

# FELTWELL PARISH MAGAZINE

YOUR CONNECTION TO YOUR COMMUNITY

December 2025

Father Christmas says,  
"Happy Christmas,"  
to all our readers.



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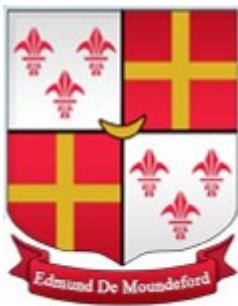
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## FROM NIGHTINGALES CLASS

The children were asked what they most enjoyed about school....

Reading books about dinosaurs

P.E.

The home corner

My friends

Playing with my friends

Building in the construction area

The nature kitchen

The water tray

Reading books with the bunny in the story tent

Making things in the creation station

The discovery den

Making stories in the small world area

Telling stories with the puppets

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# Christmas Cream Teas

3pm

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## THE TWELVE MOVES OF CHRISTMAS (FELTWELL EDITION)

On the first move of Christmas, my Pilates coach said to me,  
Roll up from your sofa and set those shoulders free!"

On the second move of Christmas, the postie called with glee,  
"Two twists for the tinsel and a chocky biscuit just for me!"

On the third move of Christmas, at Feltwell's festive fair,  
"Three mindful breaths and there's loads of cake and joy to spare!"

On the fourth move of Christmas, in queues for fish and chips,  
"Four gentle squats to keep that balance in your hips."

On the fifth move of Christmas, the High Street came alive:  
"Fiiiiive spicey rolls!

On the sixth move of Christmas, with carols in the hall,  
"Six stretches skyward, be sure to straighten up, you all!"

On the seventh move of Christmas, Feltwell in Bloom took charge,  
"Seven lunges forward, those planters look so very large."

On the eighth move of Christmas, St Mary's bells rang clear,  
"Eight cat stretches — to honour all the festive cheer!"

On the ninth move of Christmas, The Wellington's crowd did grin,  
"Nine seated twists — before that second glass of gin!"

On the tenth move of Christmas, the vicar joined the fun,  
"Ten shoulder shrugs, I promise the sermon's nearly done!"

On the eleventh move of Christmas, the pub was warm and bright,  
"Eleven backheel raises... before the village says goodnight."

On the twelfth move of Christmas, the village lights did glow,  
"Twelve thankful breaths for the life we've shared this year, you  
know."

So lift your hearts and bodies, let laughter take its flight,  
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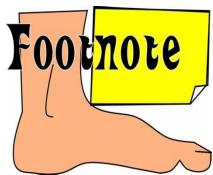
For Christmas isn't just for rest (though naps are quite divine)  
It's for rolling, stretching, smiling, and standing tall in line!

### A Festive Note from Helen

As the bells of St Mary's chime and The Wellington fills with cheer,  
I'd like to thank our village for another wonderful year.  
Keep your bodies moving, your spirits warm and bright,  
And may your Christmas be merry, and your posture stays upright!

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## Christmas Jumper Day

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21st Dec  
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530pm



Blacksox - 8pm  
Saturday 27th



Mister E - 8pm  
Sunday 28th



Quiz Of The Year 7pm  
Monday 29th



Dan Knight - 8:30pm  
Tuesday 30th



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New Year's Eve



# A Fictional Christmas Tale from Feltwell's Past

by Edward Gee

Harry leans back into the comforting leather of his favourite chair, next to the fireplace, in his favourite drinking hole basking in the tributes from his teammates. He raises his glass to his mouth and takes a long drink of the dark beer it contains. Snippets of praise fall upon his ears and the grin on his face increases in size.

“Bowled out the entire team for 48 runs, can you believe it?”

“Best performance ever.”

“An amazing display of fast bowling.”

“Did you see the look on the face of that Hockwold Captain? He just couldn’t believe it.”

“134 to 48, how humiliating.”

Laughter spreads throughout the group and Harry says, “Boys, it was only a game of cricket,” and before the objections start he continues, “Yes, I’m right chuffed that we won but it was a team effort. So, let me propose a toast, to Feltwell Cricket Club.”

“To Feltwell,” everyone echoes and the conversations move on to other topics. Harry turns to young Addison sitting to his right and asks, “Did I ever tell you that I saw Father Christmas when I was a young boy?” Addison can’t stop the surprise showing on his face at this sudden change in subject and stammers, “N-No Harry. Really? You saw Father Christmas?”

“Oh, yes,” replies Harry. “I was six at the time. We were living in a small cottage in Bell Street. Mum, Dad and me. Dad worked for the Newcome’s up at the Hall as Head Gardener and Mum worked in Mrs Lambert’s shop next door when I was at school.” Harry paused as memories of his childhood came flooding back. Eventually Addison leaned forward and gently poked him in the ribs saying, “Harry, Father Christmas, remember?”

“Oh, yes. Father Christmas. Well, it was Christmas Eve and I’d been sent up to bed early with Dad’s words ringing in my ears, ‘Remember, young boys won’t get any presents if they don’t go to sleep promptly.’ So I trudged up to my bedroom earlier than usual,

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hot water bottle in hand and definitely not tired. How was I going to get to sleep so early? I thought to myself.” Harry leaned forward, grasped his glass, brought it to his mouth and emptied it. Then he looked at the empty glass and then at Addison.

“How about another one, Harry?”

“That’s very kind of you young Addison. Another pint wouldn’t come amiss.”

When Addison returned from the bar Harry was again so deep in thought that he didn’t notice the glass being waved in front of his face. “Your drink, Harry.” Harry, startled out of his reverie, took the glass and placed it on the table.

“Thank you my boy. That’s very kind of you. Now, where was I? Trudging up the stairs I believe. Yes, that’s right. Must have taken me five minutes to get up them stairs! I remember that I stretched out my bedtime routine. I brushed my teeth for longer than usual. I washed my face, twice. I got into my pyjamas slowly even though my bedroom was chilly despite the heat coming up from down below. I climbed into bed as slowly as a snail crawling up a wall. All I could think about was getting up on Christmas Day and hoping beyond hope that Father Christmas would bring me a bicycle. It didn’t have to be a brand new shiny Raleigh, although that would have been nice. No, as long as it had two wheels, brakes and a bell I would be happy. I closed my eyes and tried to sleep but sleep I couldn’t. I tossed and turned, I pushed the hot water bottle from the top to the bottom of the bed and pulled it back again. I tried counting sheep. I sang quietly to myself but I just couldn’t get to sleep. When I heard my parents come up the stairs I turned my back to the door and closed my eyes pretending to sleep. As always Mum came into the room and tucked in my sheets, smoothed back my hair and kissed me on the forehead saying, “Good night my darling boy. Sleep tight.”

“And did you?” young Addison asked.

“What do you think? Of course I didn’t. The harder I tried the more difficult it was. Eventually, I decided to get out of bed. I pulled my blankets around my shoulders, opened my curtains and stared out

at the night. It had started snowing, not heavy, just a few small flakes falling gently to the ground. The moon could hardly be seen behind the clouds. It was not a bright night."

Harry stopped talking. His eyes, again, took on a distant look as though he had travelled back in time to the moment he was describing. Young Addison, by now intrigued with the events being told, dared not interrupt Harry's trance. He waited patiently for the moment to pass, for the memories to become clear and logical. Eventually Harry's eyes cleared and he returned to the present to continue his tale.

"It was up in the north east that I first noticed it. A slight movement in the sky. A faint point of light travelling across the sky and slowly growing larger. Clearly heading towards the village. I knew it was him. Without a doubt I knew it was him. With all my heart and soul I was convinced that I was seeing Father Christmas and his reindeers pulling his sleigh heading towards Feltwell. The light slowly grew larger and more detail emerged. Eventually I was able to pick out all the reindeer and make out the man himself sat in the sleigh holding onto the reins. He was pulling on those reins making his reindeers



**Sunday 14 Dec, 3pm. Methodist Chapel, Bell Street.**

move left and right in the air and steering them onwards. He came in over Porter's Peace, banked right and brought the sleigh down in the meadow. Of course, from my bedroom window I couldn't see what he did next but with baited breathe I watched the skyline. My patience was rewarded when I saw a red blur move across the rooftops. Did you ever wonder how it is that he manages to visit every house and deliver his presents all in a few hours? Well, I can tell you how he does it. He moves with amazing speed, leaping from chimney stack to chimney stack, dropping presents from his sack at each house that he passes. I tell you, I became mesmerised as he moved across the rooftops with lightning speed getting ever closer to my house. He leapt across from The Beck to the other side of Bell Street, tottered for a moment to regain his balance and I swear he glanced in my window. I jerked back remembering my father's words about not getting a present if Father Christmas sees that I'm awake. An icy chill settled in my stomach at the thought that tomorrow's Christmas Day would be the worst ever as I'd been spotted and, therefore, I wouldn't get any presents. I dived into my bed, pulled my blankets over me and prayed that sleep would come before he arrived at my house. I was desperately trying to calm my breathing when I heard him land on the roof and I listened intently for the sound of a present dropping down the chimney. I heard nothing. Had he spotted me? I was sure I'd moved back from the window quickly enough. In fact I knew I had. He couldn't have seen me, he just couldn't have. I was convinced of it."

