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FELTWELL IN THE HUNDRED OF GRIMESHOU PART 2

Last month I started serialising the Feltwell section from Francis Blomefield's, 'Hundred of Grimeshou: Feltwell', in An Essay Towards A Topographical History of the County of Norfolk: Volume 2 London, 1805), pp. 187-200.

This is freely available online at <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/topographical-hist-norfolk/vol2/pp187-200>.

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BISHOP OF ELY'S MANOR—PART 1.

This part (*Feltwell and its surroundings*) was held by all the succeeding Abbots, till the reign of King Henry I (1100-1135) at which time the monastery of *Ely* being turned into a bishop's see; this manor, with many others, was vested in the Bishop, and accordingly in 35th Henry III. (1251) the Bishop of *Ely* had a charter for free-warren in all his lands here, and was found to hold the manor of the King in *capite*.

In 1277, 6th Edw. I. there was an extent of this manor, in which it is said, upon the oaths of *Nicholas Townshead*, *Nicholas Ingelond*, &c. tenants then upon the jury, that the Bishop (*Hugh de Balsham*) had a gallows, pillory, view of frankpledge, connusance of bushels, &c. and liberty to hold all pleas which the sheriff might, with writ or without.

In short, the Bishop was the final arbiter of matters judicial and agricultural. Bishops had a lot of power and influence at this time.

Manor — a unit of land rented to tenants.

Henry I was King of England from 1100 to his death in 1135

See — A seat; a site; a place where sovereign power is exercised.

Free warren—is a type of franchise or privilege conveyed by a sovereign in medieval England to an English subject, promising to hold them harmless for killing game of certain species within a stipulated area, usually a wood or small forest.

Capite — An ancient English tenure, abolished in 1660, by which either person or land was held immediately of the crown.

View of Frankpledge—to hear accusations

Bushel— is equal to 8 dry gallons, and was used mostly



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The demesnes (*land*) are thus distinguished: in *Suthfeld* 40 acres and an half, in *Portegatefeld* 121 acres, in *Estfeld* 140 acres, in *Mikeleberedfeld* 217 acres, in *Loverkehilfeld* 173 acres and an half, the whole being to be ploughed with three ploughs; to every plough there was three stone-horses and two oxen, and two horses to harrow the land. In *Hickegate*, &c. 60 acres of mowing meadows, in the several pastures in *Hickegate* 40 acres, capable of mowing, in *Frithelmes* 30 acres. *Item*, there belongs to the same manor a certain common pasture, which begins at *Lingberewong*, and so on by *Ellengate*, to the bounds between *Feltwell* and *Methwold*, in length one league and more, and in breadth a good furlong, where the villages of *Methwold*, *Wilton*, and *Hockwold* have a right to common, and the other lords of this town, as the bishop and the lords of this town have a right to common in the common pastures of *Methwold*, *Hockwold*, and *Wilton*, horn, underhorn; but no one ought or can dig, cut heath, &c. but the Bishop, and his tenants only. There was a marsh called *Suthfen*, common to all the lords, &c. in the town of *Feltwell*, for feeding, digging, &c. but the towns of *Wilton* and *Hockwold* could only intercommon within certain bounds, horn, underhorn.

for agricultural products, such as wheat.

Demesne—In the feudal system, the demesne was all the land which was retained by a lord of the manor for his own use and support, under his own management.

Demesnes as used in the text is either an alternative spelling or a spelling mistake, I believe.

Common Pasture—the right of pasturing animals on another's land

Horn and Underhorn—applies to various kinds of horned beasts, whether they were young, and so without or under horn, or old, and so horned.

Intercommon—As a noun, this referred to a shared area of common grazing; as a verb it was the right to share in a common.

So, all of the above is a description of the land owned by the Bishop and how it is farmed, including common land for grazing and peat digging ('cut heath') but only for the Bishop and his tenants.

To be continued next month

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FISH AND A PENN'ORTH

There was a film released in 1959, entitled 'Look back in anger!' The title was dramatic in itself, but the whole concept was simply the story of the infamous love affair between two incompatible lovers and how it affected a grumpy old woman.

Now it's my turn to introduce you to a story that invites you to look back, not in anger, but with grateful nostalgia for another love affair that occurred long, long ago, in those halcyon days of my youth, and stays with me to this day!

I was born two years before the onset of the second world war, and thankfully was not aware of the tension building up between previously friendly nations. My world consisted of eating, sleeping, and well, you know! When I was old enough to take on grown-up grub, my whole lifestyle changed!

Friday became 'Fish and a penn'orth' day! The fundamental foundations of life began for me, when I was able to accompany my Mum when she went to collect our supper. The approach was part of the magic, as the perfume of vinegar and boiling dripping wafted around the streets, inviting one and all to partake of that glorious weekly experience. Once inside the fishmonger's lair, we were greeted by the sounds and smells that have transfixed us mere mortals for generations. I shall never forget that first visit. Holding on tight to my Mum's hand, I joined the queue with the other kids in that culinary paradise called the 'Fish and Chip Shop'! All around was the crackling sound as the fish was carefully eased into the hot beef dripping, along with the huge helpings of chips being dropped into the pans alongside. On the counter stood the vinegar bottles, salt cellars and jars of pickled eggs or onions to put the finishing touches to your meal. "Salt and vinegar, Madam?" and the purchase was skilfully wrapped in yesterday's evening newspaper, and your change handed over.

This was the point when a choice would be made. A quick dash home, to plates warming by the fireside, a crusty loaf on the table,

and the kettle whistling on the stove. The alternative was a slow stroll homewards, and your meal enjoyed direct from the paper! Whichever choice was made, your 'cod and a penn'orth' could be relished as the potatoes could be grown in your garden, and fish wasn't subject to rationing, which affected all foodstuff until 1954. Living by the seaside was also a bonus, as those skilled with rod and line could supplement their diet with the wholesome products of the sea!

One particular Friday, I became aware of how those treats from the fish shop came to be there on my plate in front of the fire. Grandad was with us for tea, and it wasn't long before he began to make it all clear to a young lad of those post-war times.

“Well, lad, it all happened thisaway!” he said between each forkful of the Friday feast. “Us folks who live by the sea have always kept the fish and chip shops busy. Stands to reason, don't you know? But we'd do well to realise that the most wonderful, God-sent vittals you and I take for granted on a Friday night, are only there because they are gathered by the bravest men in the world doing the most dangerous job in the world, in the most dangerous place in the world.” Pausing to spear another chip, he smiled at Mum and Dad across the table.

They looked at each other with that look that said, “This could be a long one!”, and returned to their food.

“Now, lad, I want you to understand that those chaps go out to catch fish, lobsters and such, because their families have done it forever, and they love the sea. In the beginning, fishing was a cheap way to feed your family when meat was scarce. In any case, some folks couldn't afford to eat meat every day. Things changed, and soon, the fishermen were feeding whole towns with the silver darlings, and were earning a good living from them. They were having to go to sea more often, until they were spending days away from their folks, in fair weather and foul, just to put a cod and a penn'orth on our tables. They even snook out to fish during the war years, hoping to avoid the German U-boats! Folks like these even went over to

Dunkirk to bring our lads back home. They weren't called up, but they were in the thick of it at Dunkirk, and that's a fact!"

So, young man, when you're having your fish and chips, just think about those guys out there in all weathers so that you can eat. The sea is a very dangerous place to work, and we have to be grateful that we have folks who'll go there."

"Grandad?"

"Yes, lad?"

"Can I have your chips?"

Frederick James

FLAG—FELTWELL LOCAL ACTION GROUP

This group has never really stopped since its inception in March 2020. Members have changed and some of the needs have changed in the village. We still have a food help scheme based at St Mary's Church.

I have a group of six volunteers who have offered to shop for people in the village or collect prescriptions.

One of the most common difficulties in this modern world is communication. Many people have internet and social media, but by quirk of fate, the people who most need help do not have computers, mobile phones, internet or social media. Hopefully they will read this magazine but if you have a neighbour who is lonely, shielding, isolating, has no transport, or is unable to shop for some other reason, please ask if they need help. If you and you cannot help them please ask them to contact me and I will activate the shopping/help team.

