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Apply for your Latitude tickets by May 1

Applications for residents' tickets to the eleventh Latitude Festival in Henham Park from July 13 to 16, 2017, should be sent to Olive Forsythe, Abbey Cottage, opposite the White Hart by the village hall, using the application form on Pages 8 and 9. The applications will be opened at 9 am on May 1. Email and telephone applications are not accepted.



The tickets are distributed by the Blythburgh Latitude Trust and are available to those living in the parish of Blythburgh with Bulcamp and Hinton thanks to the continued support of Festival Republic, the organisers.

Residents can apply for one weekend ticket each or one day ticket for each of the main festival days, July 14, 15 and 16. Weekend tickets are £45 (Normally £197); day tickets are £16 (normally £77.50). The prices include a dedicated minibus service for the three main days of the festival, running from Blythburgh shop. Only residents with weekend tickets can attend Thursday evening where there is limited entertainment. Doors open at 2.30pm

Children aged between five and 12 require tickets priced at £8. These child tickets will be given to you at the same time as the normal residents' tickets. The child's name will be required together with the details of the parents or guardians applying for residents' tickets.

Accompanied teen tickets for those aged 13 to 15 inclusive will be available at £45 for weekend tickets and £16 for day tickets. Weekend tickets give access to the campsites but please specify if you want family camping.

How to apply for tickets – Pages 8 and 9

Raise a glass to the Villager of the Year 2017

Nominations are invited for the Blythburgh Villager of the Year 2017 to recognise the man or woman who has made a particular contribution to village life. A slip for your nomination and vote is on Page 13. The winner will receive a cheque for £50. Members of the Parish Council are not eligible. The presentation will be made at the Annual Parish Meeting in Blythburgh Village Hall at 7pm on Friday May 19. Wine and light refreshments will be served. You will also be able to view an exhibition of local associations and meet county, district and parish councillors.

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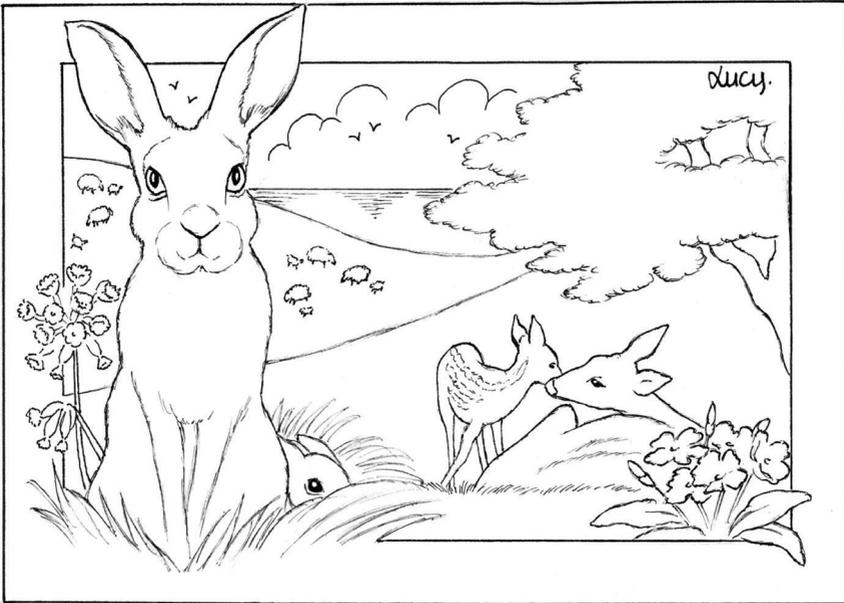
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TRAFFIC WATCH

A12 Northbound January 6 to February 5. Of the total 106,073 vehicles, 48,382 were travelling between 25 and 30mph with a further 26,751 between 30 and 35 mph. Including the 16,051 vehicles travelling at less than 25mph then 91,184 were at or only slightly above the legal speed. This represents 86% of the total which is similar to previous periods.

Of the remaining 14,889 vehicles 8,895 (8%) were travelling between 35 and 40mph; 3,708 (3%) at 40 to 45mph; 1,426 (1.3%) at 45 to 50mph; 594 (less than 1%) at 50 to 55mph; 197 at 55 to 60mph and 51 between 60 and 65mph. 18 vehicles were travelling faster than this with one at 80mph

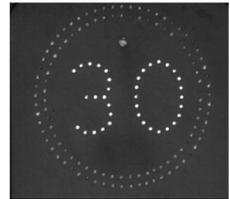
Dunwich Road Northbound February 5 to March 5. Of the total 35,337 vehicles, 15,290

were travelling between 25 and 30mph with a further 9,074 between 30 and 35 mph. Including the 7,653 vehicles travelling at less

than 25mph then 32,017 were at or only slightly above the legal speed. This represents 91% of the total which is about par for the course.