"But you didn't hear anything being dropped down your chimney. You must have known, deep down, that he'd spotted you at the window. How could you be so certain?" asked Addison.

"Oh, I know he didn't see me because when I got up in the morning there, right in the middle of the living room, was a brand new, shiny Raleigh bike. But even better than that was the bat, stumps and bright red cricket ball that were to change my life and lead to the success that I had today. Cheers."

Harry picked up his drink and finished it without breaking for breathe.

*Our front cover shows a photo of Father Christmas landing at Porter's meadow just as Harry described.*

## **Friends of Feltwell Playgroup**

*Helping little hands explore a big world*

We are delighted to introduce **Friends of Feltwell Playgroup**, a fundraising group set up to support the children of our local playgroup. Our aim is to provide the very best start for the children, creating happy memories and special opportunities through fundraising and community events.



One of the simplest ways to get involved is by joining our 100 Club. For just £24 per number per year, you'll be entered into a monthly prize draw. The winning number will be drawn on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month, starting this October. The prize is 50% of the total collected each month, with the remaining funds going directly to benefit the children of Feltwell Playgroup.

Please email - [friendsoffeltwellplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoffeltwellplaygroup@gmail.com) to register your interest.

We warmly invite you to follow our page on Facebook

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## PAPER OR DIGITAL

*This month Fred turns his attention to greeting cards.*

When it comes to that special occasion, how do you mark it? How do you let the recipient know that your thoughts are with them, whether the occasion be a happy or a sad one.

In a recent conversation with a close friend, I mentioned that I was about to start my preparations for the coming Christmas contacts with my friends and family, both near and far. He seemed quite surprised when I explained the extent I went to, every year at this time to make sure everyone got a card, at least, to mark the festive occasion. The fact that I intended to send a Christmas card to everyone on my list, and not just a text or E-mail, surprised him when he realised the extent of that list.

I had to agree with him that the cost of stamps, even second class, on top of the cost of the cards, appeared somewhat excessive at first, especially to someone who's best friend is his smart phone. However, when I explained to him that my family and friends were wide-spread and this annual event was my way of being close to them as I wrote their cards. My family members receive their gifts in paper form with their cards, (which precludes the task of parcel-wrapping, which I've never been good at, and is so time-consuming), and my friends, near and far, are made aware that they are in my thoughts, at least once a year. My card-writing, though a little exhausting, I must admit, brings me close to every one of them with the messages I put inside each card.

Having established that sending cards is the way I do it, every year, I still felt that I had to justify my old-fashioned way as opposed to the way Christmas was approached by the digital world.

I accept that digital contact is better than no contact at all, so it was really down to 'bigging-up' actual as opposed to digital. So, what is it down to? It really is a matter of the means of contact, and the effect either would have on the recipient of your festive message.

I have to admit that digital is faster, more convenient, and definitely cheaper all round, but how personal is it? Firstly, sending your

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message by text meets the needs of all three, and if your recipients are in a social group, such as with WhatsApp, one size fits all! Done in a trice in a fraction of the time it would take me to write one card. However, in that instance, each member would get the same message, which is hardly personal, is it? Also, each member would be aware of that, which would exacerbate the situation of what we used to call a 'round Robin' in the 'old days'. Each member getting the same message? Hardly personal, is it?

Then we have the interwebnet, and the endless 'services to meet every occasion', which again cannot be denied. My friend explained to me how 'those in the know' simply go to the relevant web-page, fill in the details and Bingo! your 'personal' greeting card is on its way, without you even picking up a pen! [I've had them myself, so I know how personal they can be, without being the slightest bit personal, if you see what I mean] The programme even signs the card on your behalf! How personal is that? To me, the whole process of internet greeting cards is for those who either are too busy, or just can't be bothered to pause for a second and pick up a pen.

Texting and E-mailing is something not even old octogenarian curmudgeons like me can no longer do without, but special, personal occasions need that special, personal approach, to show that you really do care. A card is something tangible, that you can actually touch, read over and over again, and even keep to remind you that someone did care, if you wish to, and not something hidden away, deep in the digital bowels of your digital mobile phone for ever. Modern science is wonderful, and is un-stoppable, but I think there still has to be a place for a little sentimentality in the way we deal with our friends and family, especially when they need to know we care.



If you'd like to submit a **FOOTNOTE** of your own, be it a quip, a fact, an idiom, whatever you feel would be suitable, please send your **FOOTNOTE** to Paul at [garlandp@btinternet.com](mailto:garlandp@btinternet.com) or post it through my letterbox.

**CAROLS AROUND THE COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS TREE**

**ST. MARY'S CHURCHYARD**

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 6pm**

Come and enjoy singing your favourite Christmas carols around the lovely community Christmas tree, followed by hot chocolate or mulled wine and mince pies inside church.

If the weather is bad, we will sing around the Christmas trees in church. Wrap up warmly and don't forget to bring a torch.

**CHRISTINGLE AND CRIB SERVICE ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 4pm**

Bring the children to enjoy the ever-popular Christingle and Crib Service. All proceeds will go to the Church of England Children's Society.



## MUTTERINGS FROM THE FARMYARD

As we approach the end of the year it is time to take stock of our performance over the past twelve months and to review our plans for the future. We are doing this against the backdrop of a very worrying state of the farming industry in England. The current Government has reduced the level of direct support to just £600 per farm for 2026. To compensate for this dramatic reduction there should have been a new Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) to support the environmental projects that most farms carry out. This is currently closed to new applications until the funding is sorted out. Subsequently many good environmental schemes that are due to be renewed are having to be put back into regular cropping, destroying many of the benefits that have built up. To compound the problem, we have just endured the worst drought on record and the market prices for the main crops of wheat, barley, peas and beans are currently below the cost of production.

Our political masters insist that they require growth in output, in productivity and in environmental goods. Unfortunately everything that they do or don't do seems to mitigate against that. For instance our cooperative used to receive match funding to support research and development, increased automation and robotics. That programme has been stopped. There has been talk of a reservoir support scheme to encourage the storage of winter excess rainfall but nothing has happened so far. In fact many farm businesses are looking to generate income from not producing food and are signing long leases for projects such as solar panel installations or carbon capture/biodiversity net gain schemes. All this in the knowledge that they need to prepare their farms for the effect of the dreaded Family Farm Tax which threatens their futures.

In terms of our farm in Hockwold, we have experienced yield reductions of up to 30% in many of our crops. In fact the one highlight of the year has been the vineyard. This is now officially named as Brecks Vineyard and has exceeded our expectations. The vines have grown steadily with their roots deep in the chalk subsoil



# St Mary's Feltwell

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and did not seem to suffer from the drought. During the summer the grapes benefitted from the sun and high temperatures. Despite the fact that we had to drop some onto the ground to prevent over stressing the young plants we still harvested over 40 tonnes of high quality grapes. These are now being converted into wine by three different wineries and we really look forward to the end product in due course.

I apologise for the fact that this Mutterings has been a bit of a rant and rather downbeat. I have suggested to the Editor that this should be my final quarterly epistle. He has countered with the suggestion that he would probably find space for an occasional report when I have something interesting to say.

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## CURIOS ARE BACK! No 7



All of these old curios and objects come from the collection of Paul Blackmur of Flitcham. The idea of a column in this magazine came from Robert Walden.

Answer to last month's Curio.

