

June 2022

# FELTWELL PARISH MAGAZINE

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## Platinum Jubilee Events in Feltwell

**Thursday 2nd June**—Party in the Meadow, Porter's Meadow, Old Methwold Road 7pm. Village beacon to be lit 9.45pm

**Saturday 4th June**—Village Fete and Carnival Parade, 12 noon  
Car Boot @ 9am

**Scarecrow Competition, 30<sup>th</sup> May-4<sup>th</sup> June**  
Further details inside.

Growing Up in Feltwell  
War Hero No.44 - P. Wing  
Plus: From the Classroom,  
Farmyard Mutterings,  
Good Health, Scams,  
Council Report, Radish  
Push, Puzzles & lots more.  
Another maxed-out issue



## **FELTWELL ORGANISATIONS**

List maintained by Paul Garland.

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The Royal British Legion	John Linkin	828729
RBL Poppy Appeal Organiser	Mary Reynolds	828130
Feltwell Historical and Archaeological Society	Marion Lucas (Chairman) (Secretary)	828769
Feltwell Baby and Toddler Group	Lara Payne	07592 126767
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Feltwell Women's Institute	Claire Scarff	827555
Feltwell Playgroup	Samantha Newman	07582 371984
Feltwell Scout Group	Claire Scarff	827555
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Parish Council website: <https://feltwellparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>  
Feltwell's History Website can be found at <http://www.feltwell.net>

## **Deadline for the next issue is 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Submitted articles may be hand written or typed in Word 2019 or earlier.

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## GROWING UP IN FELTWELL IN THE 1950S & 60S

BY ROBERT WALDEN

### 15. The Shops

Feltwell's range of shops and facilities is the envy of many Norfolk villages but sixty years ago it was even greater. Until the early 60s there were no supermarkets to tempt folk to nearby towns; no internet for online shopping; few fridges and even fewer freezers to facilitate a "big shop". Perishables, often delivered to our homes, were bought shortly before use. And the RAF camp possibly generated more trade back then than currently. I recall over 20 village shops and outlining their character and range of goods, will extend beyond this month's article.

One of two filling stations in the village, Listers at Crosshill (opposite the Crown pub) had 3 attended, cream and black Shell petrol pumps with a delightful backdrop in spring of pink flowering cherry trees. It later changed from Shell to Jet. It also sold a small range of tinned food and household goods from its front ground floor room. It mainly served Lodge Rd and Munson's Place: for us boys, it sold sweets (sweet cigarettes at 2d a packet were popular) and "Matchbox" toy cars and army vehicles displayed in its window. At just 1/6d each (7.5p!) they were not quite pocket money toys (a bar of Cadbury's was 6d) but were affordable with patience. In 1960 the detached, single storey grocery shop was built; the first "self service" shop I think in the village. Both buildings are now residences. There was always a slight whiff of petrol and oil, inside and outside the old shop. I remember a tanker driver allowing us boys to stand and watch his delivery procedure – until an older boy Reg produced a box of Swan Vesta matches (the non-safety sort that would easily spark off concrete) and holding a match and grinning, asked "Should I? Should I?" as if he was about to strike it. We were about 10 years old and knew the stupidity and danger of what we were watching. The driver to his credit immediately stopped his delivery then calmly took the match from Reg in one hand and then the box and deposited both some distance away with the instruction that no-one was to touch them until he said they could. No-one did.