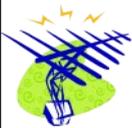
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This week we're highlighting the following Scams, Consumer Alerts and News:

Scam Alert – Fake HMRC and GOVUK text messages. Remember: HMRC/GOVUK **do not** send text messages about tax refunds or ask you to disclose personal or payment information by text message.

HMRC: Records show that you have a pending tax rebate 10/01/21. To calculate your claim, click here: rebate-claim.gov.

HMRC: Upon review of your tax records, we've found you're owed a tax refund of £350.35. To receive it, complete your claim form via: <https://taxclaim-ref>.

H M Revenue & Customs: You have an updated P800 tax refund for the fiscal years between 2015-2020. Please follow the link below: <https://govrefundservice>.

GOV-UK: You have a pending payment waiting to be claimed from HM Revenue & Customs. To proceed, please continue via: returnuk-grant.

GOVUK: Due to the new national lockdown, you are eligible for a tax rebate. To calculate your outstanding total please visit: <https://rebate-taxuk>.

Scam Alert – Fake COVID-19 Vaccine text messages

NHS: We have identified that your are eligible to apply for your vaccine. For more information and to apply, follow here: uk-application-form.com

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Anyone following the links supplied in the messages will be taken to a fake NHS website which will attempt to gather personal and financial details.

The NHS is currently offering the COVID-19 vaccine to people most at risk from coronavirus. These people will be contacted by the NHS. You will **never** be asked to supply financial details for the vaccination.

Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to be from the ‘NHS’

Scam Alert – Text messages about ‘COVID Benefit Payments’

Online, email and phishing scams

Be on the look out for the following scams which are circulating: Facebook Messenger users warned about ‘Look what I’ve found’ message scam.

More advice and updates

For more advice and updates you can:

Visit our Consumer Alerts web page and catch up on previous alerts at: <https://www.Consumer scam alerts - Norfolk County Council>

Reporting scams

Reporting scams you receive helps us continue to build up intelligence on the scammers and how they target people.

You can report scams and get further advice from our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline: **0808 223 1133 (freephone)**

Citizens Advice consumer service website (*Live link in online issue*)

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Imagine two boys lazing away a weekend fishing in a pond. What do they talk about?

Frederick James has some ideas.

But first...

MATES **(How it all began)**

“Wot we gonna do, now that we's broken up for t'summer? We 'as to 'ave summat ta do, don't we?”

“Hadn't given it much thought, really. It's early days yet, considerin' we's only just packed up, but like you says, we has to have summat ta do, so let's just sit 'ere an' think about it.”

“Well, you always 'as been t'one for good ideas, so I'll leave it to you ta come up wi' summat as'll pass t'time. We needs owt that don't involve readin' an' writin', cos we' bin doin' enough a that in school, ain't we?”

“So, no readin', an' no writin'? How's about a bit a fishin? That don't involve no readin' or writin', does it? I bin goin' to t'pond wi' Grandpa now an' then, an' I've often thought about 'avin' a go meself, as it 'appens. He don't catch much, but says it don't matter, cos e's only there to get away from 'er indoors for a bit a peace an' quiet, any road. He says there's only minners an' the like, so it's not as if Gran was expectin' 'im to be fetchin' summat 'ome for tea. He's got t'right idea there, an' no mistake!”

“So, d'ya reckon we could give it a try? I ain't got a rod, or owt, so I'd 'ave ta watch you doin' it. Sort a keep ya company, like?”

“Yeah, why not? I'm sure Grandpa'll let me borrer one of 'is rods an' stuff, an then all we 'as ta do is dig up a few worms, an' we'd be fit ta go, as they says!”

“Maybe I could make me own rod out of a cane an' a bit o' string, an' you could show me wot ta do. It'd be a laugh if I caught a tiddler, wouldn't it?”

“You'd 'ave just as much chance as me, cos I ain't done it before, neither! 'An like Grandpa says, you don't need ta catch owt, 'cos even if ya did, ya'd only 'ave ta chuck it back in. Who knows? Maybe one day, you an' me will be proper anglers, an' be in competitions an' stuff, an' takin' home cups for t'folks ta put on t'sideboard?”

And so it was that two young lads contemplating a long summer break from school with nothing to do, decided that they would take up fishing together, starting a friendship that would last a lifetime.



HUBBLE BUBBLE!

“She is, I tells yer! She's a witch! She sits in there all day, making spells an' stuff for turning kids into frogs an' the like! She'd turn you into a frog, and no messin'! Then what'd you have to say, eh? Croak, croak is all, most like!

“Trouble wi you is yer readin' too many o' those daft comics from off of t'market. That stuff ain't real, ya know? Witches brewin' spells! You'll be sayin' you seen fairies at t'bottom of yer dad's veg patch next!”

“Well, there you are, see, clever dick. I 'as seen fairies! Near our shed, actually, plain as I's seein' you now. They was only small, like. Cos fairies is only small. You gotta be quick to spot 'em, they bein' so small, not like that ugly old witch in there! She's nowt but an ugly old witch wi' long straggly 'air, an' a gap in 'er rotten old black teeth! Bet 'er breath's like our outside lavvy, an' even our cat won't go in there!”

“Ow d'you know she's got rotten teeth? You ain't never seen her! No-one has. All you seen is her old broom by t'front door, an' you imagine's all sorts! I bet if you'd read Dan Dare, you'd a seen 'is spaceship in yer dad's garage!”

“Now you's just bein' daft! Everyone knows as how Dan Dare lives on Mars, so 'ow we gonna



see 'im from down 'ere, eh? You does say the daftest things at times!”

“An' I suppose your ugly old witch flies about at night on that old broom parked by t'front door? By the light of the moon, wi' 'er cat hanging on behind, I'll bet!”

“You mark my words! She's a witch, and up to no good, is my opinion. Your old lady wouldn't be best pleased if you turned up 'oppin about on 'er kitchen floor! She's be proper narked, she would, an' as for your old man, e'd be spittin feathers!”

“Ok, if you wanna believe all that rubbish, that's up to you. But if ya ask me it's all pretend stuff in those comics. An' besides, even I know that Dan Dare lives on t'other side of t'Moon! Anyway, enough of witches and fairies, are we gonna stand 'ere all day or are we goin' fishin'?”

As the two boys strolled off down the lane, rods and jam-jars swinging over their shoulders, the door of the little cottage opened, and out stepped the ugly old witch, followed by a beautiful young fairy. Together, they mounted the broomstick and flew off into the moonlight together. Their laughter could still be heard, long after they had disappeared into the night.

Frederick James

More conversations from the pond edge next month.

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Your Good Health

by Dr Ian Nisbet

Well, here we are in the second week of 2021. Christmas and New Year were very strange, just the two of us in solitary confinement, eating simple food and watching a lot of repeats on TV. Happily, in my opinion, most of the old stuff on TV is far superior to many of the programmes they put out these days so we enjoyed watching 40-year-old War Films, Morecambe and Wise, David Jason and so on. Modern drama keeps jumping about “Four weeks earlier” followed immediately by “Four weeks later” which, presumably, means “now”. I soon lose track and get frustrated with the show. With many programmes, it is necessary to sit holding the remote control in order to adjust the volume as it keeps changing. We watched some American Christmas films before Christmas, some of

which were impossible to watch because the background music soundtrack drowned out the speech. Ah well, time to end the Victor Meldrew rant of the week and to greet the New Year with unbridled cheer and optimism.

The vaccines have arrived, we no longer feel the need to take the car off the driveway as we self-isolate and we have long since given up any idea of going on holiday. The hard part is being unable to see the family. Having moved to Worcestershire to be near a lot of them, we are not allowed to communicate in person and Zoom or Facetime, although clever, do not seem to satisfy the longing to see and hold them all.

We have very happy memories of Christmas and New Year in Feltwell and we have spent a long time over the past couple

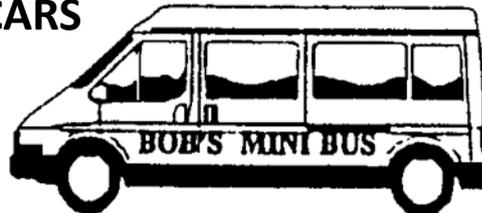
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of weeks wondering where we found the energy for all the parties and family get togethers which we miss so much today.

