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## Apply for Latitude tickets by March 25

Applications for residents' tickets to the seventh Latitude Festival in Henham Park from July 18 to 21, 2013, will be opened at 9am on March 25.

Written applications using the form on Page 3 should be sent to Olive Forsythe, Abbey Cottage, opposite the White Hart by the village hall. They may be delivered before this date but will not be opened until March 25. Email and telephone applications **are not** acceptable.

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 purchase one weekend ticket each or one day ticket for each of the main festival days, July 19, 20 and 21. Weekend tickets are £45 (Normally £175); day tickets are £16 (normally £75). 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 the Thursday evening, when there is limited entertainment.

Children aged between five and 12 require tickets priced at £6.50. These child tickets will be handed

over 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.

The Trust has only a limited number of child tickets and these will be distributed in the order the applications are opened. Extra child tickets will be available from [ticketing@festivalrepublic.com](mailto:ticketing@festivalrepublic.com). Explain that you have Blythburgh residents' tickets for Latitude. Leave your name and say how many children's tickets are needed. Children under four go free and need not be registered in advance. Young people aged 13 and over require an adult ticket. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

A family ticket is for the weekend and gives access to the campsite reserved for families. Normal weekend tickets give access to other sites at the festival. When residents first arrive on site, 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 are likely to be asked for photo ID or proof of address. Festival details are on [www.latitudefestival.co.uk](http://www.latitudefestival.co.uk)

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## Raise a glass to the Villager of the Year 2013

Nominations are invited for the Blythburgh Villager of the Year 2013 to recognise the man or woman who has made a particular contribution to village life. Names should be sent to Jim Boggis, Clerk, Blythburgh with Bulcamp and Hinton Parish Council, Marsh End, Church Road, or by email to [blythburghpc@gmail.com](mailto:blythburghpc@gmail.com), by April 30.

The winner will receive a cheque for £50, a framed certificate and inclusion on the village hall honours' board. 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 17. Wine and light refreshments will be served, so please join the celebrations. You will be able to view an exhibition of local associations and meet county, district and parish councillors. Please join the celebration.

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# How to apply for Latitude tickets

As a direct result of issues encountered from previous years the process for applying for tickets has been updated. The latest process is detailed below and includes details of the collection arrangements. The deadline for applications is March 25 and successful applicants will be informed as soon as possible after that date. Payment must be made by April 23. Cheques should be made payable to Blythburgh Latitude Trust.

1. Please apply, using the form below, to Olive Forsythe, Abbey Cottage (the pink cottage opposite the White Hart and beside the Village Hall) stating:

- Contact's name, address and telephone number
- The name of each resident applying for a ticket (Maximum 1 per resident)
- Type of ticket, either weekend, day (stating day/s required) or child (ages 5 to 12)
- Camping: family, general or not required (weekend tickets only.)

2. Applications by telephone or email WILL NOT be accepted

3. Applicants will be contacted and notified of ticket allocation

4. Applicants ticket allocation will then be held for 1 month. During this period the applicant must CONFIRM names to be printed on the tickets and supply payment. If confirmation of names or payment is not supplied then the tickets WILL BE re-allocated

5. Tickets to be collected from Blythburgh Village Hall on Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 July between 6.00pm and 7.00pm. Identification and signature will be required when collecting tickets.

Latitude Festival 2012 Ticket Application Form								
Resident's name for contact								
Address								
Telephone Number								
E-mail								
Ticket Application								
Name of EACH applicant for a ticket	Ticket type					Camping (Weekend tickets only)		
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			Fri	Sat	Sun			
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## BLYTHBURGH CHARACTERS

# Prince Frederick Duleep Singh (1868-1926)

In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries many prominent people were involved in the saving of Blythburgh church from terminal ruin. In 1906, the last year of the 25-year-long conservation versus restoration battle between the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings and the local restorers, a new name appeared.