Ray Parnell's Ladies & Gents hairdressing opposite the chapel in Bell St, was always busy on Saturday mornings. A boy's haircut cost 1/- (5p) and a man's 1/6d. The chair had a special cushion some 300mm deep for us boys to save Ray stooping. He had a lovely art deco black glass Brylcream dispenser and he seemed to regret the decline in use of hair cream in the early 60s in favour of the more natural look and on finishing, always asked "A little cream on that?"- and looked quite dejected when we said "No thanks". Jim could do a wonderful mimic of Ray asking that question which ended with "Ray" kneeling on the ground pleading with the invisible incumbent "Please, PLEASE!.. just a LITTLE cream...?"!! An "Oh alright then" response caused an exaggerated pumping motion on the invisible dispenser and his fingers pulling through an invisible head of hair to apply the invisible hair cream, whilst whistling briskly just as Ray did. On Saturdays you might have to wait an hour for your turn while The Runaway Train was playing on Uncle Mac's Children's Favourites on the BBC Light Programme. Next door but out of sight, ladies might be having their hair permed: though faint, the smell was quite revolting.

My father's cousin Gert Walden had a little grocery store next to the hairdresser's. A Morris Minor Traveller enabled her to deliver weekly orders to her customers – and she also provided monthly credit. She also sold damp cornflakes which customers had to dry in their ovens. There was no fridge: she stored ham in an unheated back room and a long, straw-lined Fyffes banana box on the floor greeted anyone entering. On the counter was a cracked, old glass cabinet with "Cadbury's" in gold letters on the glass. Next to that was a blue, plastic stand holding "spares" for the Brooke Bond tea cards we all collected and which could be swapped for others (Conquest of Space; British Bird Portraits; British Wild Life etc). Of course rare cards – the Nuthatch or the Red Shank were never in the rack – only cards like the Black Headed Gull which we already owned. A smell of tea, ham, bananas and damp, pervaded the little shop. In 1969 I was living there while studying for my A-levels: to my horror I found 3 maggots crawling out of the joint of ham and rushed to tell Aunt

Gert. Far from being perturbed, she simply said “Great Scott! That’s nothing to worry about – it’ll be alright once I’ve wiped it over with a little vinegar!” She was however fastidious about not allowing me to wash my hands in the “shop bowl” in the sink. She sold the business soon after and the purchasers at once installed a fridge.

Hughie Vincent’s little shop was just 50 yds closer to the Church. As well as sweets and cigarettes he sold speciality goods: roller skates, Timex watches (much advertised on the new Anglia TV), and shoes and sandals for school. There were two steps down on entering and the distinctive leather smell from within was not unpleasant.

Broadwaters (Londis), probably tied with the Co-op (The Wellington) for the most extensive range although the Co-op also sold fishing rods, floats, hooks etc. Geoff Broadwater was a good hearted, jovial man who clearly loved his business and also made home deliveries in his big Vauxhall estate car. The shop entrance was a pair of narrow black doors which opened inwards and the smell of fresh ground coffee and home cooked ham was always heavy in the air. I can see him standing at the counter, in a white coat over his light grey suit, a yellow pencil and a ballpoint in the breast pocket, beside a large set of white Avery scales and the bacon slicer ready to fulfil the orders as his assistant Brenda called them out: “A quarter of ham” or “6 ozs of mousetrap” while the customer enjoyed the theatre. When sweets and foods were weighed and served in paper bags it was satisfying to watch the server hold the full bag at its top edge and spin it rapidly towards their body a few times so that it closed itself tight.

Next door to Broadwater’s, Dorothy Wright’s grocery shop was a light, timber structure with a narrow floor plan. It sold groceries, Lyons Maid ices and cigarettes (which we were sometimes sent to buy for our teacher for his lunch break at the new school!). The new shop was built when she married Cliff Waterman: few people walking into the original long, narrow, wooden store ever realised they were walking directly over the route of the old Beck Canal.

*(to be cont’d)*

## FELTWELLBEINGS

**Thursdays from 10.00 till 12.00 at Feltwell Methodist Church Hall.**

We adhere to all government guidelines and you will be required to wear a mask unless you are exempt. Tables and chairs are all set out socially distanced and a one-way system is in operation. Hand sanitisers are in place on entry and around the hall. The hall is cleaned before and after all meetings. Everyone is welcome. £3.00 per session to cover hall costs including insurance, tea, coffee and snacks. We start off with gentle exercises which are mostly sitting in your chair. This is followed by a organised game session which can include a Quiz, Bingo, Countdown, a talk, Beetledrive, Candle abstract making and glass painting. Other topics will be included. After the first hour, we play games that you want to play, these include scrabble, table tennis, small snooker table, cards, chess, draughts and dominoes to name a few. Tea and snacks provided throughout the session. New members always welcome.