Last month, I described the saga of two holly bushes which were advertised to arrive with a lollipop shape and covered in red berries. They arrived, looking really ragged with no resemblance to a lollipop. There were no berries. A note was enclosed explaining that, because of pollination problems, there were no berries but they had attached a few artificial berries for appearance. After some correspondence discussing a breach of the Consumer protection and Unfair Trading regulations, we ended up keeping the bushes and being refunded the cost. They will take a couple of years to recover and I stuck them outside the sitting room windows. One day last week, a blackbird flew up and attacked the berries. I thought "This should be good" and watched in amazement as he chomped his way through half a dozen berries which must have grown over the past few weeks, When

he came to the artificial berries, securely wired on, he got really miffed and eventually gave up in disgust, returning to his day job (patrolling his patch of our lawn and scaring off any other blackbirds, pigeons or jackdaws which stray onto his turf). He seems to be a ground feeder and ignores the robins, tits and goldfinches three feet above his head.

As you can imagine, life is quiet at present. I am limited by my fractured kneecap which prevents me driving and planting garden bulbs. I am sure that many of us could do with cheering up so I shall include a couple of jokes which, mindful of the fact that these articles hit the internet, are politically correct and suitable for consumption by all. I hanker for the old days when I was writing for my patients, most of whom were friends who enjoyed the earthy jokes and were not aware of subtleties like political correctness and not upsetting certain groups of people. Times change and I have a lot of trouble keeping up. The kids are always saying "Dad, you cannot say that!" My response, "I just

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did” cuts no ice.

I was going to the pub one evening when I saw an old man sitting on a wooden box on the pavement, dangling a piece of string on a pole over a puddle, ‘fishing’. It was cold, so I invited him to join me for a pint in the pub. After half an hour or so, I asked him jokingly how many he had caught today. “Oh” he replied “You’re the eighth today”.

Mildred was a staunch member of her church but she was also a gossip and self-appointed keeper of the church’s morals. A new member joined and she

delighted in telling all and sundry that his van had been parked outside the village pub all afternoon so everyone knew what he had been doing and that he must be an alcoholic. She also approached him and told him to mend his ways. He stared at her, said nothing and walked away. Later that evening, he parked his van outside Mildred’s house and left it there all night.

Deannie joins me in wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Ian Nisbet

FROM FELTWELL SURGERY WEBSITE

Please do not contact the practice regarding the vaccine.

The NHS will let you know when it is your turn. It is important not to contact the NHS or your practice for a vaccination before then.

The practice is unable to arrange tests for coronavirus. Tests are available online or by calling 119.

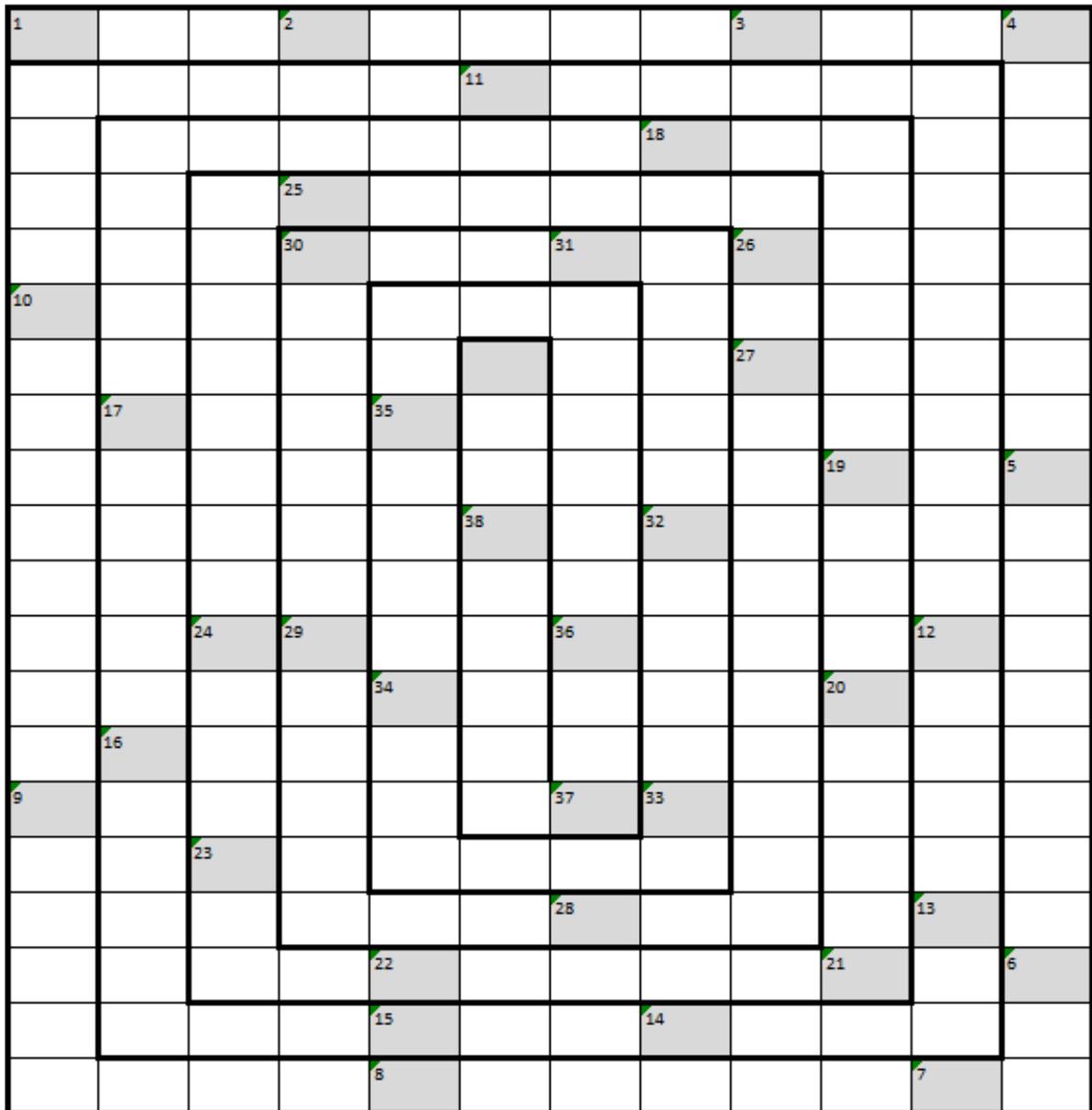


According to the ONS website there has been 5 deaths due to COVID-19 between 1st March– 30 November 2020 in the Southery, Feltwell and Hockwold area.

WORD TRAIL NO. 1

Janet Clements brings us a different type of puzzle, a Word Trail.

Starting at No.1 follow the clue numbers around the box clockwise finishing in the middle. The last letter of each answer is the first letter of the next answer. Work clockwise. Have Fun



CLUES

1. It started with a (a song) (4)
2. The Sabbath day (6)
3. It comes but once a (4)
4. Over and over again (9)
5. Magnanimity, nobleness of heart (10)

6. You do this when tired (4)
7. A clear, volatile, flammable liquid (7)
8. Opposition to the belief in a God (10)
9. An Island in the Caribbean (10)
10. A device for arresting haemorrhage (10)
11. To change into another substance (16)
12. Christs resurrection (6)
13. Sensor or obscure part of a text (6)
14. (Historic) Secret society in China (4)
15. A record of descent of a person (9)
16. Worn by Mohamedan women (7)
17. An optical toy (11)
18. To meet (9)
19. To face a wall with masonry (5)
20. A tough fibrous cord attaching muscle to bone (6)
21. Rough lump or mass (6)
22. You masticate with these (5)
23. Ancient Greek God of marriage (5)
24. The name of a trailing or climbing plant (10)
25. Feeling bodily discomfort (7)
26. The fruiting spike or head of corn (3)
27. Restoration of friendly relations (13)
28. Stimulating the mind (9)
29. Invade the rights of another (8)
30. Frozen rain (4)
31. Freedom from bondage (7)
32. The colour of gold (6)
33. Form of winch (8)
34. The warm months of ... (6)
35. To make cold (11)
36. Light fawn colour (4)
37. Tubes that leave the kidneys going to the bladder (7)
38. Line of junction of two edges (4)

This month's Word Trail solution can be found on page 51.

