

September 2022 report for the Martlesham Division

Ipswich Register Officer moves to Endeavour House

The Ipswich Register Office will be moving to new state of the art facilities at Endeavour House, from October.

To complete the move, the Ipswich Register office at St Peter House will close on Friday 30 September and will re-open fully at Endeavour House, Russell Road, on Tuesday 4 October.

From Tuesday 4 October, registrations of births and deaths, together with Notices of Marriage/Civil partnerships and Early Bird ceremonies will take place at Endeavour House which will also offer a walk-in reception service and more modern facilities. It will also be fully accessible, in its new ground floor location, giving improved access for all customers, as well as there being more parking options available.

Telephone and email services will remain open between 1 and 3 October for any urgent enquiries.

Windows now open to apply for primary and secondary school places

Parents and carers can now apply for primary and secondary school places for September 2023.

The deadline for applications to secure a place at a Suffolk secondary school is Monday 31 October 2022.

The deadline for applying for a primary school place, including infant and junior schools, is Sunday 15 January 2023.

All applications received by the relevant closing date are processed at the same time using the schools' oversubscription criteria to prioritise applications when necessary. Late applications are processed after all of those received on time.

Last year, Suffolk County Council received just under 15,400 applications from parents and carers indicating at which school they would prefer their child to be educated from September 2022.

Just over 95% of applicants received offers for their first preference school and almost 99% of applicants received an offer for one of their top three preferred schools.

Before making a school application, parents and carers need to consider how they will get their child to and from school. School Travel eligibility is based on a child attending the nearest suitable school that would have had a place available. This might not be the catchment area school. To find out more about SCC's school travel policy please visit www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel.

Parents and carers should apply online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions as they will receive confirmation that we have received their application. If for any reason parents and carers are unable to apply online they should apply on a paper application (CAF1). Suffolk County Council is unable to acknowledge receipt of paper applications and therefore suggest that proof of posting is obtained.

If families are planning to move house or think their circumstances may change before next September, it is still important to make an application on time. Advice and guidance about this process is available at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions.

Families who apply online will be able to log on to the Online Service on the National Offer Day, which is Wednesday 1 March 2023 for secondary school places and Monday 17 April 2023 for primary school places, to see their offer of a school place, and they will receive an email to confirm

this offer on the same day. Offer letters will be sent by second class post to applicants who made a paper application.

Information to help parents and carers make their application is available at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions.

Alzheimer's Awareness Month – now is the time to learn more about dementia and what support is available

World Alzheimer's Day was held on 21 September, as part of World Alzheimer's Month.

This year the theme is around the power of knowledge, encouraging people to do what they can to learn more about dementia and understand the changes in memory and behaviour, so people feel equipped and able to identify when and where they may go for help and support.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia, Alzheimer's is a progressive disease. This means that gradually, over time, more parts of the brain are damaged. As this happens, more symptoms develop, and they also get worse.

According to the Alzheimer Society, more than 520,000 people in the UK have dementia caused by Alzheimer's disease and this figure is set to rise.

Sadly, the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic, combined with the stigma of dementia and the common misconception around memory loss being just part of getting old, means that dementia diagnosis rates are currently at a five-year low across the UK, which sadly means that tens of thousands of people across the country are currently living with undiagnosed dementia.

This means they don't have access to the vital care and support that a diagnosis can bring and could risk ending up in crisis before making plans with their family and friends.

Typical early symptoms of Alzheimer's may include memory problems like regularly forgetting recent events, people's names, or familiar faces. Becoming increasingly repetitive, asking the same question multiple times.

Regularly misplacing items or putting them in odd or unusual places. Confusion about the date or losing track of the time of day. People with the onset of dementia might also develop problems communicating or finding the right words.

If you recognise some of these symptoms, either in yourself or in a close friend or family member, book a visit with a GP as soon as possible. Whilst getting a diagnosis can be daunting all the evidence suggests it's better to know.

Earlier this year, as part of Dementia Action Week, Alzheimer's Society created and launched a new online symptoms checklist that can be printed off and taken with you to a GP appointment, to help talk about changes that might be due to dementia.

Unlocking early support is vital, as it opens a range of both practical and emotional support. This support can include people gaining access to the latest information and research, so they can know more about the disease and how it develops, access counselling and emotional wellbeing support, and potentially benefit from drug and non-drug treatments available to help manage the disease as it develops.

It also allows them the opportunity to explain to family and friends the changes happening in their life. You can find out more information about their symptom checklist, along with a wealth of information and a range of help sheets about everything from what support exists for individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's, support for carers of people with dementia, and the various

treatment options which can be considered for people who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's on [the Alzheimer's Society website](#).

Don't dismiss the little symptoms you or your family may have noticed, it's not necessarily part of getting old – it might be part of getting ill.

Within Suffolk, anyone who needs help, advice and support for themselves or others pre or post a diagnosis of dementia, can contact the Alzheimer's Society via their Dementia Connect (Telephone **0333 150 3456** or email suffolk@alzheimers.org.uk).

The Hold's autumn exhibition, Picture Books For All, showcases work of influential printers, W.S. Cowell

The Hold's autumn exhibition, Picture Books For All, opens on Friday 21 October, and explores the history of Ipswich-based printers W.S. Cowell Ltd.

A prospect of Ipswich in the county of Suffolk' by W.S.Cowell.

A visually rich selection of books, prints, original artwork and journals will chart the local, national and international importance of W.S. Cowell.

The free Suffolk Archives exhibition on Ipswich Waterfront will also look at where Cowell sits in the history of modernism in Britain and examines their significant contribution to literature and society through design.

Founded in 1818, W.S. Cowell were general printers that re-invented themselves as progressive art printers during the late 1930s and 1940s. They became colour-plate lithographic printers and were pioneers of an acetate-sheet based process, called plasticowell, which allowed for an immediate and direct transfer from artist to press.

They went on to become instrumental in the launch of Puffin Picture Books at the start of the Second World War, and worked with leading illustrators and artists including Kathleen Hale, Eric Ravilious, Edward Ardizzone, Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse; as well as with national art schools including the Royal College of Art.

The final section of the exhibition is dedicated to exploring Cowell's legacy and their impact on today's thriving illustrated book market.

Picture Books For All features rare books and artwork from specialist collections, and hidden gems from the W.S. Cowell archive including:

- Eric Ravilious original drawings and prints from the Royal Museums Greenwich collections
- Edward Ardizzone original illustrations from the Tim and Lucy book series
- First editions of many favourite titles such as Orlando the Marmalade Cat, Barbar the Elephant and the Puffin Picture Book series.

Exhibition opening times are 9:30am-4:30pm Monday to Friday, with late opening on Thursdays. And 10:00am - 4:00pm Saturday and Sunday.

Events are ticketed, and can be booked by visiting the [Suffolk Archives website](#).

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