### Walking on Air

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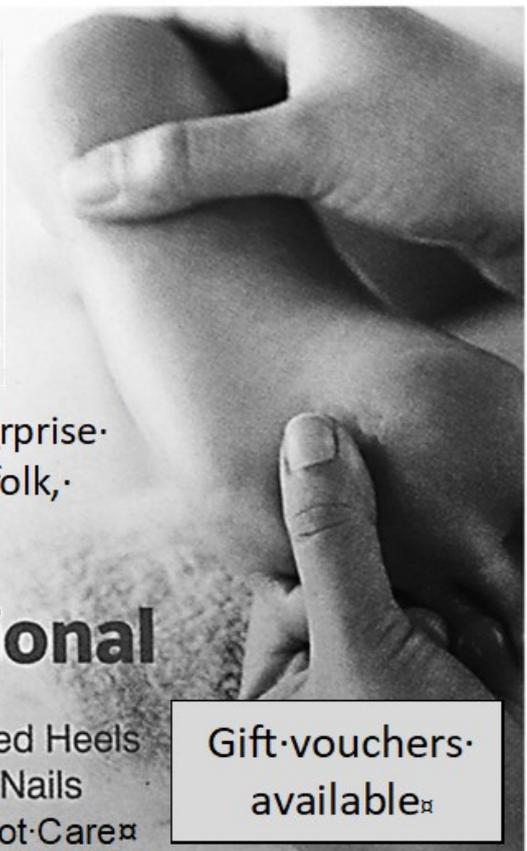
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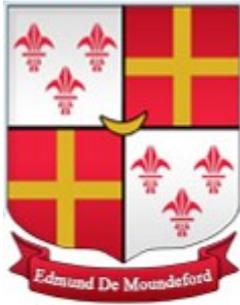
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### Foot Health Professional

Long nails ,Corns, Callus, Hard skin,Cracked Heels and Fissures, Fungal Nails, Ingrowing Toe Nails (Home or Clinic visits available) Diabetic Foot Care α

Gift vouchers available α





FROM THE CLASSROOM

## World War II – Hawks

Last half-term, Hawks class learnt all about World War II and were able to learn about the impact of the war on the local area by visiting The Wellington (Thank you to Chris and Stuart Samuels for hosting us) as well as developing our understanding of what the Home Front was while dressed as World War II evacuees during a trip to Gressenhall.



To conclude our learning the children had an opportunity to develop their knowledge of figurative language and write poems linked with this period. We hope you enjoy these thought-provoking poems.

Grumble, stumble, rumble – when will it end?  
I have endless hope to send,  
To the soldiers who are full of dread,  
Who may take their last breath any second.

Planes flying high up ahead.  
Lancasters and Spitfires flying all around,  
Bombs catapulting to the ground.  
Crying babies in air raid shelters,  
Thinking when will it end?

*Written by ES*



# **PARTY IN THE MEADOW**

**THURSDAY 2ND JUNE 2022**

**PORTERS MEADOW, OLD METHWOLD ROAD, FELTWELL**

**7 PM ONWARDS**

**JOIN US FOR A FAMILY EVENING OF MUSIC, FOOD, DRINKS &  
FIREWORKS TO CELEBRATE THE OFFICIAL LIGHTING OF THE  
VILLAGE BEACON AT 9.45 PM TO COMMEMORATE THE  
QUEEN'S 70TH YEAR OF REIGN!**

**BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK OR BOTH CAN BE  
PURCHASED ON THE NIGHT**

**FURTHER DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED**

**All proceeds will go towards new play equipment for the playing field and a defibrillator**

**Please contact [feltwellcommunitygroup@gmail.com](mailto:feltwellcommunitygroup@gmail.com) for more info!**



As they say goodbye to great loved ones  
Their hopes fade away as they get on the train,  
Imagining the terror that this war can be,  
Getting further from home than ever before,  
He can already hear the guns firing in his head,  
And the screams of the comrades taking their last breath.