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NORFOLK BEFRIENDING

Approximately 5 years ago I heard an advert on radio KLFM about a charity called West Norfolk Befriending needing new volunteers. I jotted down the number and gave them a ring. I was semi-retired and wanting to put something back into the community. I love meeting people and having found out more I thought I would give it a go.

West Norfolk Befrienders is a small organisation aiming to reduce social isolation of elderly people living on their own or with a partner, by providing a link to the outside world.

Befrienders visit on a regular basis usually once a fortnight. We help clients maintain independence, enhance quality of life and reduce isolation.

It is a voluntary organisation that is funded through a variety of grants and donations. With approximately 50 volunteers, all DBS checked, we reach out far and wide in the West Norfolk communities.

WNB accept referrals from concerned friends and relatives as well as professionals working with clients, and are happy to accept self referrals.

I have been a volunteer for a number of years and have found it immensely fulfilling. Meeting varied people in age and physical abilities but all with interesting lives and stories to share. Some with family scattered far and wide or with no family to turn to at all.

A volunteer is matched to a client possibly with similar interests, and regular assessments are carried out to make sure you get on.

A visit may involve a trip out if the client is mobile and wants to go for a cup of tea at the local garden centre. A walk around the block or just to sit and chat in their own home.

During the pandemic the volunteers have stepped up to the challenge of phoning their clients where face-to-face meetings have been put on hold due to government legislation or the client

shielding.

A referred elderly client may be living alone, lonely and feeling isolated. Or living with a partner one of whom may be house bound, possibly terminally ill or being the full time carer. A volunteer going in and sitting for an hour talking to the patient/client while the partner can take the dog for a walk or nip down the road to see a friend helps them both enormously.

As a volunteer you will meet up with like minded people and have monthly discussions/training in things relevant to befriending. I have enjoyed every minute and hope to be involved for many more years. And I've made some lovely friends.

West Norfolk Befriending have an office in Kings Lynn. Ring 01553 763500 if you'd like to become a befriender or just to find out more.

Ginny White

News From The Legion

We are now one month into 2021 and at the moment it does not seem much different to 2020. So, looking forward, our branch meetings are going to carry on. This will take place on the first Tuesday of the month via Zoom or TEAMS. The secretary will send out the links prior to every meeting. The February meeting will take place on the 2nd starting at 19.30 (7.30 pm). If you are to attend can you log yourself in at the latest 5 mins before the start, please.

John Linkin (Chairman)

For those readers with internet access and some time on their hands the Office of National Statistics has masses of data on the impact of the coronavirus. Visit:

[https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationand community/healthandsocialcare/conditionsanddiseases/articles/coronaviruscovid19/latestinsights](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/conditionsanddiseases/articles/coronaviruscovid19/latestinsights)



The ‘Staying Local’

This has been something that has obviously concerned many people in the last few weeks and has been covered extensively in the media.

Only a couple of days ago we saw the closure of Horsey Gap car park in a bid to deter visitors from the local area going to see the seals. This follows recent activity at that location whereby people were issued fixed penalty notices having travelled from out of county to visit the beauty spot. In Norfolk, we are blessed with many beauty spots, far too many to even start naming, but it's important to remember we shouldn't be visiting these beauty spots unless they are local to you.

Many of us have completely undiscovered areas of our local communities and now is the perfect time to explore them. All the other places will still be there to visit once we are back to more normal times. Keep it local!

Hare Coursing

Despite the lockdown, we continue to see hare coursing taking place with the west of the county being a particular hotspot currently. I continue to ask you to report any sighting of hare coursing on 999 and we will do everything we can to tackle such illegal activity.

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Results in the last couple of weeks has seen 1 dog seized and 5 males reported for Trespass in Pursuit of Game. We are still yet to have any court results from the past year or so due to COVID delays within the magistrates' courts.

Wildlife Crime

This last month has seen a couple of reports of issues around Great Crested Newts, mainly around ponds having a clean up etc. Whilst Great Crested Newts are a protected species and can require a licence if they are on site, simple pond maintenance is unlikely to require a licence as long as the habitat around the pond is left undamaged. Often pond maintenance is required to improve the habitat for such wildlife. Ideally, if you are working on a pond where you know Great Crested Newts may be present, it is best to carry out this work during the colder winter months (it's recommended between November-January) when it is unlikely the newts are in the pond and therefore you're unlikely to harm them in anyway. Care needs to be taken around the surrounding area as this is likely to be where they are hibernating. As for other things that have come to light, I am currently looking into two bat issues and again it is important to remember if you know you have bats roosting in any of your buildings or trees it is illegal to destroy or disturb them. This is a common problem for many of our native bat species whose numbers are in decline.

Making The Right Call

When visiting farms and rural communities I am often asked who people should contact, what's the best way of getting through to the police about such and such a matter, and so on. This is just a little insight into a few of the things that have come up recently and who is best to help.

999 Calls/Emergencies

When we talk about emergencies in policing terms, we are generally talking about crimes currently in progress so things like hare coursing, domestic incidents that are going on now, dangerous highway obstructions, road traffic collisions with injuries or blocking

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the highway, burglaries and damage being caused by offenders who are on scene. Any crime in progress or life at risk or serious harm should always be reported to us on 999.

101/Non Emergencies

Switchboard operators can help point you in the right direction if it isn't necessary to put you through to the control room itself. That said at times we have to prioritise emergency calls and, as you would expect, this can cause some delays.

Don't forget you can also report crimes and incidents much quicker and easier online at our website. This doesn't necessarily mean you won't be able to speak to someone as an officer or call taker is likely to call you back and take further details when they can.

If your request is for a specific unit within the force, your enquiry or report can be forwarded on to the appropriate person.

We also encourage you to use the online form to tell us about any intelligence or report any suspicious circumstances or activity if they're not happening right now, as I've explained above.

In addition, I am always happy to be contacted directly in relation to any intelligence matters. However, please note that crimes should be reported via the online form or 101 in case I'm not at work and these need to be actioned in a timely fashion.

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Reporting Anonymously

You can tell us about things or share information or intelligence anonymously via the 999 or 101 numbers, as is appropriate.

There are also two dedicated lines you can call outside the organisation that will share that information with police forces.

These organisations are Crimestoppers, which you can reach on 0800 555111 or the NFU, which you can call on 0800 783 0137. Both of these organisations also have online reporting options too.

Fly Tipping

Another common complaint we receive is around fly tipping. Without going into specific details about the laws on fly tipping, the best way of explaining really is to tell you that if the fly tipping is ongoing at the time, right now, this should be reported to police. However, if it has already happened then you need to report it to your local council which can investigate. Relevant numbers for your local authority can be found online.

Stray/Found Dogs

Stray and found dogs are not dealt with by us. If you come across a stray, the local dog warden will collect if you can secure the dog. If you are unable to secure, they are unlikely to attend. Again this is a service provided by individual local authorities.

Theft of Post Boxes

This is a crime that does occur every now and again as they are often seen as collector items. Should you see anyone acting suspiciously around a post box, please do call us and tell us what you saw.

People trying to enter post boxes to steal the contents is also not completely unheard of!

Scrap Metal

Whilst on the subject of metal like objects, scrap metal prices have seen a recent increase. This may lead to further crimes of stolen metal. Of particular interest is the increase in the price of the precious metals found in the catalytic converters on our cars.

Marking Property

This week I have taken delivery of a new handheld engraver. I plan to carry this around with me when I am allowed back out and about and on to sites so we can help mark property for people.

We continue to see tools and other valuable items that have been stolen, and are not marked in anyway with the owner's ID. In addition, there have been occasions when the owners didn't know

the serial numbers of items that have been stolen.

When purchasing high value goods, especially tools and machinery, please don't forget that many of them have unique serial numbers. We will check these numbers when we recover these stolen items.

Unfortunately, we can't confirm that the tool or item of machinery has been stolen if they are not marked or we do not have the serial number of that item recorded on the crime.