Of the remaining 3,320 vehicles 2,602 (7%) were travelling between 35 and 40mph; 589 (2%) at 40 to 45mph; 98 (less than 1%) at 45 to 50mph; 27 at 50 to 55mph and 4 between 55 to 60mph.

Roderick Orr-Ewing



Top Date; Blythburgh Day this year will be held on July 9 in the gardens of The Priory, thanks to Matthew and Chiara Saunders. The day will start with a service in The Priory ruins at 11 am followed by free boat trips, live music and a licenced bar.



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April 4 – QUIZ NIGHT 7.30pm

Groups of four, £3 a head, nibbles at half time. Half monies to the winners, half to Holy Trinity/Blyth Belles. Booking essential to avoid disappointment.

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Village Store

The village store caters for all your essential needs.

The shop also offers deli goods, fresh coffee and snacks and home-smoked produce. You are very welcome.

Opening hours*

Monday to Saturday

9.00am to 5.30pm

Sunday

10.00am to 4.00pm

*Subject to change

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BLYTHBURGH REFLECTIONS

Meet Mr Bird the Blythburgh Fish Man

1939 marked the outbreak of war and the birth of Colin Bird at Travers Cottage (now Priory Lodge).

Colin's father had been a Southwold fishmonger before starting his own business in Blythburgh. Fish was delivered every day from Lowestoft and, as well as selling fish from home, Mr. Bird had a tri-pod bike which he rode around the local villages selling fish.

The bike incorporated a filleting board and, carrying all the tools of his trade, Mr. Bird ensured his customers were well served. Some customers preferred to visit Travers Cottage and Colin

remembers Mother Loftus walking from Bulcamp to buy her fish and enjoy a chat. The fish delivery driver brought his homing pigeons on the van and left them with Mrs Bird to release at a given time.

Miss Grubbe from The Priory kept a cow and provided the whole row with milk. Colin's mother put milk "in a barrel thing and shook it" to make butter and sour milk cheese was made in an old stocking hung from the apple tree. When it was ready mother took it down and added a bit of salt – not very hygienic but it tasted fantastic.

Between 5 and 11 years, Colin attended Blythburgh School; there was a heater in the middle of the room but it was often cold. Although forbidden, when he wasn't at school, Colin spent many happy hours playing down by the river. Cattle grazed on the mudflats which by now were exposed by every tide on the Southwold side of the bridge.

Back then it was "a real hump back bridge" over the old Southwold railway track. His father remembered the railway and reckoned "it went slowly enough to get off, set snares for rabbits

and get back on..." Even as a boy, Colin was never certain it had gone that slowly. His mother used to have photographs but, sadly, they are lost.

Doctor White had his surgery at Lion House but before 1948 you had to pay to see a doctor so villagers worked together to ensure several poorly children were seen at the same time - it worked out cheaper.

After leaving school Colin worked on a farm before receiving National Service call up papers and joining the army. Following 3 months training at Bury, Colin went to Berlin with the

1st East Anglian Regiment. He enjoyed his time in the army "very much" and, after Berlin, returned to Bury as batman to the Regimental Sergeant Major.

When Colin joined the Army his parents' house in Blythburgh didn't have a flush toilet. Two years later, when he came back from National Service, the house

had been modernised and, for the first time, they had a flush toilet in the house.

When Colin married, he moved to Blyford but his family were regular visitors to Travers Cottage.

They weren't the only visitors; Bob Aldred's horses, Victor and Stella, walked through Mrs Bird's yard to their stable behind Travers Cottage - often with Colin's daughter on board. And what of the donkeys owned by Miss Grubbe and looked after by Tom Cooney? They stubbornly refused to pass Mrs Bird's cottage unless a carrot was forthcoming!

Mr Bird's fish weather vane still resides in Blythburgh.



Words: Sonia Boggis
Illustration: Spike Gerrell

Call in to Blythburgh's new museum

Plans are afoot for a museum in the phone box. In November 2016 a group of residents decided to act to preserve the redundant BT phone box in Church Road under the BT adopt a kiosk programme and turn it into a museum. Adoption costs £1 for a registered charity. BT has been notified of the intention to adopt the box.