As the train slows down his tummy ties in knots,  
He can already see the soldiers hiding behind the rocks,  
The leaders voice fills that station  
As they made their way to the battle of the nation

*Written by JS*

As triggers pull in the world wide war  
Desmond Doss hides more and more.  
He doesn't kill anyone, never ever,  
He stays on the battlefields in all weathers  
At night time when everyone goes,  
The battles come to a close  
He lowers the injured down a cliff  
As he wonders if he should go back to his wife to live a normal life.

He was given a medal and a purple heart for what he did was a work of art.

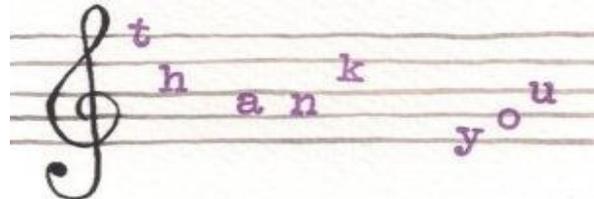
*Written by TM*

## **A Huge and Heartfelt**

To all who came and enjoyed  
the lovely Organ Recital in St.  
Mary's on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Grateful thanks also to Daniel Battle, the wonderful Organist who  
gave freely of his time and talents.

£350 was raised, a magnificent effort.



## FELTWELL'S MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB TAKE THE RADISH HOME

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 at 10am members of Feltwell's Men's Breakfast Club, with the help of Love Radish, will be raising money to support the wonderful work of the Norfolk and Waveney Prostate Cancer Support Group by pushing wheelbarrows full of radishes!

Back in 2019 we pushed barrow loads of radishes from the Love Radish factory to the Wellington Pub, this year we are going to take them back home!

We hope you'll support us in our efforts by sponsoring us.

Every year over 47,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer. We have, therefore, decided to push 47,000 radishes from the Wellington Pub to the Love Radish facility on the Southery Road. The distance of our Radish Push is, coincidentally, 4.7 miles (approx.) so each mile travelled represents 10,000 men diagnosed with Prostate Cancer.

47,000 radishes weigh approximately 211kg assuming the average weight of a radish to be 4.5gms.

Every year over 11,500 men die of prostate cancer, 1 every 45mins. Most of our members know someone who either has, or has died from prostate cancer so this is a cause close to our hearts.

Sponsorship will be sought for the Radish Push from friends, family and our community. A donations box will be in the Wellington for those who wish to donate rather than sponsor. A sponsorship form is available in the pub for anyone to pledge their support for this event at, say, £1 a mile (make it a fiver) or even more if they so wish.

All monies will be given to the Norfolk and Waveney Prostate Cancer Support Group. In 2019 we gave them just over £3,400. It would be wonderful to beat this total this year but we do appreciate that times are getting harder.

If anyone who is not a member of the Breakfast Club would like to

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join us on our Radish Push – maybe because you know someone who has prostate cancer or has died from it – please contact Club coordinator Paul Garland on [garlandp@btinternet.com](mailto:garlandp@btinternet.com) or Feltwell **827029** to lodge your interest.

**Did You Know?** The Man of Men badge costs £2.00 from Prostate Cancer UK and measures 4cm tall.



From 2019. Everyone was keen to get pushing. Now we're taking them back!