### The "Rapid" Marmalade Cutter

Whilst this hand operated piece of machinery was probably intended for domestic situations, one could imagine it being useful in factories: a dozen or more

of these would make short work of slicing oranges.

Follows & Bates was founded by Frederick Follows in 1868 in Manchester and produced lawn mowers, paint mills and machinery for cutting, slicing and chipping food. They became part of Qualcast Group in 1938.



### This Month's Curio.

*For a photograph of this month's Curio, please turn the page.*

A small brass item about the diameter of a pencil but little more than half the length. The outer casing is hinged along its length.

## FELTWELL REMEMBERS

Around 200 Feltwellians gathered on an unusually warm November 9<sup>th</sup> to pay tribute to those who have given their lives to protect our freedoms and way of life. Representatives from village organisations, from our British Legion branch to the school PTA, and beyond laid poppy wreaths in remembrance and to say thank you.



The memorial garden had been decorated by volunteers and looked as stunning as usual. Once the ceremony had finished our Associate Priest, Reverend Juanita Hawthorn, invited everyone into St Mary's, which had been decorated throughout with hundreds of knitted poppies, for a Service of Remembrance.



Inside, two curved (i.e. semi-round) pieces can slide in and out by



moving the lungs shown in the photo. As to its use, a small clue: paper was also involved.

Answer next month.

*If you'd like to email me if you think you've worked out what this curio was used for my address is garlandp@btinternet.com. Please use CURIO in the Subject line.*

*If you get it right you can bask in the fame when I publish your name next month.* Paul

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[www.feltwellsurgery.co.uk](http://www.feltwellsurgery.co.uk) or by using the NHS App. We have a dedicated telephone number in place for our housebound patients to order their medication, which is open Monday to Friday between 10.00-12.00 and 14.00-16.00.

**A warm welcome from  
St Mary's to our Christmas Services.  
The church is open every day from  
9am until 4pm.**



Sunday 7th December	<b>Eucharist Carol Service</b>	<b>9.15am 6pm</b>	<b>Feltwell Hockwold</b>
Sunday 14th December	Eucharist	9.15am	Hockwold
Saturday 20th December	<b>Outdoor Carols</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Feltwell</b>
Sunday 21st December	<b>Christingle and Crib Service</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Feltwell</b>
Christmas Eve	<b>Midnight Mass</b>	<b>9.30pm</b>	<b>Feltwell</b>
Christmas Day	Eucharist	9.15am	Hockwold
Sunday 28th	Service of the Word	9.15am	Hockwold

### **Other happenings at St Mary's Feltwell:**

#### **Food Pantry Open**

Weds 9am-11.30am & Sat 12.00pm-1.00pm

**Every Wednesday come for a warm welcome,  
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Community Information Point.

Borough Services.



**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE  
TEAM AT ST MARY'S**

## LATEST CONSUMER ALERTS AND TRADING STANDARDS NEWS

### **Scam Alert - Emails claiming to be from 'Disney'**

We are warning Disney customers about scam emails circulating claiming that your 'automatic renewal has failed'.

The emails, which are sent using Disney logos and imagery, provide a link to update your account. Anyone following the link will be taken to a fake version of the Disney website which will attempt to gather personal and financial details.

Our advice is always to be wary of claims made in unexpected email approaches and never click on links or open attachments if approached in this way.

### **Scam Alert - Employment scam cold calls - 28 October 2025**

We are continuing to warn residents about telephone cold calls making claims about employment opportunities.

Recent reports have included recorded message calls which come from a UK mobile number which state 'I'm from Indeed human resources wanting to discuss a role with you' the message goes on to ask you to 'please add my number on WhatsApp'.

Often with employment scams, if contact is made the scammer will start by asking for personal information 'to confirm identity', may ask for a CV to be sent or will send a questionnaire to complete. Providing too much personal information can put you at risk of further scams or identity theft, you should be very wary if asked to provide the following:

Your full date of birth

Full address

Passport number

Driving licence number

National Insurance number

Bank account details

Other employment scams may ask for fees to be paid upfront to cover administration, background checks or travel.

You can report Nuisance calls and messages received to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) via the ICO website.

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**Messenger**

## Scam Alert - Rogue buyers on Facebook Marketplace

Facebook Marketplace can be a great place to buy and sell goods and services, however, unfortunately the platform is also seen as a hunting ground for scammers. Scammers are there selling non-existent, fake and dangerous goods, but there are also there to try and prey on those selling products.

If you are selling on Facebook Marketplace, look out for these red flags:

Refusing to meet up in person

Moving conversations outside of Facebook Messenger

Asking for items to be shipped before payment is received

Buyers providing a prepaid shipping label

Buyers overpaying then asking for a refund of the difference

Messages claiming you need to pay a fee to 'upgrade your account'

No profile picture

Requests for your phone number or other personal information

Payment scammers pose as buyers who ask to purchase an item and claim to have sent a payment. They may send a counterfeit cheque, use a fraudulent payment method, or claim to have overpaid and request a refund for the excess amount.

Payment scammers might also exploit sellers by using payment methods that can be easily cancelled after an item has been posted or delivered.

Even in person the scammer will try to exploit a payment via a banking app by showing the transaction on their own mobile device. Always wait for the payment to have cleared before allowing the buyer to leave with the item.

Here's a quick summary of ways to stay safe when selling on Facebook Marketplace:

Deal with local buyers whenever possible

Avoid sharing personal information unless absolutely necessary

Use secure payment methods like PayPal or cash-on-delivery

Check comments under listings for warnings from other users

Report suspicious buyers to Facebook

## Scam Alert - Facebook posts claiming to offer items from well known retailers in exchange for 'completing surveys'

We are warning Facebook users about fake posts claiming to be offering items



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from well-known high-street retailers in exchange for completing online surveys.

Recent examples have included:

Posts claiming to be from Timberland offering 'a new pair of boots just for filling out a short survey'. The post states that these are 'old models they are clearing out to make room for new ones'

Posts claiming to be from Boots stating that they are offering a 'box full of beauty products to anyone over 21' if you 'just answer 8 simple questions' as part of their 'feedback programme'

Posts claiming to be from Boots stating that they are offering a 'Sol De Janeiro gift set' if you 'just complete a short survey'

Posts claiming to be from Boots stating that they are offering 'SOL Ultimate Gift Box' if you are 'over 50 and answer a few quick questions'

The post will then contain a link that leads to a bogus website designed to steal your personal and financial details. Often the posts will be followed by 'comments' from other fake profiles claiming that they have received the offer to make the post appear more legitimate.

These posts are fake offers on fake pages, run by criminals.

Before liking a page, look at the Page transparency to see when it was created. These fake pages were created this week.

Don't just look at the post in your feed, look at the page history, and the other posts on the page. Does it look genuine?

If you think you have interacted with a scam message and provided scammers with your financial details you should contact your bank immediately on a number you know to be correct, such as the one on the back of your bank card

If you come across a fake page on Facebook, report it by going to the page

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and selecting the three dots from the top right and select 'Give feedback or report this Page'. Select 'Scams and Fake Pages'.

### **Reporting scams**

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

If you have received a telephone cold call which you believe to be a scam or think you have been a victim of an online scam you can report it to us via our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on freephone **0808 223 1133**.

[Citizens Advice consumer service website](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams)

(<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams>)

If you've been the victim of an online scam you can get advice and support from Citizens Advice Scams Action: 0808 250 5050 (freephone)



## **The Food Pantry, Feltwell**

### **WHO ARE WE?**

We are a group of volunteers who have set up a small non-profit shop of greatly reduced prices to help with the high cost of living for the local villages, as we are a rural community with no supermarkets nearby.

We run a membership scheme for a one-off charge of £3.50

For that we supply free fruit, vegetables & bread depending on availability & also the ability to shop with us at vastly reduced prices. Food donations are gratefully accepted, please leave in the Food Pantry area in St. Mary's Church, Feltwell.

We can also provide crisis packages for those in need, free of charge with the help of public donations.

You can find us at St Mary's Church, Feltwell.

### **OPENING TIMES:**

**Wednesday      9AM – 11:30PM**

**Saturday            12:00PM – 1:00PM**

**For more details visit our Facebook Page or  
call 07454 259280**

## MISSED APPOINTMENTS @ THE SURGERY 2025

October 2025 saw **102** appointments missed, that's **23 more** than in September. This represents a loss of medical care to the tune of **£3060** for the month and **1288** minutes of wasted time.