Please review all your equipment and record the serial numbers somewhere securely. That way, should the worse happen and it is stolen, there is more of a chance that your property will be recovered and returned to you.

Also, please consider marking your property as it makes it less attractive to steal as it's more difficult for the criminal to sell on. Make it obvious you've marked it! Its not going to stop its functionality just because it has your postcode in permanent marker written over it or etched into the back of it.

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FELTWELL IN THE NEWS

Thetford and Watton Times 1925, no date recorded.

Scouts Concert

On Monday night a variety concert was given by the Boy Scouts (TMCA), Wolf Cubs and Brownies under Scoutmaster P.B. Spencer who with Miss Winnie Spinks and Mr E. Brown trained the boys and girls. Miss Spinks also made the dresses and devoted a great deal of time towards the necessary arrangements for the evening.

The contributors to an interesting programme included Bob Anderson, Ernie Reeve, Nora Brown, Kathleen Steward, Sonnie Walker, Frank Webb and Willie Saddington.

In the sketch "The Babes in the Wood" the cast comprised Kathleen Collins, Jack Brook, Frank Webb, Charlie Cooper and Ethel Whistler.

Other performers were Betty Cock, Bertie Spencer, Violet Bonnett, Ella Lemon, Adelaide Adams, Willie Reeve, Sid Reeve and Charlie Cooper.

Assistance was given by Mr S. Tink, Mr H. Vincent, Mr W Willett, Mr Douglas Grass, Mr J.T. Orange, Mr F. Nicholson (London), and others.

The accompanist was Mr P. B. Spencer, who also supplied the music at the dance which followed. Mr Hugh Vincent officiated as M.C. and refreshments were served by Mrs E. Willett and Mr. F. Nicholson.

Over £16 was realised and the proceeds are to be devoted to the Boy Scouts' Troop Funds.

Thank you

My husband and I went for a ride round the village just before Christmas to look at the lights and I would just like to say what a great display of Christmas lights. They must have lifted so many people in the gloomy year we have had. Well done everyone.

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And this friendship made

My wife is high risk
So a government letter said
And warned her to be careful
It filled us both with dread

But you solved this problem
Right from the very start
What would we do without you
You have the kindest heart

Our weekly shopping you have done
And saved us from the stress
From the very early days
Of this pandemic mess

You've been like another daughter
Our own lives far away
We pray one day you will meet
And her thanks to you she'll say

Harry Gill

DATING LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.

	Melanie	Patricia	Gregory	Michelle	£71.00	£75.00	£79.00	£83.00	Mexican	Italian	Chinese	Indian
John												
Trevor												
Graham												
Jake												
Mexican												
Italian												
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Match the singletons to their date, the meal they ate and the cost of the meal.

1. The Indian meal was £12 cheaper than the Mexican meal
2. Melanie and Michelle dated Graham and Jake.
3. John's Date, Patricia's Date, the Indian meal and the Italian meal are all different dates.
4. Trevor's Mexican meal cost more than John's meal.
5. Graham didn't spend the evening with Michelle, who ate Indian food.
6. Michelle split the bill with her date 50/50 and spent £39.50.

The solution is on page 43.



FELTWELL METHODIST CHURCH

We continue to pray for all our readers and members of our community and wish you all a very safe and healthy 2021.

It has been evident from the news and from Facebook and other media, that there is a large minority of the population who look for any loopholes in the rules in order to do what they want to do for short term pleasure, irrespective of the risks to themselves and others. We are all guilty of being selfish at times, and to a lesser or greater degree, whether its when we're behind the wheel, or shopping, at the meal table or with the TV remote.

Most of the time we do not get lasting satisfaction from being selfish because the act is only of the moment, 'gone in a flash' but may leave a lasting pain with those subjected to our act of selfishness, with Coronavirus as a good example. Many of the troubles all over the world through history have been the consequence of selfish ambitions. Even in The Bible evidence can be seen of selfish, self-protective behaviour to the detriment of others, from the times of Moses to the time of Jesus. Can you find examples of selfishness in The Bible?

In the meantime I plead with our readers to be cautious in their travel plans, whether it's themselves travelling or other travelling to meet them. There are strict restrictions with only a few necessary exceptions, so please check [National lockdown: Stay at Home - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) for the rules before you travel. In many cases ignorance of the rules/law is not a material fact and you may still be fined/prosecuted.

So, Go Safely, so that one day we may once again prosper.

Craft & Chat group will be unable to meet until safe to do so.

Pin It, Pen It or Lose It*



*Potentially

We continue to see high value thefts of GPS domes and screens from farm machinery.

Please look at the following steps and consider whether you are doing everything you can to protect your valuables?

- ◇ Can you remove the dome/unit and secure it in a separate building?
- ◇ If not can you lock the machine in a building?
- ◇ Have you locked the machine?
- ◇ Can it be placed under good artificial light and CCTV?



Alongside the above, Pin It and Pen It.

- Simply mark the equipment dome/ back of screen with your postcode and surname.
- Make it obvious you've marked it, significantly reduces resale value to thieves.
- This can be done with permanent marker or even better a simple engraving tool
- If the screen can be PIN enabled, activate it immediately only give the PIN to people who need it (and don't use 1234!)



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“Old Codgers” may meet again in this socially distanced hall, soon, but not until it is entirely safe to do so. We will put up our new banner in the car park. It’s an open event with no age limit and its only £3, and that includes some refreshments! This event will comply with Methodist Church of Great Britain & UK Government instructions.

Sunday morning worship – Although we are permitted to open for public worship, we have decided that this does not demonstrate the spirit of the current Lockdown rules, so, along with most other churches in the UK, we have decided to suspend public worship, but remain open for individual prayer and solace. We welcome anyone and everyone to share our moments of peace in this hectic world. Families can sit together and other visitors have safely distanced seating. We all wear masks.

ELEVENZES – will hopefully start again soon, but probably not until after Easter, and will be on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10am**, when our usual home-made cakes & pies will be available and served with all the necessary protective clothing.

I can be contacted on mobile 07712578721 or by email mikegw15@gmail.com

Mike Wilkinson

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YESTERDAY'S MEMORIES

The shoots were great occasions and my brother Harold and Mother were involved as well as my Father. Mother had to get on the old bike and go and do the ordering to get the food up to the Hall, and then it was all cooked over coal fires and ovens. Bensley, the butler, lived in the house which is the Wine Lodge, and he went with the game cart into the fields to serves the shoot lunches. The cart was a marvellous contraption - not only took all the game but the tables and forms slid in underneath and there was a locker for tablecloths and the rest. Money seemed to be no object.

The guns gathered at the stables which were on the opposite side of the road to the Hall. There were bothies in the roof where the coachmen could stay. One day when they were shooting down the fen at Blackdyke, my dad told me to hold the horse on the game cart, while the guns went off to shoot, and on no account to let it go. There was the most terrible thunderstorm, and I was so frightened that I hid in a house nearby. When the rain stopped and the sun came out, the horse had gone! I didn't dare tell my father. A chauffeur came by with a big car, a Daimler, and took me to look for the horse. He'd got to the Elm Tree with the game cart. I jumped out of the car and got the horse and took him back. No one had noticed that he'd gone and I didn't dare say.

Mr Douglas Grass (*interviewed in April 1993 and talking about an Upcher family shoot.*)

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This month's War Hero is:

W. PEAK, COLDSTREAM GRDS.

On the Church Roll of Honour he is also recorded as W. Peak.

The Roll of Honour website has this to say:-

The memorial indicates that this soldier served in the Coldstream Guards. Only three soldiers of this name are recorded in SDGW, and only one of these served in the Coldstream Guards. There are no indications of a connection with Feltwell, but the memorial probably commemorates Private 8849 William Peak of the 2nd Battalion, who was killed in action in France & Flanders on 21 October 1914. He has no known grave but is commemorated with honour on the Menin Gate (Ypres Memorial). Private Peak was born and enlisted in Birmingham.

That soldier on CWGC is:-

Private PEAK, W

Service Number:..... 8849

Died:..... 21/10/1914

Unit:.....2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards

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CWGC: www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/1623704/peak,-/

SDGW records that Private 8849 William Peak was Killed in Action on the 21st October 1914 whilst serving in France & Flanders with the Coldstream Guards. He was born and enlisted in Birmingham. No place of residence is shown.