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### FELTWELL SURGERY OPENING

8.00am - 6.30pm Mon-Fri only

#### Extended Hours for Appointments Only

Tuesday: 07:30 – 08:00 Thursday: 18.30 – 19.00

**Out of Hours Service** - Between 18:30 and 08:00, Monday to Friday, and all day at weekends and on Bank Holidays your call will be redirected to the **NHS 111** service.

**In a genuine emergency you should call 999 and ask for an ambulance. Chest pains and / or shortness of breath constitute as an emergency.**

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## Hospital Happenings *by Tony Bennett*



*Monthly Ramblings about West  
Suffolk Hospital*

**News: June 2022**

### **Covid at the hospital:**

The numbers of patients with Covid has been dropping week by week. From a high of over a hundred a few weeks ago, the total was around 50 last week. Fingers crossed that the end is in sight.

### **DaTScans:**

I'm pleased to announce that my department, Nuclear Medicine, has carried out its first DaTscan. The DaTscan study is designed to differentiate Parkinsonian syndrome from a benign condition called essential tremor. Essential tremor results in a noticeable tremor which may mimic the Parkinsonian Syndrome. Mostly Parkinson's can be diagnosed clinically but, in some patients, it is not straightforward and this is where the new scan helps.

Parkinson's disease is the most common form of Parkinsonian syndrome, but there are other forms, including multiple system atrophy and progressive supranuclear palsy. Although DaTscan cannot determine which form of Parkinsonian syndrome you or your loved one has, it can, with other scans and clinical evaluations, help your physician determine whether you are suffering from a Parkinsonian syndrome.

For patients with dementia, the DaTscan has been successfully used to separate Alzheimer's disease from another dementia called Lewy Body disease. This has important implications in determining which medications can safely be used to treat the dementia.

It has taken a long time to get the regulatory approval for this scan as it uses a different isotope to our usual one. DaTscan uses Iodine 123 which has a half-life of 13.2 hours, twice the half-life of Technetium 99m. This means the patient stays radioactive for

longer and so does our waste. It takes about 5 half-lives to get back to a background level of radioactivity, so around 70 hours for the new isotope.

We've had to put a completely new system in to deal with the waste and have our assay machine, which measures the patient's dose of radiation, recalibrated.

The scan is taken using a technique called SPECT (Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography) which is a bit like a CT scan, the two big detector cameras rotate around the patient's head for 45 minutes. They have to keep pretty still which is challenging for some. It's good news that we can now offer this service though.

### **Incidents and Anecdotes:**

The last couple of anecdotes were from my days at Portsmouth, after that I moved to Medway Hospital, Kent. Portsmouth was busy but Medway was just crazy and all human life was there. The hospital was within walking distance of the town centre which encouraged "patients" to drop in with their takeaways on the way back from Joanna's nightclub. Often it seemed, the hospital was just a good place to stop to eat.

One of our regular visitors was a lady who frequently got beaten up by her husband. She'd come in black and blue, we'd x-ray her, Casualty, now A&E, patched her up and sent her home until the next time. Our team were young and naïve. Once we asked her why she didn't leave her husband. She looked at us as if we were mad and said, "Because I love him," through swollen and bruised lips.

One of our radiographers had to lock himself in the darkroom one night when a man with a knife was seen running and screaming round the hospital. There was a fairly large police turnout for that one and he was quickly apprehended.

Drunks were a regular occurrence and often didn't want to be x-rayed and quite often gave an impressive display of alcohol induced projectile vomiting. I learned quickly to jump out of the way. There wasn't much time for fun but one night I was working with a new radiographer who went out of the room to collect the next drunken patient on a trolley. Unbeknown to him, the drunk was our superintendent who had been in theatre doing an emergency case.