Prince Frederick Duleep Singh joined the Blythburgh committee, possibly at the instigation of Sir Ralph Blois and to the liking of SPAB, of which he had been a member since 1892.

It was a crucial moment in the restoration story. Blythburgh had chosen an architect for the next phase of the work, Philip Johnston, and SPAB's architect, William Weir, who had surveyed the church, was dismissive of Johnston's proposals. Nevertheless, the Blythburgh committee, against the advice of both Sir Ralph and the prince, supported Johnston's approach.

When Weir visited Blythburgh later in the year he described the work as hopeless. Further interventions by Prince Freddy failed to guarantee that the SPAB's conservation aims would be met. He observed that most of the committee were content with what was being done, even Mr Lucas, that is, John Seymour Lucas RA, of The Priory. The prince was blunt on the subject of Philip Johnston, architect: "It is a grievous pity that it (the work) ever got into the hands of such a man."

Prince Frederick was the son of Duleep Singh, the former Maharaja of Lahore, deposed by the

British following their conquest of the Punjab.

The Maharaja (1838-93), with a Scottish guardian and tutor from the age of eleven, was a favourite of Queen Victoria's, and he bought a Suffolk estate at Elveden in 1863, attracted by its sporting potential. The prince was raised there before education at Eton and Cambridge, where he studied history.

After Cambridge he settled in Norfolk, for the last 20 years of his life at Blo' Norton Hall, living the life of a country squire. He never married, and was described as a thorough Englishman in taste and never visited India. He was an officer in the Suffolk yeomanry from 1893 to 1901. He transferred to the Norfolk yeomanry. He served with them in France during the First World War. The prince was a first-class shot, and fond of music and art. But his greatest interests were archaeology, architecture and genealogy. He became a recognised authority on domestic architecture and well-known as a conservationist. He saved the Ancient House in Thetford and was instrumental in the preservation of several Norfolk churches.

He contributed articles to national and Suffolk and Norfolk historical and archaeological journals. It was wholly appropriate that he should become involved with the preservation of Blythburgh church, on the side of SPAB. The prince's late intervention, even with the patron's support, failed to shift the Blythburgh committee from its chosen path.

**Alan Mackley**

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## BLYTHBURGH REFLECTIONS

# An afternoon with G&T...

I think we all find other people's stories fascinating and this was definitely the case for me when I shared a pot of tea with Gillian and Thomas Lond-Caulk.

A stalwart of many Blythburgh institutions and Societies (the WI, the Horticultural Society and Blythburgh Bowls to name just three), Gillian has links with Blythburgh going back many years.

Gillian's grandmother Ellen (or Nellie as she was known) was born at Blyford and she was half sister to Alice Burton of Burton's Stores in Blythburgh.

Gillian's mother, one of three sisters, recalled coming to Blythburgh as a young person. In the charge of the guard, and with a label round her neck, she travelled by train from London to Darsham. On arrival at Darsham she was met by Uncle George Burton who collected her in a pony and trap and brought her to Blythburgh to stay with Aunt Lottie who lived in Lucretia Cottage.

Gillian's mother married and twins, Gillian and Judy, arrived in 1934. As children, Gillian and Judy visited this area with their parents staying in Southwold and Blythburgh with a Mrs. Heath in The Street (at what is now Brabbins). Mrs. Heath had a little sweet shop where Brabbins' garage is and Gillian remembers that Mrs. Heath always wore a white pinafore or a spotless white apron.

Gillian's Aunt Alice and Uncle Jim ran Burton's General Store on the site now occupied by Little Thorbyns. The Store sold *everything* and smelt of sweets, cloves, bacon, cheese and tobacco. The floor was bare and used tea leaves were sprinkled on the bare floor boards to keep the dust down.

The shop was closed on Sundays and Aunt Alice and Uncle Jim would walk to Henham on their day off. Back then it would have been a pleasant

stroll - over the hump back bridge and with most of the traffic being fellow strollers.