So far this year **728** appointments have been missed representing a total of **£21,840** of medical care lost. These appointments could have gone to someone else in need.

*If you cannot attend your appointment, please cancel it.*

## Lead Times for Prescriptions

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*The kettle is always on.*



*When writing an essay in an examination hall it is easy to make mistakes...*

A cigarette hung out of the corner of her eye.

All walks and no play makes Jack a doll boy.

We were trapped in a blazing car, but luckily enough a river was passing by.

## LEST WE FORGET

From : [terry.jermy.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:terry.jermy.mp@parliament.uk)

November 11<sup>th</sup> marked Armistice Day, commemorated each year to recognise the Armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany. That agreement took effect at 11am – the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month” of 1918.

As the Member of Parliament for South West Norfolk, it is an honour to participate in Remembrance Day activities, and I was deeply moved by the services I attended in both Thetford and Downham Market, and I was pleased to also support the Festival of Remembrance in Swaffham.

I was thrilled to see so many children and young people involved in Remembrance services across our three towns, with a number of children laying their own wreaths. I always feel this is such an important part of our collective responsibility – keeping the memory of such awful conflicts in our minds and sharing this history with future generations. It is crucial that the service of those who made the ultimate sacrifice is recognised and we must collectively work to ensure that such conflicts never happen again.

Since becoming an MP, I have been concerned by the state of military housing in the constituency, and it is something I receive complaints about by serving personnel. I am committed to ensuring improvements are made, and I was pleased with the recent



Do you feel modern technology is leaving you behind?  
Would you like to brush up your skills?

If so, why not drop into the sessions below?

**Extra sessions added for 2025:**  
**5th December**  
**10-12pm at St Mary's church.**  
**Refreshments provided.**



- Do you need to book appointments, buy things online and apply for jobs, but you've run out of credit and your phone screen is too fiddly?
- Have you got a smartphone, but think you might not be getting the best out of it?
- Do you wonder if you're missing out because you're not on the internet?
- Are you worried about staying safe from online scams?
- Do your kids need to do their homework, but you haven't got a laptop or the internet at home?

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announcement of the Defence Housing Strategy. This £9 billion investment will see improvements made to over 40,000 military homes and the building of 100,000 new homes on Ministry of Defence land to drive growth.

Locally, 826 homes in South West Norfolk will be supported by the initiative. Our British service personnel – and their families – make extraordinary sacrifices to keep us all safe. In this new era of threat, we rely on them more every day. The least they deserve in return is a decent home.

Separately, I am also continuing my work in bringing 15 long-standing empty homes at RAF Feltwell back into use.

Last week, I also welcomed the government announcement that Türkiye will be purchasing 20 Typhoon fighter jets in a deal worth up to £8 billion. This game-changing defence deal is the largest UK fighter jet order in a generation and will support 1000 jobs across the East of England.

I am committed to supporting our armed forces personnel, veterans and their families, and am proud of the Labour Government's work to ensure those who have served our country are looked after.

If you are a veteran, a member of our armed forces or a dependant, and have any matters that you need support with, please get in touch: [terry.jermy.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:terry.jermy.mp@parliament.uk)

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## CHRISTMAS PRESENT LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.

*The solution is on p67.*

	Alison	Harriet	Adam	David	Bicycle	Board Game	Jumper	Lego	Aunt	Sister	Santa Claus	Dad
Green												
Red												
Gold												
Stripy												
Aunt												
Sister												
Santa Claus												
Dad												
Bicycle												
Board Game												
Jumper												
Lego												

Match the gift giver to the recipient, the wrapping paper and the gift

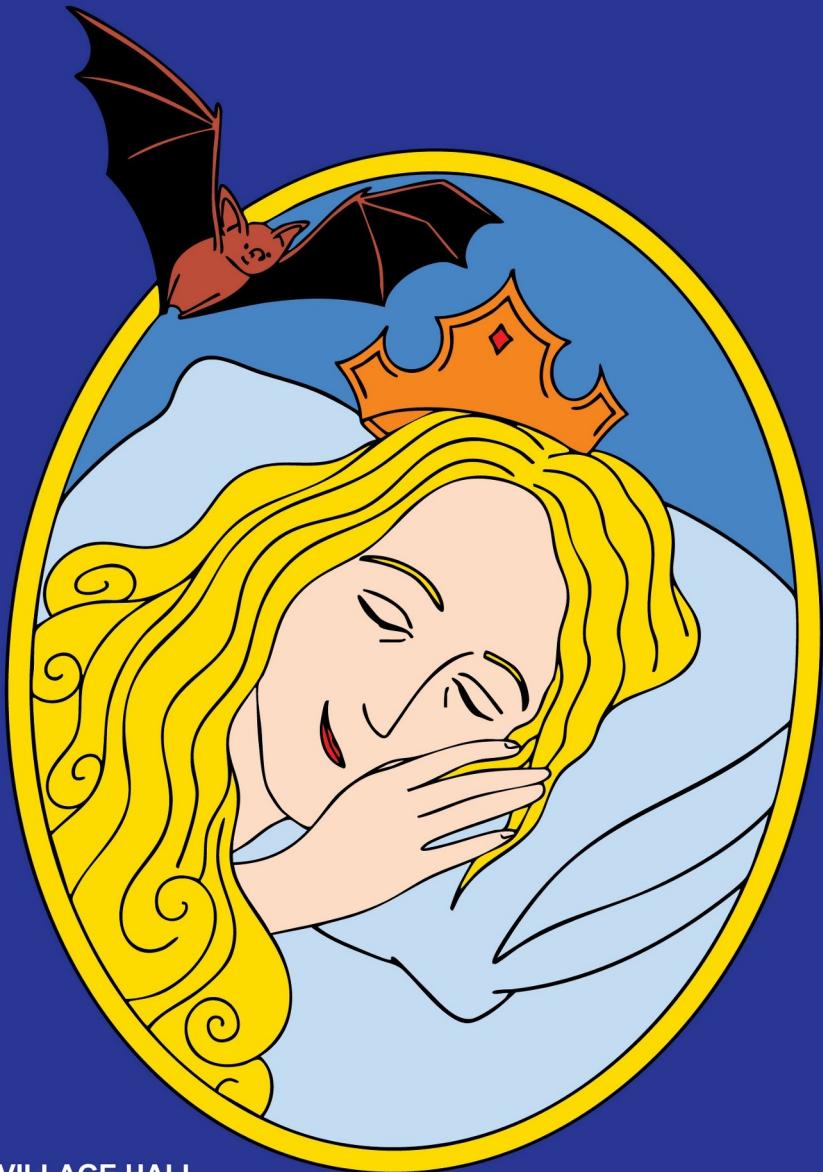
### CLUES

1. Alison's gift wasn't from her Dad.
2. David didn't receive the Bicycle or the Jumper.
3. The Lego from Adam's Aunt wasn't wrapped in Green or Gold Paper.
4. David's gift was wrapped in Gold paper and it wasn't given to him by a woman.
5. The Board Game, the Jumper, Santa's gift and the gift wrapped in Red paper are all different gifts.
6. Harriet's Sister didn't use Stripy wrapping paper.

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Saturday 13th December - 7pm  
Sunday 14th December - 3pm

**FELTWELL METHODIST HALL**  
Saturday 20th December - 3pm  
Sunday 21st December - 3pm

Adults - £8  
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Family ticket of 4 - £24

For tickets and more info please contact:  
Rosie Pye on 07753 439803

Or email:  
[thevillageplayers@outlook.com](mailto:thevillageplayers@outlook.com)

## WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search is a **CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**.

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

***There is ONE extra word in the list that is not found within the grid.***

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TURKEY    VIXEN    WRAPPING PAPER

***The solution is on page 77***



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Veterans Central is a facility for Military and Emergency Services veterans, serving personnel and families, as well as associated charities, organizations and veterans to support activities, wellbeing and engagement.

**Veterans Central Provides FREE to veterans:**

- 4C (*coffee-cake-conversation-company*) Drop-in centre, three days a week (Wed, Thur, Sat)
- Monthly Veterans Breakfast (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month)
- Monthly Veterans Lunch (3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. each month but check dates)
- Activities and events
- Military Research Library
- External wellbeing and support spaces

*Continued opposite*

## **NEW      BADMINTON AT ST. MARY'S      NEW**



Wednesday — 1pm to 8pm

Saturday — 9am to 8pm



If interested in playing please email:

[Stmarysbton@gmail.com](mailto:Stmarysbton@gmail.com). Please include your mobile number so you can be added to group chat.