Trustees have been appointed, a bank account opened, and set-up and year one costs identified. The charitable purpose of the museum has been agreed to include local history, social history, archaeology, botany and agricultural and natural history of Blythburgh and its parish, and a governing document is in preparation.

Once charity registration and adoption are complete, the phone box will be restored using the correct British Standard paint, with gold crown; refurbished to accommodate its new use with shelving and wall mounted swing panel; undergrowth cleared and a safe site established.

A permanent rear panel will be commissioned for core content, and temporary exhibitions held, with activities and talks, on different themes using village expertise, on the wealth and range of history in and around Blythburgh,

An application has been made to the Blythburgh Latitude Trust and if successful will be used for set-up costs. There is still much to do and supporters are welcome. For more information or offers of help please speak to Sue Ireland, Peggy Meredith or Val Carse in the village.



Wanted: volunteer drivers for Latitude



The Blythburgh Latitude Trust is looking for volunteer drivers between 25 and 70 for the minibus which takes and collects festival goers from Blythburgh to Henham. The service will run from Friday July 14 to Sunday July 16.

The first bus will leave Blythburgh shop at ten in the morning with the last leaving Henham at midnight. The full timetable, which will be based on last year's use, is still to be decided.

To volunteer, please contact David Tytler, on davidtytler@btinternet.com or 01502 478521.

NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY

Help to decorate the church for Easter

If you would like to help decorate the church for Easter, you are more than welcome. We will meet at nine on Saturday 15 March. There is also the opportunity to put in one or more lilies to remember someone you love – which together form a display in the church over Easter. Please call Gillian Lond-Caulk on 01502 478272 to tell her how many lilies you'd like at £2.00 each.

Easter services and events at Holy Trinity, Blythburgh are: Palm Sunday, 9 April at 11am; creating the Easter Garden and Easter Egg Hunt, Good Friday 14 April at 5pm; Aldeburgh Voices perform sacred music Saturday 15 April at 3pm (tickets from snapemaltings.co.uk); Easter Day service 16 April at 11am.



Dig for history: This month Blythburgh Church is acting as HQ for an archeological dig in the village, organised by Access Cambridge Archaeology, of the university's archaeology department. The digging teams are Years 8-10 pupils from state schools, who will investigate 12 test pits, in gardens located around the village. The sites will be chosen during a recce t on Thursday 20 April, and the actual dig will take place on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27

April. Finds will be professionally assessed and a report published to help provide a picture of the way the village has developed.

Book launch: Blythburgh's resident historian Dr Alan Mackley is launching his book *The Restoration of Blythburgh Church 1881-1906* in Holy Trinity on Thursday 11 May at 7.30pm.

The book details the acrimonious dispute between rival groups over how the church should be restored, with one – championed by none other than William Morris – fearing local plans would mean the permanent loss of the church's medieval character. The event is

sponsored by the book's publishers, the Suffolk Record Society.

Open Afternoon: The church's Open Afternoon, organised by the Friends of Holy Trinity, is on 20 May 2017 2.00–4.30pm. The event features two fascinating talks: 2.00pm *The Angel Roofs of East Anglia* by Michael Rimmer and at 3.30pm *The Restoration of Blythburgh Church* by Alan Mackley. RSVP to Sue Powell: powell596@btinternet.com.

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Time to apply for tickets

Applications for the 11th Latitude Festival in Henham Park from July 13-16, 2017, will be opened at 9am on May 1. Payment must be made by June 1 but not before you have been informed whether your application has been successful. Cheques should be made payable to Blythburgh Latitude Trust. Each Blythburgh resident can apply for one ticket. Remember residents have a right to apply but not an entitlement to receive tickets.

When residents first arrive at Henham, they must swap their ticket for a wristband before they can enter the site. Once they

have the wristband they can come and go freely. Residents may be asked for photo ID or proof of address.

Festival details are on www.latitudefestival.co.uk

Please apply to Olive Forsythe, Abbey Cottage stating:

1. Contact's name, address telephone number and email address.
2. The name of each resident applying for a ticket (maximum 1 per resident).

Latitude Festival 2017 Ticket Application Form

Latitude Festival 2017 Ticket Application Form			
Resident's name for contact			
Address			
Telephone Number			
E-mail			
Name for each ticket	Child	Accompanied teens	Friday

Prices: Weekend, £45; Day, £16; accompanied teens weekend, £40 day £16

Tickets for Latitude 2017

3. Type of ticket, weekend or day (stating day/s required), child (ages 5 to 12) or teen day or weekend (aged 13 to 15). Children under five go free.