A Welcome Return to our regular quizzes

# QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday

11<sup>th</sup> June

7.30 pm



**St. Mary's Church, Feltwell**

**£6 to Include Supper**

Please bring you own plates, cutlery,  
glasses, drinks and nibbles

All proceeds to Church Funds

He tucked himself under a blanket, moaned, groaned and belched, refusing to come out for his pictures. The new radiographer tried being nice, then firm and finally a bit cross, tugging at the blanket. At this point our boss sat up suddenly, dropped the blanket and shouted “Booooo!!!!” at the top of his voice. I swear the new chap’s feet actually left the ground. That was his welcome to the hospital, it wouldn’t happen today of course.

## NEWS FROM THE LEGION

It’s been almost a month since I stood down as the chairman of the branch, but still carrying out the same duties (less the hat) until the new chairman has got to grips with all the jobs etc. The new Chair is Mr. Ian Rayner. Welcome and all the best in your new roll.

Things have been ticking along nicely the crib has dropped in numbers due to a few of the players being part of the outdoor bowling who have there roll ups on a Monday night. The carpet bowls (morning) group are still hitting the cheese boosting the poppy appeal box (thanks). The evening session has not panned out the way that I was hoping, but is going to continue with Ray running it. Even more cheese hits.

Thank you to all who took part in the VE day act of remembrance service held in the memorial garden Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The day before we held our VE quiz night and I think we were in competition with a couple of other events being held on the same night, which accounts for a low turnout. Our next quiz night will be 6<sup>th</sup> August (for VJ day)

The week end 14/15 May I will be attending the national conference which is being held in the QE2 center London. A report will be with the branch for the June meeting.

*John Linkin*

### **Feltwell Dispensary Opening Hours**

Monday: 08:30-12:00, 14:00-18:00

Tuesday: 07:30-12:00, 14:00-18:00

Wednesday: 08:30-12:00, 14:00-18:00

Thursday: 08:30-12:00, 14:00-19:00

Friday: 08:30-12:00, 14:00-18:00

 01842 829738 or 01842 828481

You can order your medication or ask any queries regarding your medication [online](#). Or use our dedicated telephone line for ordering your prescriptions. It is open from Monday to Friday 10:00–12:00 and 14:00–17:00. Repeat prescriptions can be ordered [online](#).

## Sudoku Puzzle

Each row, column & 3x3 square must contain numbers 1-9

Answer on page 57

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## *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.*

*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:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9AM - 11:30AM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9AM - 11:30AM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12:30PM - 2:30PM</b>

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

## MUTTERINGS FROM THE FARMYARD

As I sit to write these mutterings the main talking point for all growers is the lack of rain. It has been four weeks now since we had any significant rainfall. My hope is that by the time that you receive your magazine things will have reversed themselves and our crops will begin to look a little less stressed. We are irrigating where we can to help establish the spring sown onions and to maintain the growth of the wheat that was planted in the autumn. In general, however, crops in the UK are looking much better than those in many parts of the world.

The war in the Ukraine and the pandemic have combined to make what were routine decisions on how much to spend on each crop quite difficult. Energy and fertilizer costs have increased dramatically and it is very uncertain whether we should push for maximum yield as in the past. It is of course possible for us to fix the selling price of commodities such as wheat at anytime during the year but who knows how much we will have to sell when we are so dependent on the weather? Our most valuable crop should be onions but we will probably not have managed to negotiate a price increase with our supermarket customers until after we committed to many of the production costs for next year.

We have at last received the formal acceptance of our new environmental scheme. Almost exactly 12 months after our application and some 4 months after the agreement should have started. We are disappointed that a significant area of Legume and Herb Rich Sward has been excluded. This is because ALAGO when drawing up our HEFER have decided to designate this part of an arable field as a SHINE site!!

(ALAGO Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers  
HEFER Historic Environment Farm Environment Record  
SHINE Selected Heritage Inventory for Natural England )

This is despite the fact that this area was studied in the 1950's

before the Cutoff Channel was dug and since then has been regularly ploughed and deep cultivated and that is what we will continue to have to do.