Full instructions on how the court is booked will be emailed to you.

## External Landscape Areas

- Memorial garden: Rose Garden and memorial wall.
- Sensory Garden: sound, scent and touch planting;
- 'Dig for Victory' Therapy garden: grow your own!
- Wild Garden and Herb Garden

**History and Location:** The Station Headquarters (SHQ) building has been abandoned since the RAF left in 1994 - it is an iconic 1930s building on an airfield that was operational in World War Two and throughout the Cold War. Located within 10-20 minutes of Swaffham, King's Lynn and Fakenham, the facility provides a



centralized location for the West and North Norfolk area.

### Come for a Visit!

SHQ is an amazing World War Two and Cold War building, full of history. In addition to having a tour of the building itself with a number of unique

features, SHQ houses a range of interesting displays, the research library, a Virtual Reality 'Lancaster' experience, and more, including the cockpit of Canberra PR.9 XH135.

We host tours for individual groups on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays or any other days prior to special arrangements.

Please Email: [info@veteranscentral.co.uk](mailto:info@veteranscentral.co.uk)

**Volunteers:** 100% volunteer led and delivered, with volunteers from a wide range of Service and non-service backgrounds and experience. The project provides opportunities for individuals to share, learn or enhance skills, and provides a socializing environment that volunteers say is *"thoroughly engaging and enjoyable."* Come and join in...

**The Veterans Voice.** A project that aims to help veterans and family

members find how to access veteran organisations and support groups, such as breakfast clubs and social hubs, identify opportunities for social interaction with other veterans, and provide information about support resources.

**Veterans Central**, as part of the Veterans Voice project, will be running a monthly **drop-in hub** in Swaffham.

**Come along for a FREE hot drink, cake, and a spot of chat and banter, or to ask question about veterans support.**

**Location:** The Assembly Rooms are located in the centre of Swaffham and there is adjacent 2 hours free parking (but use machine to get a ticket). You are welcome to bring partners or carers.

More information? Contact: [ops@veteranscentral.co.uk](mailto:ops@veteranscentral.co.uk)

**Mobile: 0771 3860040**

# SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS VEG PACKS

Local farmers have generously donated produce for vegetable packs for Senior citizens (over 65 years) living in the parish of Feltwell. Packs can be collected from Feltwell Social Club on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 1.00 – 1.30 pm. Everyone needs to bring their own bag to collect their pack. (Please help neighbours to collect their pack if they are unable to come along themselves.)

Contact Penny Black on (01366 728711) or (07952 183040) as soon as possible to be included in this offer. Delivery will be available for those unable to personally attend.

I wish you all a safe Christmas.

## Penny Black



Happy Christmas everyone.

With the long dark nights and the shorter days, it is difficult to believe that any plant is growing at the moment. Most are dormant in the colder ground, however, the bulb shoots were only just below the soil surface when I replanted a tub at the end of October. Very soon we will have the bulbs flowering to herald in Spring.

My thoughts are turning towards which plants we should consider buying for the tubs next year. This summer was so hot with four official heat waves, that it was difficult to keep the tubs fully watered. All of the volunteers did really well to manage this and I would like to thank them for their efforts. Perhaps we will have to look at a more Mediterranean style of planting. Please help us out with your ideas of what you would like to see in the tubs. Bring your ideas to the meeting in February at the Wellington. Everyone is welcome. Look on our website or in the Parish Magazine for the date and time closer to February. Or visit our website and put your ideas there.

We are always looking for sponsors and support for our activities. I cannot allow the year to pass without saying a big THANK YOU to all who have contributed, in big or small ways, to help us build on the number of tubs around the village. I am in no doubt that they are appreciated by a lot of the residents in the village. Messages are often passed to us, which are read out at the meetings, or people just chat to us as they pass by when we are working. We appreciate your kind words and hope to continue 'Making our village beautiful'.

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# Your Good Health

by Dr Ian Nisbet

## Keep well away from children

I don't know about you but I often have the television talking to itself while I concentrate on some task in hand, nothing exciting these days, maybe reading, ironing or composing my latest photobook which will have 160 pages and will cover from 1986 until Deannie's death 3 years ago. It is taking forever – Take the photo out of the album, scan it to a memory stick, transfer it to the computer so it can meet my editing suite and then be re sized and placed carefully into the new book. The first 20 years covered are the hardest as all the pictures are actual photographs. The last 20 years are stored electronically on camera cards and discs so they should be easier to process. I digress.

Under these circumstances, something on the TV suddenly

enters my skull and the most recent penetrating and frequent missive is, "Keep well away from children." Now, I like children and I find this instruction disturbing so I paid attention for a week or two and I discovered that this instruction always comes at the end of an advertisement for dishwasher or domestic washing machine capsules. Logical, if you think about it, as they are always multicoloured and look like big sweets. The Victor Meldrew in me wishes that they would say, "Keep these capsules well away from children." Probably too much to hope for in these days of loose grammar and sentence construction but I feel better for airing the topic.

A man took his elderly, somewhat irascible father out for a coffee. In the café, his father stared at length at a teenager with spiked hair of

assorted colours, green, red, orange and blue. Eventually, the teenager became annoyed and said, "What's the matter old man, Never done anything wild in your life?" The son knew his father and slid down in his chair as he awaited the response. "I got drunk once and had a wild night with a parrot. I was just wondering if you were my son."

How to respond to a nuisance call: "Good morning, sir, how are you?" "I'm very well, thank you. How are you and, more to the point who are you?" "Sir, I am Sanjit and I'm calling you from Microsoft" "Is that a city in India?" "No sir, Microsoft is a computer company and I am telephoning to tell you that we have found a problem with your computer" "Really, that is very concerning" "Yes, sir, it can become very serious indeed but I can fix it for you". "No, I mean it is concerning because I do not have a computer". "Do you have a lap top?" "No." "A tablet?" "No. In fact, I don't even have a telephone" "Ah sir, now you are lying to me" "Well, you started it." Time to end the call.

I prefer my system which is to

prolong the call for as long as possible before offering to call the actual house owner to the telephone. I then shout to an imaginary child, "Go and fetch your grandfather. He's probably in the third barn on the fourth meadow. Tell him there is a 'phone call for him". I then tell the caller that the house owner will be with him in a few minutes. They always end the call at this point. The current favourite seems to be that the caller has identified that my property would benefit from increased loft insulation. "How do you know where I live?" never has a reply but I can string the caller along for a surprisingly long time before telling them that I live on a boat. All this is probably unfair and unchristian and I should not do it. After all, everyone has to earn a living but perhaps, these days, they don't. Happily, all my articles avoid politics.

A very upset man walked into a pub and spoke to the barman, telling him that he owned two horses and could not tell them apart. The barman suggested cutting short one of the tails. Two months later, the man was

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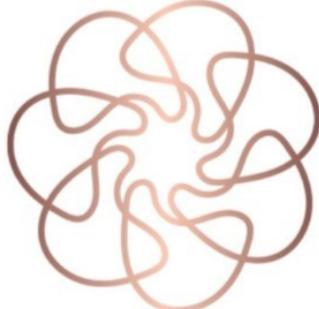
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back. The tail had re-grown and he was back to square one. OK, try cutting one of the manes, it will be slower to grow back. Fourt months later, the man was back and the mane had grown. Exasperated, the barman suggested that the man should measure his horses. The measurements would be different and could be used in the future to tell the horses apart. Two days later, the man returned, absolutely delighted. "Thank you, you have solved my problem. The black horse is three inches taller than the white one"

A couple of pretty Canadian girls took a holiday in Australia. In a club, they were spotted by a couple of likely lads one of whom said to the other, "Why

don't you ask those ladies to join us?" The mate wandered over to the girls, introduced himself and asked them where they came from. One of the girls proffered a big smile and said "Saskatoon, Saskatchewan." The man sniffed and walked away. When his friend asked whether or not the girls would be joining them, his friend replied, "No, they don't speak English"

It only remains for me to wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Best wishes to you all.

Ian Nisbet

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Sunday 7th and 21st—Local arrangement.