Abbreviations used.

CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves Commission

SDGW – Soldiers Died in the Great War

IRC – International Red Cross

MIC – Medal Index Card

A check of the Medal Index Cards shows that Private 8849 William Peak, Coldstream Guards, was one of only two men with that surname who served with that unit and who have MiCs – there could be others who were home service only. The other was Private 23579 Albert E R Peak. There is no one with the surname spelt “Peek”

The card for William is held at the National Archive under reference WO 372/15/167236 discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/D4566361

He qualified for the 1914 Star, having entered a Theatre of War on the 12th August 1914.

He also qualified for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. His card notes that he was “K in A”.

His Service Records do not appear to have survived the incendiary attack during the Blitz on the Warehouse where all the Other Ranks Army Service Records were stored.

De Ruvignys’ Roll of Honour has the briefest of entries for him.

PEAK, WILLIAM, Private, No.8849, 2nd Battn. Coldstream Guards; served with the Expeditionary Force: killed in action at Zonnebeke 21 Oct. 1914; m.

No obvious Missing Persons enquiry received by the International Red Cross.

No obvious Soldiers Will or Civil Probate for this man.

There are two possible periods when William might have enlisted according to the [armyservicenumbers](http://armyservicenumbers.blogspot.com) blogpost, as the Coldstream Guards reached number 9999 in 1895 and so commenced a new series from 1.

The original 8849 would have been issued at some point between 14th April 1891 and 1st June 1892. The second 8849 was issued between 10th January 1910 and 25th April 1911.

armyservicenumbers.blogspot.com/2009/01/coldstream-guards...
(From the census details and Army Register of Soldiers Effects, see below, it’s almost certainly the second issue.)

There was one key thing I picked up on from the De Ruvignys entry was that by the time he died he was married. The 1911 census entry, (see below), records him as single. A check of the marriage records for England and Wales from the start on 1911 to the end of 1914 bring up 5 marriages involving a William Peak. Three have middle initials, so could be put to one side. Of the two left, one in particular stands out as it took place in the District of Thetford, Norfolk in the October to December quarter, (Q4) of 1913. This was when a William Peak married a Mildred Halls.

No match on Picture Norfolk, the county image archive for either spelling.

The Army Register of Soldiers Effects records that Private 8849 William Peak died on the 21st October 1914 whilst serving with the 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards. He had enlisted at Birmingham on the 7th September 1910 having previously been a Tinsplate Worker. The balance of his pay was sent to his widow Mildred in January 1915. A pension was awarded for Mildred and a Child. His war gratuity was also paid to his widow in July 1919 but by then she was known as Mildred Perkins.

1891 Census of England and Wales

It may be a co-incidence but there is a possible match for his future wife on this census. An 11 month old Mildred Mary Halls, born Feltwell, was recorded living in a dwelling at Feltwell. This was the household of her parents 'Thos' Henry, (21, General Labourer, born Methwold, Norfolk) and Mary Ann, (aged 20, born Feltwell). The household consists of just the three of them.

1891/92 Birth and baptism of William

The birth of a William Peak was registered with the Civil Authorities in the Birmingham District in the January to March quarter, (Q1), of 1892.

Then, as now, you had 42 days after the event to register the birth with the Civil Authorities without facing prosecution and a fine, so a baby registered at the start of Q1 could quite legally have been born as early as the middle of the preceding November.

The baptism of a William Peak took place at Birmingham on the 6th March 1892. His parents were William Edward and Elizabeth.

Source: www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2YR-5Q1

1901 Census of England and Wales

The most likely match based on the information from the 1911 census is that the 9 year old William, born Birmingham, who was recorded living at 3 Bk 27, Edward Street, Birmingham. This was the household of his parents, William E., (aged 40, an Engine Fitter, born Birmingham) and Elizabeth, (30, born Birmingham). As well as William their other children living with them are:-

Lily	aged 7	born Birmingham
Walter	aged 5	born Birmingham
James	aged 3	born Birmingham
Thomas	aged 11 months.	born Birmingham

The Halls family were now recorded at Feltwell Fen, West Common, (or Near Common – the census takers handwriting although neat is hard to read in places. This has led to the genealogy source I use for basic census look ups transcribing the family surname, understandably, as Holls. As well as father Thomas, (31, a Gamekeeper) and mother Mary Ann, (30) and the 11 year old Mildred, there are also five other children.

1911 Census of England and Wales

The 19 year old Private William Peak, 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, was recorded in barracks at Hartley Wintney, Aldershot. He was still single and originally from Birmingham, Warwickshire.

There does not appear to be any sign of Mildred and her family on this census.

The marriage of William and Mildred in Q4 of 1913 has already been mentioned.

Until September 1911 the quarterly index published by the General Registrars Office did not show information about the mothers' maiden name. A check of the General Registrars Office Index of Birth for England and Wales 1911 – 1983 shows one likely children

of William and Mildred. The birth of a William E Peak, mothers' maiden name Halls, was registered with the Civil Authorities in the Thetford District in the January to March quarter, (Q1), of 1914.

On the day

21st-23rd October 1914

The 4th Guards Brigade, with the 2nd and 3rd Battalions leading, attacked some high ground covering Langemarck. In spite of fierce German opposition, the feature was taken, and held until the Battalion was relieved on the 23rd October.

www.shinycapstar.com/battlehonours.htm

Meanwhile, Second Coldstream had been relieved in the trenches at Soupier by French troops on the 13th of October, the unit marching via St Mard to the town of Perles, and on the following day they had moved to the town of Fismes, where the tired Guardsmen had entrained for 'an unknown destination'. They had subsequently arrived at the Flanders town of Hazebrouck on the 15th from where they had successively marched to Steenvoorde, and Boeschepe, where they had arrived on the seventeenth, their long journey ending at Ypres on the 20th of October 1914. The Battalion had then been moved forward to the Wielje sector and had then bivouacked north west of the village of Zonnebeke, from where on the 21st of October they had taken part in an attack on enemy positions on the Zonnebeke-Langemarck road and had succeeded in capturing their objective by 11-30am, their casualties being eight killed twenty four wounded and one missing.

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A Message from the Editors

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By the time February arrives the days are much longer and the natural world is responding- plants are beginning to grow and the buds on trees and shrubs begin to swell. Our wild animals are responding too, especially birds - there are a few species which can lay their eggs in February, such as common crossbill, grey heron, mistle thrush and rooks. While it may seem a bit cold and bleak for this sort of activity, incubation of the eggs takes a while – around a month for larger species – and often by the time the chicks hatch in March or early April it is much milder and there is plenty of food around. Each time you go out for a walk, listen out for birdsong as blackbirds, song thrushes, wrens, robins and - if you live near parkland - mistle thrushes will be singing more often as the longer days trigger the birds to think about establishing a territory for the upcoming breeding season.

For one of our much-loved mammals - the red fox - which can be found in a variety of settings from urban gardens and street corners to wild open spaces, February represents peak activity in the mating season. Females will carry their cubs until late March when they will be born deaf and blind into a subterranean earth (or under someone's shed) and two to three weeks later they'll begin to explore outside.

