDE WEEKEND

**Thursday July 16** from 08.00 to midnight, 5,576 vehicles. From 07:00 to 13:00 nearly half the days' vehicles (2,597) passed at an average speed of 26.7 (nearly normal speed) but from 13:00 to 23:00 most of the remaining vehicles (2,815) were only travelling at an average of 8.7 mph.

**Friday July 17** from midnight to midnight, 8,390 vehicles. Despite the far higher volume average speeds were only slightly lower than normal (27 mph)

**Saturday July 18** from midnight to midnight, 5,722 vehicles. For most of the day speeds were at or only slightly below normal but between 10:00 and 14:00 speeds dropped right down to 9 mph at the slowest.

**Sunday July 19** from midnight to midnight, 4,980 with normal average speeds of 28/29 mph.

**For comparison, vehicle numbers on a normal weekend:** Thursday, June 11: 4,776; Friday: 5,923; Saturday: 4,516; and Sunday: 3,621. Averages speeds between 08:00 and 20:00 were 28/29 mph.



## Film nights in Blythburgh

Blythburgh Film Club's new season, which is supported by the Blythburgh Latitude Trust, starts with a free weekend of films on September 4 and 5. Free wine and nibbles will also be provided. The films start at 7.30pm, doors opening at 7pm, with a children's matinee on Saturday June 6 at 3.15pm, doors opening at 3pm when pop corn, a soft drink and an ice cream will be supplied.

The White Hart will provide fish and chips from 6pm to 7pm on Friday **strictly for cinema goers only** at £6.99 a head. Booking is essential, mentioning that you are a film goer and letting bar staff know when you have arrived. Parishioners, who are members of Blythburgh M@tters or have signed up to the

film club's mailing list, will be notified automatically of the films to be shown. If you are not already on the email list but would like to be, email [olive@dytler.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:olive@dytler.freeserve.co.uk)

Details will also appear on the Parish Council notice boards. Once the season is underway there is no charge for the films but voluntary donations of £3 for adults and £1 for children towards the upkeep of the village hall and its services would be appreciated.

If there is a film you would particularly like to see, hire of DVDs of films already shown, and for all other inquiries, including the films to be shown please call Pat or Terry Goss on 01502 478356 or David Tytler on 01502 478521.

# Notes from Daisy Bank LXVIII

Still planting roses. Lost a few over the winter but have replaced them and am planting for the summer. At Holton Garden Centre, they have begun to call me the Rose Man. Up to number 51 now and I'll make 60 or even possibly 70 by the end of the summer.

Of course it's going to take several years for all these shrub roses to get to their ultimate height and bulk out, but hey ho. Of course I'd like to buy David Austin Roses but with the amount I buy, I'd be bankrupt by the end of the summer. So I settle for Peter Beale, the Norfolk grower who is slightly cheaper but still good.

One rose that has been a great success is called *Ivor's Rose*, named after a local BBC weather presenter called Ivor Moores. Retired now for several years, but if you're out there Ivor, you've put your name to a wonderful specimen. Fragrant, vivid red and prolific. What more can you ask.

When I'm planting I clear the ground, dig the hole and then leave it for about ten minutes so Mr Robin can get in there and feed. As soon as he hears the sound of my spade, there he is watching me work. It would be sad if I didn't honour our agreement. A cup of tea and he's gone and I can finish the job.

And of course there's always loads of meal worms provided around the garden at several feeding stations so he can supplement his diet. The birds mean a lot to us so hundred weight bags of birdseeds are frequently being delivered to Fern Cottage and we are richly rewarded with their presence. The birds not the birdseed.

We love Chelsea, Monty and Nigel his dog, every week on *Gardiner's World* and we even watch *Beechgrove*, the Scottish gardening programme, on Sunday morning. One of the things that worried me over the referendum

was that Scotland would get its independence and we would lose *Beechgrove*. But they didn't and we didn't, so all is well. And as I didn't vote for Ed to be party leader, I can even exonerate myself from the disaster that of May 7.

Of course, I'm not really a real gardener. Real gardeners know the difference between weeds and plants. Real gardeners can identify everything both with their common name and their Latin equivalent. Real gardeners like digging and get deeply involved in manure and organic compost. Real gardeners grow vegetables and have permanently earth stained and hands with nails that you could grow carrots in. Real gardeners belong to the local horticultural society and exhibit their prize winning examples. Real gardeners aren't lazy.

Life is a bit down for us at the moment as sadly our ginger cat Molly died in May. She was with us for 11 years and was probably about two when she arrived and decided to live with us. In those days of course she had to live with two male Siamese. But, she braved it out and has been a delight and a great friend to us all these years. A big gap in our lives now that she's gone, added to the fact that we are living in a house with out a cat for the first time in nearly 40 years.

I started writing a blog, whatever that is, in April. So if you are interested and you are into cyber space, you can find more about Molly and other things on - [paulolearybennett.wordpress.com](http://paulolearybennett.wordpress.com)

And if you want to see what I'm up to art wise you can find that on [paulolearybennett.com](http://paulolearybennett.com). and there's a link there to my blog. It's really just more of the above with me showing off again as though I know what I'm talking about, which most of the time I don't.

**Paul Bennett**

**A date for your diary:** The next meeting of Blythburgh with Bulcamp and Hinton Parish Council will be in the village hall on Tuesday September 15 at 7.30pm with the public forum starting at 7.15. Everybody is welcome. Please come.