14th—Carols by Candlelight (See advert). 28th—Greg Sargent

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The speaker for our November meeting was Kevin Boardman who delivered a talk entitled, "They taught us how to fly" which was all about the Wright Brothers. Wilbur, b1867 and Orville Wright, b1871 were the youngest of seven children to

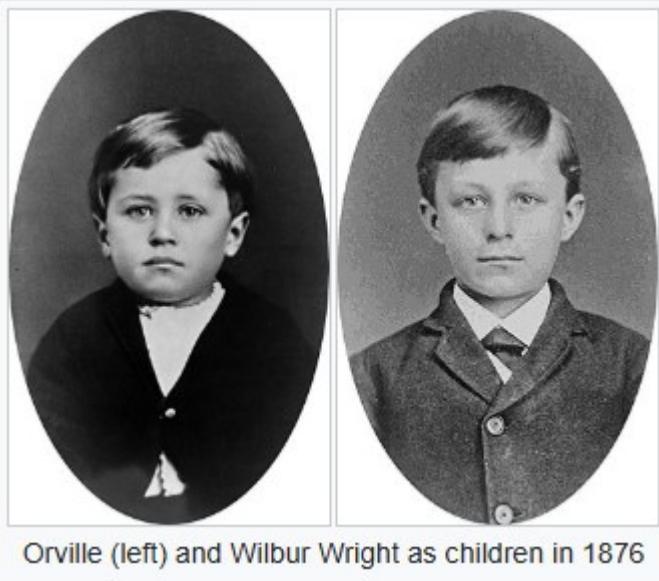
Milton Wright, a clergyman, and Susan Koerner. Because of their father's position as a bishop in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, he travelled often and the Wrights moved twelve times before finally returning to Dayton, Ohio, in 1884.

In 1878 their father brought home a toy helicopter for the two boys. The device

was based on an invention of French aeronautical pioneer Alphonse Pénaud and made of paper, bamboo and cork with a rubber band to twirl its rotor. It was about 1ft (30cm) long. The boys played with it until it broke, then built their own. In later years, they pointed to their experience with the toy as the spark of their interest in flying.

Orville set up a printing press and established a weekly newspaper in Dayton called the Westside News and Wilbur joined him. In 1892 Orville came up with a new hobby, bicycles. Together they opened the Wright Cycle Exchange, repairing and selling bicycles. In 1896 they began to manufacture their own bikes. The Wright Cycle Company made a good profit, but they cared little about the money. They were already thinking about trading their wheels for wings.

They got into gliders, simply because there was no way to power them at that time. 1896 brought three important aeronautical events. In May, Samuel Langley successfully flew an unmanned steam-powered fixed-wing model aircraft. Chicago engineer Octave Chanute brought together several men who tested various types of



Orville (left) and Wilbur Wright as children in 1876

gliders over the sand dunes along the shore of Lake Michigan. In August, Otto Lilienthal was killed when his glider crashed from 50ft. These events lodged in the minds of the brothers, especially Lilienthal's death. The Wright brothers later cited his death as the point when their serious interest in flight research began.

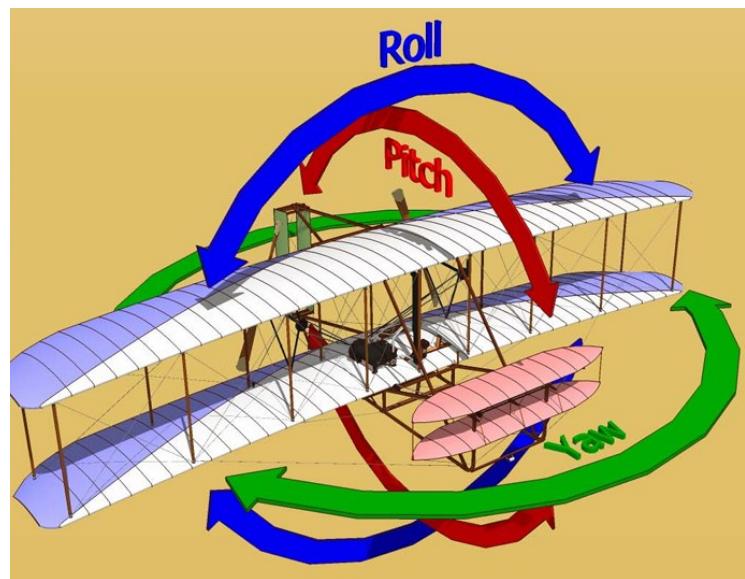
Wilbur said, "Lilienthal was without question the greatest of the precursors, and the world owes to him a great debt." In May 1899 Wilbur wrote a letter to the Smithsonian Institution requesting information and publications about aeronautics. By today's standards a slow method of communication! Drawing on the work of Sir George Cayley, Chanute, Lilienthal, Leonardo da Vinci and Langley, they began their mechanical aeronautical experimentation.

They needed solutions to three problems: a better method of controlling their gliders; a wing design so that they could maintain lift and, eventually, some engine power without which there would never be an extended flight.

Wing design came down to curvature and following many tests they arrived at a solution. To overcome the twisting motions of pitch, roll and yaw Wilbur came up with various designs which Orville built and the brothers tested in their own wind tunnel.

Their first patent was for **a system of aerodynamic control that manipulated a flying machine's surfaces.**

To test their full sized gliders they needed somewhere that would provide a soft landing as their machine did not have an undercarriage. They also needed a good breeze to help with take off. So, they wrote to the US Weather Services seeking advice and the reply contained a list of possible locations. They selected Kitty Hawk on the Outer Banks, North Carolina, a ten-hour, 676 mile drive



nowadays. Back in the early 1900s transporting all the glider components, in packing crates, from Dayton would have been a huge task involving, trains, boats and ferries. Wilbur went first and met the local postman, Bill Tate, who ended up helping them test their gliders, together with other locals. Orville arrived a few days later and they lived in a tent with a shed and suffered with mosquitoes. Several weeks for three winters, they tested, crashed, fixed, improved, repeat. Their machines were built from spruce wood, muslin cloth, wire, hooks and brackets.



Wilbur just before landing the 1901 glider.

The gliders were launched from a sledge run downhill on a single train track with the locals helping keep them level. On 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1902 they achieved a 26 second flight, 622ft. An amazing achievement.

In 1903 they built the first powered Wright

Flyer. They also designed and carved their own wooden propellers, and had a purpose-built gasoline engine fabricated in their bicycle shop. They returned to Dayton and then in December 1903 they did a coin flip to see who would fly. Orville won, the engine stalled and the plane crashed. Following repairs, the Wrights finally took to the air on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1903, making two flights each from level ground into a freezing headwind gusting to 27 miles per hour (43km/h). The historic first flight was achieved by Orville at 10:35am, of 120 feet (37m) in 12 seconds, at a speed of only 6.8 miles per hour (10.9km/h). The next two flights covered approximately 175 and 200 feet (53 and 61m), by Wilbur and Orville respectively. Their altitude was about 10ft (3m) above the ground.

They tried to sell their idea to the Army but without success. By 1908 they were doing demonstrations in Paris displaying figures-of-eight with complete control. Now the army got interested. A \$4000 prize for a two hour flight was put up which they eventually

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managed. The improvements made in such a short time were immense. They became businessmen and Orville established the Wright Company on November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1909. Much development followed and today, 116 years later, we have planes carrying several hundred passengers around the world.

Wilbur died 30th May 1912. Orville died 1948 of a heart attack. In



an interview following WW2 he stated, "We dared to hope we had invented something that would bring lasting peace to the earth. But we were wrong ... No, I don't have any regrets about my part in the invention of the airplane, though no one could deplore more than I do the destruction it has caused."

The Men's Breakfast Club usually meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month at The Wellington in Feltwell at 9am. It costs £8.00 per person to attend which includes a talk, tea or coffee and a full English breakfast which never fails to please.