In 1954, when Aunt Alice retired, Gillian's mother took over Burton's Store. It was an Aladdin's cave and at one point Gillian's mother discovered boxes filled with long white stockings; it took her a moment to realise they were laying out stockings... the connection was a carpenter; a brother of Aunt Alice who, amongst other things, made coffins and yes, there was an undertaker in Blythburgh.

Gillian and Judy helped out in the store weighing (from dried fruit to corn for chicken feed), measuring (from drapery to paraffin oil), fitting (ladies blouses) and even breaking up the sugar which was delivered in blocks.

Once a week Burton's Store would deliver groceries; Gillian's father had one of just four cars in the village at that time. The family also had a TV in a room at the back of the store and on FA Cup Final day the village men would come along to watch the game. This was a time when Blythburgh village was not on main sewers and

electricity had only recently been connected.

The sisters enjoyed an active social life and both were members of a local Young Farmers. Judy married in 1958 and lived at Church Farm (on Church Road beside the church car park); her husband, Michael, kept cows and it wasn't unusual to see them walk across the A12.

Gillian met Thomas (Thomas farmed at Hinton Hall) through Young Farmers and their first date was a Young Farmers' dinner; it was in Felixstowe in January, the weather was dreadful and they travelled in a Standard Vanguard with no heating.

Gillian and Thomas married in Southwold on December 1, 1962.



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

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# No more Blythburgh First Responders

With the retirement of Blythburgh's founder members, from the end of March 2013 there will be no Community First Responders resident in Blythburgh. For future cover the village will depend on the two Walberswick and three Wenham members of the Blyth Valley CFR Group. This is a very sad development.

*So, why not become a First Responder? Here are some questions and answers to explain who CFRs are and what is involved.*

## **Who are Community First Responders?**

They are volunteers in the community who respond to emergency calls on behalf of the ambulance service to provide care in the crucial minutes before a paramedic or ambulance arrives.

## **Am I qualified?**

No special qualifications or experience are needed. You need to be reasonably fit, aged 18 to 70, and have a car.

## **Will I be trained?**

The ambulance service will train you in comprehensive first aid, and the use of a defibrillator and oxygen. There are monthly refresher sessions with neighbouring groups.

## **How am I contacted?**

A CFR on call has a dedicated mobile phone. The ambulance service calls you after they have received a 999 call and have decided that the emergency is appropriate for a CFR response.

## **Do I get calls from the general public?**

No, but there may be situations where you act as a 'good neighbour', and then make the action official by contacting the ambulance service who will send a paramedic or ambulance.

## **What may I have to deal with?**

Typically, people with heart problems. If a heart has stopped the first eight minutes are the most vital to restart the heart and save a life. Dealing with breathlessness and falls are other possibilities. You do not attend traffic accidents or deal with children under the age of 8.

## **Do I go out alone?**

No. CFRs usually go out in pairs.

## **Am I insured?**

Yes, by the ambulance service.

## **How much time do I have to give?**

You decide how much time you want to be on call and you provide cover within a rota with other CFRs.

## **If called do I have to go?**

No. Your personal circumstances at the time of the call, or, say, dangerous road conditions, can justify saying no to a call-out.

## **Do I get expenses?**

No.

## **How often will I get called out?**

Not very often but this will depend on how long you are on call. On average there may be two or three calls a month, covering three villages.

## **Will I meet CFRs from other villages?**

Yes, at the training sessions.

## **Will I have to get involved in other activities such as fund-raising?**

No, only if you want to.

## **Where can I get more information?**

Call Ursula Mackley on 01502 478438 or email her at [ursula.mackley@blythburgh.net](mailto:ursula.mackley@blythburgh.net). She will answer your questions and can also progress your application to become a CFR responder.

