



## To Tree or Not to Tree...

With plans now afoot for a possible re-vamp of Belle Vue Junction (note the word 'possible' – we're not holding our breath here) your Society has its own plans, and with all of our heavy traffic, and more proposed, it would seem that a gentler environment would be beneficial to us all. Trees are not popular with Councils (they shed leaves, it seems) but we believe that they are essential to shaping a welcoming gateway to our town. Vice-Chair Robin Drury has more on [page 6](#)



## A Walk on the Wild Side

On one of the finest evenings of early summer, Ranger Adrian Walters hosts a visit by Society Members to a secret part of Sudbury not normally open to the public, where they use a novel mode of transport to find out what took 500 years to reach Story and pictures on [page 8](#).



## Please direct me?

Chairwoman Lorna Hoey becomes a tourist for a day in our town. Plain sailing...or none the wiser? Find out how she fares on [page 4](#).

## Clean out of Coffins

Members enjoy a visit to Little Hall, Lavenham, a fascinating old house which probably dates from 1257, to learn the stories of the five boys, the cat's gravestone and the temporary short-supply of broad elm boards that caused a problem for the local coffin-making industry. more on [page 9](#).



## A New Vision for the Market Hill

It's a wonderful space unique to Sudbury, mentioned in countless guidebooks and virtually untouched since the eighteenth century, but Stephen Thorpe believes we don't make the most of our Market Hill. Read his suggestions how, with courage and enterprise, it could become a truly attractive centre of our Market Town and one of our greatest assets. See [page 2](#)

## Beating the Bounds: a Victorian Sudbury story

Contributor Juliet Clarke recounts an ancient Sudbury tradition, revived in 1877, which involved boating on the Stour, marching in a large group across gardens and over walls, and throwing a stone which had an unfortunate consequence. Full story on [page 7](#)