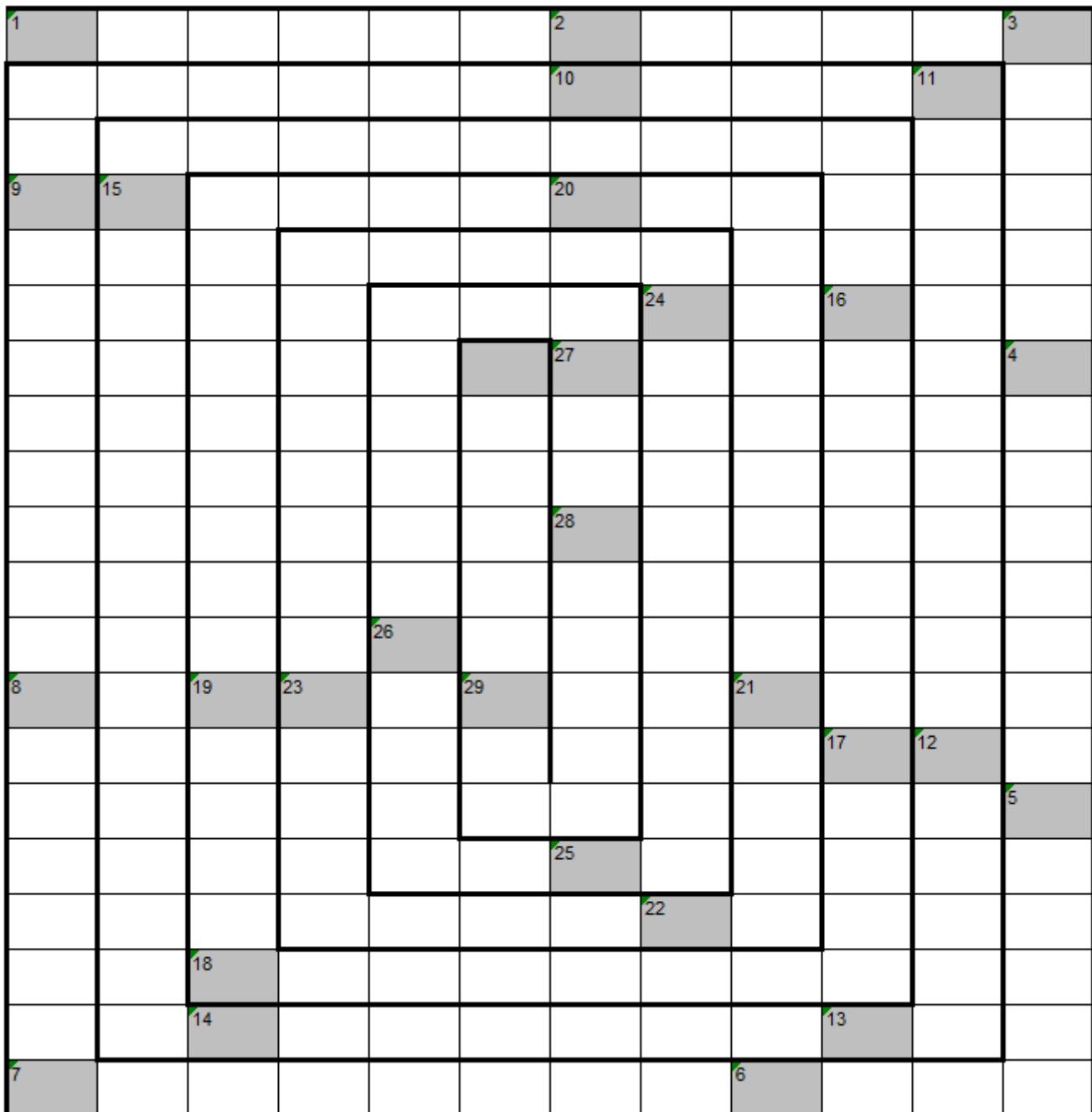
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Our next meeting will be on Saturday 6th December. Our speaker will be the ever entertaining and informative Kevin Boardman who will tell us about Katherine Johnson.

## WORD TRAIL

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 The name given to an Egyptian sail boat (7)
- 2 MEDICAL: a condition marked by pain in the chest, often also spreading to the shoulders, arms, affecting the heart. (6)
- 3 Feminine term for Actor (8)
- 4 Scurried (9)

*This month's Word Trail  
solution is on page 79.*

- 5 Gutter attachment (9)
- 6 A river in SW Asia, rising in E Turkey and flowing south across Syria and Iraq to join the Tigris (9)
- 7 Sauntered (8)
- 8 FILM: a 1955 British epic docudrama war film starring Richard Todd and Michael Redgrave 'The \_\_\_\_\_ (3-8)
- 9 Artificial (9)
- 10 Dried Coconut kernals (5)
- 11 A mobile substance surrounding and protecting the foetus in the uterus (8-5)
- 12 Ship repair area (3-4)
- 13 To pull (an offender) under the bottom of a ship and up on the other side as a punishment. (8)
- 14 MUSIC: A 1974 record by Neil Sedaka (8-2-3-4)
- 15 MUSIC: Which rock band was founded by Trent Reznor in 1988 (4-4-5)
- 16 A machine used in the task of laundering (4-5)
- 17 PLANTS: Shrub or small tree with large clusters of bell-shaped flowers, widely grown as an ornamental. (12)
- 18 Which southern Italian city is credited as the birthplace of the pizza (6)
- 19 Who authored The Hunger Games book series? (8-7)
- 20 Legendary surrealist artist is famous for painting melting clocks (8-4)
- 21 A soft drink commonly associated with Scotland (3-3)
- 22 Statement, remark (9)
- 23 Who was the British monarch at the time of the Abdication Crisis? (6-3-5)
- 24 Name the Gentleman who directed The Social Network (5-7)
- 25 The name of the person who painted 'The School of Athens' (7)
- 26 The author of 'War & Peace' (3-7)
- 27 What is the Sanskrit word for 'union' (4)
- 28 Name of the highest mountain outside of Asia (9)
- 29 Competence in an activity or occupation (7)

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*From the October replies via the automated post-appointment 'Friends and Family' NHS request system come the following comments, all of which are anonymous. What follows is a selection from both the positive and negative comment lists with the surgery's answers. There were 32 positive comments and 5 negative ones.*

**+** Extremely quick response, same day appointment and swift dispensing of medication. I was extremely grateful for the timely response and supportive appointment.

**+** I have always been satisfied with the service I receive at Feltwell Surgery, from the friendly, efficient Reception staff to the competent doctors and nurses who I've seen since I joined the practice. All lovely people.

**-** When asking if I really needed this appointment I was told to come in anyway. Turns out I didn't need this appointment as I learned nothing new. It was actually a waste of all our time and should've been triaged better.

**Response** Apologies to the patient who felt he/she didn't need to come in for an appointment. We follow strict triage protocols and feel if in any doubt, it is always better to be safe than sorry.

**-** I wouldn't wish anybody constant emails being asked to rate their experience when you're chronically ill. This becomes very boring very quickly.

**Response** We don't send you the friends and family questionnaires, this was an initiative implemented by NHS England some years ago. If we could reduce how many are sent repeatedly to the same patient, we would. Sadly, this is out of our control.

**-** Too noisy in waiting room.

**Response** The radio in the waiting room is rarely used, due to previous feedback we bought and installed a patient information TV monitor for the waiting room instead.

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## DECEMBER AT RSPB LAKENHEATH

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So, what might you see? Nearer the Visitor Centre, small birds like Siskin and Marsh tit should be using the feeders - these are two species we only tend to see at the feeders during the winter months, along with Long-tailed tits. There may also be the odd Redpoll mixed in with them or even a beautiful Brambling if we get a cold snap - these are very closely related to Chaffinches and often mingle with them, but they have beautiful speckled orange, black and white plumage.

As you walk along the riverbank there should be some Whooper swans visible on the Hockwold Washes and depending on the time of day you could see quite a lot. The overnight roost now numbers hundreds, with many still present at first light and until around 9am. Some will stay all day and we may even have a few of their rarer cousins, the Bewick swans, with them. Bewick's are smaller, with more black on their bills and their calls are different. They also tend to keep to themselves in their own little group, often near the edge of the main group. Ducks like Shoveler, Teal, Wigeon and Gadwall should be present on the Washland too, with egrets and herons



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## Events at RSPB Lakenheath Fen

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27 February (10am to 11am)

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### **Wild Wetland Winter Guided Walks**

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### **Winter Walking Safari**

Sunday 8 February 2026 (9:30am-3:30pm)

Many parts of the reserve aren't usually open to the public, and this behind the scenes tour provides a great opportunity to see the wildlife hiding out in pools and reedbeds which aren't visible from the current visitor trails. This walk is just over six miles long, and will include a visit to Botany Bay SSSI.