The fact is that many within British Agriculture are unclear about what is expected of us. We are being very actively encouraged to make long term commitments to the environment and to mitigating global warming with absolutely no thought to food security in the UK. Many of us fear that food price inflation will become a real problem over the next few years and food shortages will be significant in many parts of the World.

## FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB



The Quiz night held on the 30th April was well attended and enjoyed by all who attended, helping our funds towards a new mower. We

have obtained a good second-hand one which will act as a stop gap until we have the funds to purchase a new model.

Club nights and roll ups are going well with an attendance of approx. 60% of the members turning up. We meet on a Monday and Wednesday starting at 6-30.

The green is bowling well and seems a bit faster than last year.

The leagues we have joined have started. I will report on our results in the next issue.

We have 3 new members but are looking for more so if you are interested why not come along and give it a try on a Monday or Wednesday, or contact me 01842 827511 (starting time is 6-30)

You will be made most welcome.

*Feltwell Village Yard Sales Day*

*Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July*

*9:00am to 2:00pm*

## JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.

	Yorke Family	Pull Family	Dove Family	Garland Family	Barbeque	Street Party	Carnival	Funday	Ebbing Family	Smith Family	Brooks Family	Brown Family
Thursday												
Friday												
Saturday												
Sunday												
Ebbing Family												
Smith Family												
Brooks Family												
Brown Family												
Barbeque												
Street Party												
Carnival												
Funday												

Four groups of neighbours decide to meet up over the Jubilee weekend.  
Match the neighbours together with the day and their joint activity.

1. The Barbeque happened before the Funday and the Brown's activity.
2. The Pull Family were at the Street Party, they weren't with the Ebbings or the Smiths.
3. The Brooks family didn't Barbeque, they didn't meet with the Doves or the Garlands.
4. The Yorkes and the Brooks met on Saturday.
5. Friday's Funday was enjoyed by the Smith and Garland children.

*Answer on page 65*

### ART FOR PLEASURE

Every Thursday 10.30 am – 12.30 pm in Weeting Village Hall.  
Contact Beryl Pountney, Secretary, for details on 01842 828750

# ***HOCKWOLD COUNTRY FAIR***

**SUNDAY 19th June 2022**  
**10am - 5pm**

Wilton Farm, Main Street, Hockwold,  
Thetford , Norfolk, IP26 4NA



MAIN RING ACTS - STALLS & EXHIBITORS - STEAM ENGINES

CLASSIC CARS & MOTORCYCLES - VINTAGE TRACTORS

FUN DOG SHOW - CHILDRENS AREA

CHECK IT OUT ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR WEBSITE

[www.hockwoldcountryfair.co.uk](http://www.hockwoldcountryfair.co.uk)

## LATEST CONSUMER ALERTS AND TRADING STANDARDS NEWS

Scam Alert – Fake competitions on Facebook

Scam Alert – Council Tax rebate scams

Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to be from ‘Ministry of Justice’

Scam Alert – Fake clothing charities

*We have received a report from a Norfolk resident who has received a clothing collection service leaflet through their door which could be misleading.*

*The leaflet requests donations of clothing, footwear, toys and cosmetics, however the business is not a registered charity.*

*We are advising residents looking to donate their unwanted items to charity to thoroughly read any collection service leaflets that they receive to ensure that they understand who they are donating to.*

**Consumer Alert – Remote access fraud**

*We are warning Norfolk residents about telephone cold calls claiming to be from organisations such as banks or service providers stating that there are issues with your accounts.*

*The call can be a recorded message or an individual that asks you to confirm your account information. Often the calls are looking to seek remote access to your accounts to gather personal or financial details or attempt to take ‘missed’ payments or move money to a ‘secure’ account. If you receive one of these calls do not press any keys or provide any personal information and hang up.*

**Consumer Alert – Buying and selling online**

*We have received a report of a Norfolk resident falling victim to a scam when selling their mobile phone online. The resident posted their phone to the buyer only to receive a fake PayPal email and no payment.*