Back at RSPB Lakenheath Fen, we will be busy finishing jobs before the breeding season begins in March, such as reed-cutting or scrub clearance, or putting up replacement nestboxes for old ones that may have fallen down in winter weather. Livestock that are used for grazing will also be moved out of the reedbed areas that the common cranes like to use for nesting, as they will not tolerate

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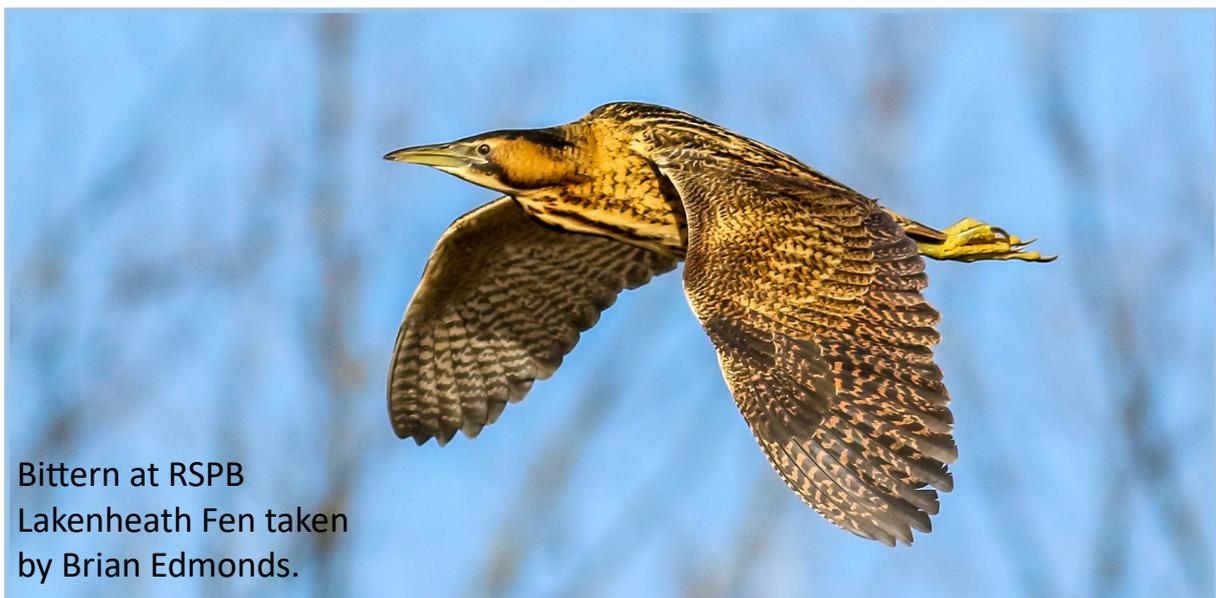
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As I write this we are under 'lockdown three' but I hope that by the time this is being read things are looking a little more positive. We are very much looking forward to welcoming visitors back for more than their 'daily exercise' as soon as this is permitted- and hopefully in time to hear some booming bitterns!

With best wishes for a happy and healthy February,

Heidi Jones (Visitor Experience Officer, RSPB Lakenheath Fen).



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Consequently our annual subscription renewal date will move from January to March 2021. Your 2021-22 subscriptions will be collected by our distributors when the lockdown is over.

Paul and Susan

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WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

Solution on page 64.

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This month our word search is on

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Find the words from the list. They run vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backwards and forwards but always in a straight line.

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- ANIMAL PLANET
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Above: On the right is one of 5 blacksmith shops. The last Post Office is in the centre. The trees are in front of the old school. The sign on the house reads 'H. Edwards'. **Below:** As it is now.





I'm in an optimistic mood as I can smell a Full English breakfast! Metaphorically speaking. Why? Because the NHS is rolling out three COVID vaccines which, hopefully, means that at sometime this year we will be able to start our monthly meetings once everyone has been vaccinated. Realistically, I don't expect this to be until the Autumn but there is now a real hope that we will be able to enjoy a Full English once again this year. I can hardly wait. My mouth is watering at the thought!

Paul

Word Search Answer

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements
Next month's Word Search will be on **CARIBBEAN ISLANDS**

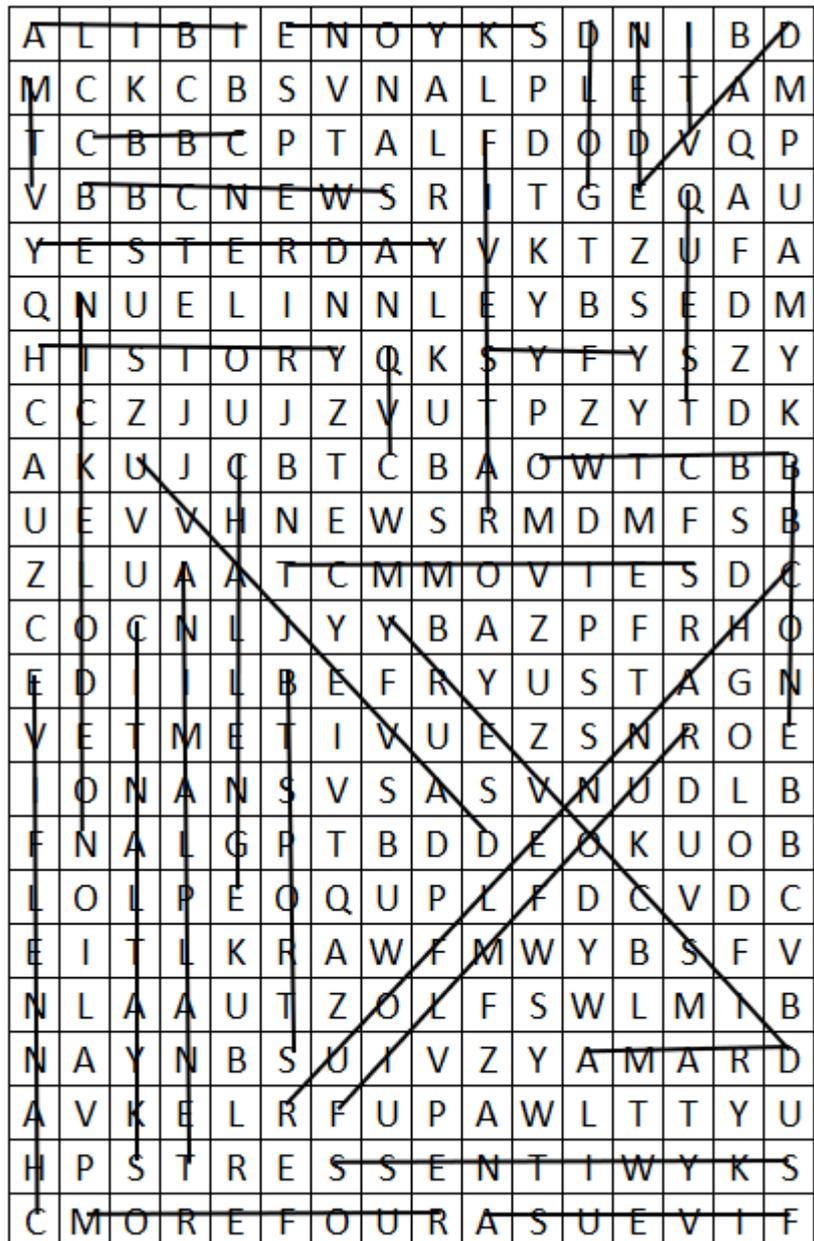
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Ness Fry



Hospital Happenings *by Tony Bennett*



*Monthly Ramblings about West
Suffolk Hospital*

News: January 2021

The last time I reported Covid figures at WSH, November 12th, there were 15 inpatient cases. This week, the 8th January, there are 159. This is a dramatic rise in less than a month. Last week saw the highest number at 163 so hopefully we are seeing the beginning of a peak, but it's only some hospitals that are seeing a levelling off, many are still seeing rises in numbers.

At the last count there were 4 wards entirely taken up with Covid patients.

VISITING

The hospital is not allowing visiting at this time with the following exceptions:

- Maternity
- Children as inpatients
- End of life care
- Learning disabilities
- Severe dementia

As it's a long trip from our area it's probably best to phone before visiting these groups, a list of phone numbers is published on the hospital's website.

VACCINE

The hospital is now vaccinating staff, having received 1,000 doses which should allow most patient-facing staff to receive at least a first dose. You will be contacted when a vaccine is available for you, meanwhile please do not contact any of the NHS services regarding vaccinations.