RSPB members £20 (£10 for Under 18's); non-RSPB members £25 (£12.50 for Under 18's).

around the edges and maybe even a Kingfisher flying down the river. If you happen to come towards the end of the day, our raptor roost will have built up by December and could be quite impressive. We get a wide variety of birds of prey attracted to the reedbeds as the light fades, both for roosting and hunting in. The majority of these raptors will be Marsh harriers, but one or two Sparrowhawk and Kestrel are common and sometimes Barn owl, Peregrine, Short-eared owl or Merlin are present too. Lots of small birds like Pied wagtails, Reed buntings and Blue tits love roosting in the reeds too, and these attract some of the more nimble raptors.

If you stay to watch the roost coming in, don't be fooled into thinking that's the end of the show. On your walk back towards the car park, our visitors and staff often see Woodcock and sometimes a Barn owl, and during the winter hearing a Tawny owl hooting around the car park or along the entrance track is common.

We hope that our festive message to all our supporters has been delivered - that the reserve is here and full of wildlife and vistas for everyone to enjoy over Christmas and New Year, no matter how you celebrate the season. We hope to see you soon!

With best wishes,

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

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The change of surface in the indoor is now beginning to settle down with the players and we are starting to win games. In the Pairs, 1 team is bottom and 1 mid table, and the morning Triples is two up from the bottom.

The annual maintenance to the green has been carried out with deep Scarifying, Top soiling and levelling out. We give a grateful thanks to all who turned up to assist the Green keepers over the week of work. It has been swished by Neil at the end of November and it is settled nicely and looking great.

The Quiz held on Saturday 1st November was very well attended with a near full house (about one table short). There were a good selection of questions set by our own Quiz compiler John Mann and run by the Quiz master John Linkin.

A good sum was made to go to the new project.

### COMING EVENTS

Coffee morning Saturday 13th December 10 to 12am, to be held in the large room in the RBL, see separate advert.

All are welcome especially those feeling lonely. Come and meet up at a very friendly club.

Max



The patient was given an enema for constipation, which was effective in relieving his headache.

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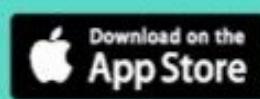
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# West Norfolk Aviation Society

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November 2025

This month's speaker was our very own David Allen, a veteran stalwart of the WNAS, retired teacher and airline operations officer. His talk was a recap of the Munich Air Disaster on the 06 February 1958. For the younger amongst us this was disaster that befell the returning Manchester United (MU) football team from a successful European Cup( aka Champions League) quarter final in Hungary. This was the first time a UK team, managed by MU legend Sir Matt Busby, had been successful in Europe and the team were the superstars of the time, known because of their young average age, as Busby's Babes.

This flight was making a refuelling stop at Munich and the aircraft an Airspeed Ambassador (nee Elizabethan), a twin piston engined (propellers) airliner of the time, operated by British European Airways. The flight contained the team, support staff and journalists. After a successful refuelling, the aircraft made 3 attempts to take off, the last of which ended with the aircraft careering off the end of the runway into a tree, a house and a shed, and breaking apart. 23 of the 44 people on board died including 8 of the creme of British football talent.

So we come to the suspected cause, which when simplified, broke down into: was it ice on the wing (Germany Investigator Theory), or slush in front of the wheels causing retardation so great the aircraft was not able to get airborne? It all probability it was a combination of events as these things always are, including the above plus an urge to get going, pressure from a running out air traffic time slot, two captains on the flight deck ( too many chiefs?), mechanical issues (which had caused the first two attempts to be abandoned). In truth, we will never know for sure as back then there were no voice or data recorders, so only witness information and supposition could be used.

What is not in doubt is that many lives, dreams and careers were destroyed that day which lives on in infamy. David passed on many small details that were not common knowledge but which space precludes me from adding. So thanks to David for an interesting and informative evening.

For details of our Society and our meetings, please Google us!

Mark Burch

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### Upcoming Dates

No visit in Dec.

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**As a valued stakeholder, Norfolk County Council** are inviting you to let us know your thoughts on our annual budget consultation proposals. We want to find out what people think about our 2026-27 budget proposals. The consultation runs from Monday 27 October 2025 and closes on Monday 15 December 2025. The consultation is available here: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget)

We will feed back the findings from our consultation to our county councillors as part of the evidence they will use to help them come to a decision about our budget proposals. Final decisions about the budget will be made by the council in February 2026.

### **Our proposals**

We have ideas for how to save money - this year there are 50 new budget saving proposals, and we are also proposing to increase council tax, which provides a large part of the funding we need to provide our services. We are also interested to hear any ideas you may have for saving public money.

### **How to take part**

There is an online feedback form, and print at home, large print and easy read versions are available. There is a BSL video giving an overview of the consultation too.

If people need a copy of the consultation documents in a different format they can email [haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk), call 0344 800 8020 or Text Relay on 18001 0344 800 8020 (textphone) and we will do our best to help.

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**Are you at least 70 years of age or will be by the end of 2025?**

**Have you lived in the village of Feltwell for a minimum of 10 years and are still resident?**

The Feltwell Fuel Allotment Charity does its best to maintain a list of qualifying recipients but relies heavily on local knowledge. The list is also used by the Trustees of the Atmere and De Moundford charities who also give winter fuel donations. Last year the three charities issued a combined donation of £100.

If you meet the qualifying criteria and have **not** received a grant before, please write to: Feltwell Fuel Allotment Agent, 15 Lynn Road, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 9NL. Please provide your **name, address, date of birth and the date that you moved into the village.**

Please mark the envelope “**Feltwell Fuel Allotment List.**”

Only one grant per household will be given.

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# NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of NOVEMBER 2025 in the British Legion, Long Lane. 9 Councillors and Ms Vikki Quamina (Community Liaison Advisor at RAF Lakenheath) attended

RAF Lakenheath celebrated its 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 31<sup>st</sup> October. The US Government shutdown has led to cancellation of US personnel support for local civic events but Chair said Sgt Ballard, Major Weller and their teams had attended Feltwell's Remembrance Parade in their general clothing. Dates to be given for the EOD visit in February at the next meeting.

Network Safety Team will visit the village on 27<sup>th</sup> November to look at improving safety at Hill Street junction with St Mary's/The Beck and change of priority at Short Beck/Long Lane/High Street.

Mr Storey will raise a number of matters with Highways such as the dangerously deteriorating condition of Southery Road. Clerk will also bring this matter to the attention of Terry Jermy MP.

NCC's Road Safety Team's assessment of Lodge Road junction with B1112 has resulted in a recommendation to install a yellow-backed 'Give Way' sign in place of the existing sign at the top of Lodge Road with additional 'SLOW' road markings adjacent to the ADS sign in a bid to make the junction safer. These will be installed asap.

Solar-powered speed indicator sign to be installed along Wilton Road, funded via NCC's Parish Partnership Scheme. Residents are encouraged to report any Highways issues to NCC via their website [www.norfolk.gov.uk/highwaysproblem](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/highwaysproblem)

Monkey Wall and Target Trainer has been installed at the playing field. Both pieces of equipment were 100% funded by the National Lottery Community Fund.

CIL Funding will be open again from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026.

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There has been a confirmed case of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) in the Feltwell area and as a precautionary measure, all allotment tenants with chickens have been instructed to ensure they are fully-housed with immediate effect.

**Polite requests for residents:-**

**Please trim overhanging greenery back to your boundary**

**Please deposit any glass waste into the bottle bank on the playing field as the Parish Council obtains recycling credits for every tonne collected**

Please subscribe to the Council's website (<https://feltwellparishcouncil.gov.uk>) and Facebook page for latest news and notifications including RAF Feltwell demolition activities and road closures.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the British Legion on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Feltwell Parish Council wishes you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## **Feltwell Historical Society CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

**The Historical Society are holding the annual  
Carols by Candlelight on 7th December at  
3-30 pm at St. Nicholas' Church.**

**We hope to see you all there at this  
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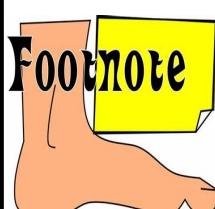
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### Did you know?

*With thanks to Wikipedia*



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