4. Family camping. General camping is automatic. Camping applies with weekend tickets only.

Applications by telephone or email will not be accepted.

Applicants will be contacted and notified whether or not their application has been successful.

Applicants' ticket allocation will then be held for 1 month. During

this time the applicant must CONFIRM names to be printed on the tickets, the name of the person collecting the tickets and make payment. If confirmation of names or payment is not supplied then the tickets WILL BE re-allocated

Tickets to be collected from Blythburgh Village Hall on Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 July between 6 pm and 7 pm. Identification and signature may be required when collecting tickets.

Ticket Application Form

	Saturday	Sunday	Weekend	Family Camping

10, children, £6.50



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All applications, which will be treated in complete confidence, should be made to the honorary administrator, Jim Boggis, Marsh End, Church Road, Blythburgh. Normally grants will not exceed £200. Exceptional circumstances could result in higher awards. Parents or carers must endorse applications for children under 16.

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Villager of the Year Voting Form

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Nominee	Proposers
Reason for nomination	

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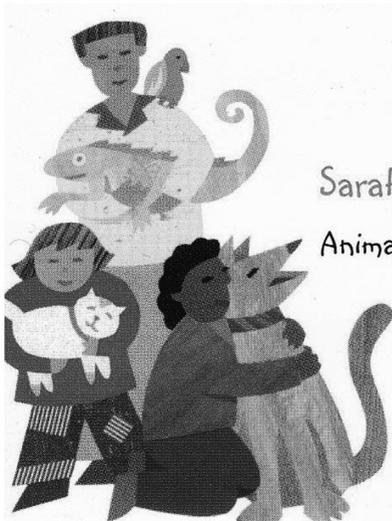
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Notes from Daisy Bank LXXVIII

Spring at last! The hellebores are looking magnificent, the daffodils are out and it's nearly time to get out there and start weeding. Not fond of weeding so we will put that off for as long as possible. I will find quite obscure and irrelevant excuses over the next few weeks and then by the end of the month will feel thoroughly ashamed at my cowardly laziness. I must make time to mulch the roses, whatever that is.

Recently I suffered a mild bout of malaria which always sets me back for a few weeks so this time I can really justify my inactivity. I have always been pretty strong but after a bout of that it takes me several weeks to get back to normal.

I picked it up in some godforsaken place in the hot countries in my early twenties and every four or five years it will rear its ugly head and remind me of my own mortality. When I am old and frail, which is hopefully still some way off, it will, I suppose, be the death of me.

But what a way to go. So many boring things to die of these days. Somehow, malaria has an almost romantic connotation to it. Famous writers and explorers have succumbed to it and of course the great renaissance painter Caravaggio is supposed to have died of it after a journey through the Roman marshes. I would be in very good company.

Wonderful England are in the ascendancy and will be able to give the All Blacks a good game when they next meet. I remember an England tour of New Zealand in the nineties when B happened to be there staying in Christchurch

with a friend's family. The man of the house was quite a famous sports journalist and went on most of the Black tours.

Anyway, after I had finished chatting to B, he came on the 'phone and we had five minutes discussing rugby and the chances of England winning, which were pretty remote in those days. I've lost touch with him now but would be very interested to hear his comments on the current English team and their chances against the all powerful Blacks.

Meanwhile, Daisy Bank is gearing itself up for the holiday makers and visitors to our unique part of Blythburgh. Maybe even some punters will visit Fern Gallery and buy the odd picture. Since stopping painting, the gallery is looking a bit bare and instead of pics piled up against the walls, it's beginning to look a bit more minimal.

When they've all gone perhaps I can think of another use for the space which, as sheds go, is quite substantial. Turn it into a cattery which was the original idea to escape from gainful employment.

No perhaps not. We love cats but all that responsibility for other people's animals is not attractive any more. Perhaps a collection of Ferns?

Hey ho, summer is coming and there's everything to look forward to: Pimms in the garden, sitting in the sun and the odd gin and tonic thrown in for good measure. Got to keep the quinine intake up to protect me from the dreaded malady. What, I ask you, could be better than that?

Paul Bennett

A date for your diary: The annual meeting of Blythburgh with Bulcamp and Hinton Parish Council will be in the village hall on Tuesday May 16 at 7.30pm with the public forum at 7.15. Everybody is welcome to have their say. The annual village meeting is on Friday 19 May at 7pm when the Villager of the Year will be announced.