PATIENT PORTAL

I may have mentioned this before but it's so good it's worth another airing:

You can sign up to the hospital's NHS portal at <https://www.wsh.nhs.uk/Portal/Portal.aspx>

The opening page, once you've signed in, offers a menu of your health records, all lab results, all x-ray and other procedural results, upcoming appointments and to my surprise, patient information leaflets including Nuclear Medicine:

Example: Here's Ted on the scanner:

<p>West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>Patient information</p> <p>OSI QUALITY STANDARDS FOR IMAGING 6846</p> <p>Information about your kidney scan Nuclear Medicine Suite</p>  <p><i>"Hi! I'm Ned the Nuclear Med Ted"</i></p> <p><i>"I'm here to tell you all about your Nuclear Medicine Kidney Scan"</i></p> <p>Nuclear Medicine Suite West Suffolk Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Hardwick Lane, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 2QZ Tel: 01284 713378</p>	<p><i>"How good are you at keeping still? Do you think you can lay as still me??"</i></p> <p>It is very important that you lay nice and still for your pictures to be taken, so we can get the pictures.</p>  <p>Page 3 of 4</p>
	<p>For the second picture we will move the camera into a different position. The cameras will make a little sound as they move, but as for the first picture, they will not move or make any sound while the pictures are taken.</p>  <p>Once all the pictures have been taken, you can go home!</p>

It's still early days so there are only 8 leaflets available for the whole radiology service but they are still sent out by post with the

appointment letter.

THE NEW HOSPITAL

As this edition of FPM is online only, I'm able to share some images of Hardwick Manor which has been purchased by WSH together with its 7 acres of land immediately adjacent to the existing WSH site.

This purchase is not only at a reasonable price but allows the hospital to continue to use existing WSH buildings, some of which are still new, and makes the whole site around 16 acres. Hopefully car parking space will be less of an issue!



This could be the new outpatients waiting area!



Apparently, it's not as old as it looks. It was built in the 1920's on the site of the original gardener's cottage for Hardwick House. The house was owned by the Cullum family, the last member, George

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Sudoku Puzzle

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& 3x3 square must
contain numbers
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Answer on page 72

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Gerry Milner-Gibson Cullum died without children and the estate passed to St Edmundsbury council who demolished it in 1923. Materials were salvaged from the demolition and used to build the Manor.



Hardwick House interior.

With reference to the original Hardwick House as shown in the first photograph on the previous page, the existing hospital is to the right and the foundation stones of the house can still be seen. They are at the top end of the heath which is open to the public.

The new Manor should make for a lovely setting for a new hospital, something to cheer us up in these dark times.

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Marriage Allowance

Over the last few months, I have come across quite a few clients who, as a couple are paying a little more tax than they should be.

This is all down to them being eligible for the Marriage allowance but not claiming it.

Marriage Allowance lets you transfer 10% or £1,250 of your Personal Allowance to your husband, wife or civil partner.

This in turn reduces their tax by up to £250 in the tax year (6 April to 5 April the next year).

To benefit as a couple, the lower earner must normally have an income below their Personal Allowance – Personal allowances are usually £12,500.

Example

If your only income is for example, basic state pension, this will be approx. £8,500 per year. This means you do not pay any tax at all.

But your personal allowance is £12,500 so you have £4,000 of personal allowance that is not getting used.

If your partner has an income above £12,500, they will pay tax on their income above £12,500, So you can transfer £1,250 of your personal allowance that you are not using, to your partner, this means they would pay up to £250 less tax each year.

Who can apply?

You can benefit from Marriage Allowance if all the following apply:
you're married or in a civil partnership.

you do not pay Income Tax, or your income is below your Personal Allowance (usually £12,500)

your partner pays Income Tax at the basic rate, which usually means

their income is between £12,501 and £50,000 before they receive Marriage Allowance.

You cannot claim Marriage Allowance if you're living together but you're not married or in a civil partnership.

It will not affect your application for Marriage Allowance if you or your partner:

are currently receiving a pension.

live abroad - as long as you get a Personal Allowance.

If you or your partner were born before 6 April 1935, you might benefit more as a couple by applying for Married Couple's Allowance instead. You cannot get Marriage Allowance and Married Couple's Allowance at the same time.

Backdating your claim

You can backdate your claim to include any tax year since 5 April 2016 that you were eligible for Marriage Allowance.

Your partner's tax bill will be reduced depending on the Personal Allowance rate for the years you're backdating.

The revenue will normally send you a cheque to cover the amount they owe you for the previous years.

If your partner has died since 5 April 2016 you can still claim - phone the Income Tax helpline. If your partner was the lower earner, the person responsible for managing their tax affairs needs to phone.

Stopping Marriage Allowance

Your Personal Allowance will transfer automatically to your partner every year until you cancel Marriage Allowance - for example if your income changes or your relationship ends.

Making a claim

Call the revenue on 0300 200 3300, have you and your partners National Insurance number at hand.

They are open:

Monday to Friday: 8am to 6pm

Closed on weekends and bank holidays.

Best time to call:

Phone lines are less busy before 10am, Monday to Friday.

When you call

These helplines use speech recognition software, so you will be asked why you are calling HMRC. Try to answer with short phrases and words, for example:

“question about my tax code”

“question about taxable expenses”

David Cordner DipPFS

Note: the underlined phrases in this article are live links in the online version.

A POLITE REMINDER

Our new annual subscription renewal date will move to March 2021. Distributors will collect your £5 subscription when the current lockdown is over.

Thank You.

Paul and Susan

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Due to the earlier deadline of the January magazine the December report from the Parish Council was unable to be included. This month's edition, therefore, contains reports for December and January.

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held virtually via the Zoom platform on Monday the 14th of **DECEMBER 2020**. 11 Councillors and Squadron Leader Turnbull were in attendance.

Rangers are in the village during January and have been asked to cut back the verges surrounding the playing field that were not cut during their last visit and clean the road sign at the top of Lodge Road.

Pothole at the entrance to Clough Drive to be reported.

New litter bins at the entrance to Addisons Close and by the bus shelter on Bell Street have been installed.

Allotment entrance on Hythe Road has been levelled by Dean Mayes of DM Carpentry & Building Services.

Funding is being sought to resurface the tennis court and surrounding fencing.

Several donations have been gratefully received towards the Christmas tree in St Mary's Churchyard and are acknowledged in the article published elsewhere in the Parish Magazine.

Mr Storey reported the following: NCC Covid-19 support scheme offering financial help for vulnerable families across Norfolk opened 2/12/20 and will run until the end of March 2021. COVID-19 marshals are being recruited across Norfolk. At the time of reporting, vaccines had been delivered to Norfolk and Norwich and James Paget hospitals and one GP surgery that he knew of. Gritting began 3/11/2020, covering 2200 miles and there are currently 49 gritting lorries in total with 7 new ones recently been named by primary school children. Information regarding free school meals, reopening

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of Norfolk museums and libraries can be found on NCC website along with a wealth of other information.

High Street will be closed w/c 3/1/2021 for resurfacing repairs and the Chair is liaising with NCC to try to ensure the least amount of inconvenience is caused.

Next meeting is to be held virtually on Monday 11th January 2021 at the earlier time of 7.00 pm via the Zoom platform. Please contact the Clerk on 01842 828383 or email feltwellparishclerk@gmail.com for information on how to attend. All are welcome.



The Meeting of the Parish Council was held virtually via the Zoom platform on Monday the 11th of **JANUARY 2021**. Ten Councillors were in attendance.

S P Landscapes will lift the canopy of the tree on Old Methwold Road and remove the dead branch from the tree at the playing field w/c 1/2/2021.

Precept agreed at £42,500 for 2021/22. Several parish projects will be put on hold due to the current situation with the Covid-19 pandemic.

More fly tipping has been reported on the field at the back of Edmund Moundford Road.

Bus Shelters and playground equipment are to be deep cleaned on a routine bi-monthly basis starting February 2021 by Mr Sparkle who will also undertake Covid-19 disinfecting of all items every month.

The Parish Council has received reports of vehicles driving along Munsons Lane (also known as Piggy Lane). This is an 'Occupation Road' meaning that it should only be used by people accessing their land. We would ask that all land owners drive with due care and attention along it and do not speed, and we urge other drivers to refrain from using it



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entirely.

The Parish Council also wishes to remind the general public that there is no public access to the cut-off channel riverbanks.

Mr Storey said upgrades to 15,000 main road streetlights across Norfolk, starting in 2021, is the next step in a successful scheme that has already seen CO₂ emissions cut by 1200 tonnes as a result of moving to LED technology over the last two years. For each street that is upgraded to LED lights the average energy saving is over 70%. BCKLWN and NCC meetings will continue to be held virtually. NCC and Police Commissioner elections are still going ahead as scheduled for 6/5/2021.

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Your Councillors are:

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