## Easter at Holy Trinity

Easter is about as early as it can be this year, so you may have to work harder than usual to imagine some of those spring metaphors of new life that rise to the surface at this season. All the same, everyone's welcome. Here are the main Easter events at the church:

Palm Sunday 24 March 9.30am – Holy Communion: the Rev. Joan Lyon

Good Friday 29 March 12 noon – a short service of quiet reflection: the Rev. Malcolm Doney

Holy Saturday 30 March 11am Aldburgh Music – Britten and Purcell: London Voices. At 4pm Easter Garden and Egg Hunt – families welcome: bring small flowers for the Easter Garden Easter Day 31

March 9.30am – Easter Holy Communion: the Rev. Malcolm Doney

*Please note: all Sunday morning services at Holy Trinity now start at 9.30am unless otherwise stated.*

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## Notes from Daisy Bank LVI

Over the years the word nice has taken on a pejorative meaning rather than something that is good. In other words it's naff to call something or someone nice. For example, "It's turned out nice again hasn't it?" or "He's such a nice chap." Often, it's associated with lack of feeling and insincerity.

Again, instead of greeting someone with: "Hello, nice to see you", a lot of people now preface such a confrontation with "How are you?" Even the nameless cold caller on the telephone who wants to sell you computer services or double glazing starts his pitch with, "Hello Mr Bennett, how are you today?"

As if he cares!

I have decided that from now on if the phone rings and somebody says: "How are you?" I shall put the phone down. If I am going to get a reputation as a well known curmudgeon, then so be it!

Just one more thing before I move on. Another irritating cliché among the many is calling an adult my baby brother or sister. The fact that the baby brother or sister in question is well passed babyhood seems not to matter.

My baby brother is currently the holder of a bus pass and hell will freeze over before I ever refer to him as a baby. Even the celebrity chefs have got in on the act and now refer to small vegetables as baby veg. Where will it all end?

**Thank God** for Rugby and English success and of course FI will be starting soon. In another life I would be spending November to March in the West Indies or southern Italy, preferably the latter. My partner B says she loves the open

fires and the cosiness of the warm inside and the cold out. But for me it's the drabness and greyness of it all. And the rain of course.

As a painter I love the leafless trees and the bleakness of the marsh but I don't need to see it to paint it. I can do all that on the veranda of my villa near Palermo just before I go for a swim in the infinity pool. I am and always have been a rampant Anglophile. But give me the money honey and I'm off to warmer climes for the winter. I can be packed in five minutes.

**A few notes** ago, I rambled on about the sounds of Daisy Bank and how these form so much a part of Daisy Bank living. In particular I spoke about my neighbour Derek and Dylan his dog walking up and down. Well sadly no more.

After more than ten years of listening to Dylan warning us of outsiders such as postmen, milkmen and strangers coming down our lane, he has decided that his time is over and dog heaven can wait no longer. And as always it is Derek and Lilly who have to bear the sadness and loneliness of him not being there. But we will miss him too and the sadness of silence!

**FOOTNOTE:** Of course the opposite of nice is nasty so here's a little two line ditty to finish on – don't worry there won't be an anthology of poems coming out some time soon. I'll get on with the painting and leave the poetry to someone else.

*So let's not be nasty and make people sad  
But try to be nice and not quite so bad.*

**Paul Bennett**

## Let the *Skyfall* in on the village hall ...

*Skyfall*, the latest and some say best-ever Bond film, will be screened by Blythburgh Matters in the village hall on Saturday March 30. Doors Open 7p.m. showing 7.30



Starring Daniel Craig and Dame Judi Dench, *Skyfall* is the latest instalment in the 50-year-long cinema adventures based on Ian Fleming's James Bond novels. The film shows how the British action-hero has to dig into his own past if he intends to overcome a dangerous new foe.

This film is not just for Bond fans but for all those looking to be entertained by a fast moving story: a good film in its own right. As a special event, a pre-cinema fish and chip supper will be served in the White Hart from 6 p.m. Tickets, priced at £8 each including supper, will be available in the Village Shop from March 23.