*If you are buying or selling high value items online, make sure you are using reputable selling platforms with official payment channels. Be extra cautious if you are asked to pay directly into a private individual’s bank account or are parting with your items before receiving any payment.*

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*These messages are a scam. Anyone clicking on the link will be taken to a fake version of the NHS website, which will attempt to gather personal details and then take card details to ‘cover postage and packing’.*

*If you receive this, or a similar text message, you can report it by forwarding the message to 7726. You will not be charged for sending texts to this number.*

*You can also report suspicious text messages received to us via our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133*

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[Citizens Advice consumer service website](#)

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

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Impossible ins a word  
That I will rarely use  
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Or something to amuse

I had some ball bearings  
Just like marble size  
So thought I 'd make a bagatelle  
For a family surprise

So for our great sons  
For when my birthday party came  
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Which they thought a lovely game

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It's nice to know that bits and bobs  
Saved from my working days  
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*Harry Gill*



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Our speaker for April was Robert Enderby who talked to us about his time in the Metropolitan Police.

Robert was born on a farm in Suffolk but in 1979 he and his family moved to Feltwell. He attended our primary school when the

Headteacher was Mr Feltwell. From there he moved to Thetford Grammar school where he developed a love of geography and had received a place at Loughborough University to further his studies. However, he was too young to go so had planned to have a gap year working in America. In his final year at school, he picked up a leaflet in the careers library about becoming a Metropolitan Police cadet. It sounded just the thing for his gap year! He attended a three-day selection course at the police training college in Hendon along with 14 other applicants. Three were accepted, Robert being one of them.



So, on 31st July 1989 he began a year long Metropolitan Police Cadet course, starting with a four-week induction programme involving team building exercises in Wales and hours of “brutal” physical training.

Robert’s first eight-week community assignment whilst at Hendon involved assisting with a Youth Club running a DoE course, and his second was at a day care centre for the elderly. He also learned to fly a glider and experienced “mock” riots. (More on this later).

At the end of the year 24 cadets out of 30 were left. Trainees were paid £275/mth.

He had survived and instead of going to university stayed on at Hendon to complete a further 20 weeks course as a trainee constable which involved studying psychology, learning about London, community relations, lots more “military-style” PT and sports (for improving fitness)



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together with hours spent learning the law, for which a monthly examination had to be sat and passed, otherwise it had to be taken again and two fails led to you being back classed.

In August 1990 he had the honour of being the youngest police officer in London and in December of that year, at the age of 18 and 6 weeks, following his passing out parade, he was posted to Barkingside. He had applied to work in the inner-city area of Tottenham.

He was assigned to work with an experienced officer on 'Street duties' and said that "All days were different." He recalled giving mouth-to-mouth to an elderly man who had collapsed and was almost certainly dead, all in front of a group of children in Barkingside Park. He recalled his hope that the ambulance would hurry up and arrive to take over, unfortunately the man could not be saved. Back then single policemen and women lived in section houses, each had their own room with communal kitchen and bathroom facilities on each floor. Robert's section house contained about 100 officers and for the pleasure of living there it only cost £4/mth. He lived there for 4 years!

During his first year he had to experience several roles including Station Officer duties, Custody Officer's assistant (tales too gory to print here!) and observe Post-mortems.

At the age of 18 and only three months after leaving training school his eyes were well and truly opened to what life could be like for a Metropolitan Police officer when the Poll Tax riots took place in London! Members found his talk extremely interesting and as he had barely scratched the surface of what he had planned to talk about we invited him back next year.

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 £7.50 per person to attend which includes a talk, tea or coffee and a full English breakfast which has to be tasted to be believed just how good it is.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join us then either call The Wellington and book on 01842 828224, before 4pm on the previous Wednesday, or email the Club co-ordinator Paul Garland at [garlandp@btinternet.com](mailto:garlandp@btinternet.com).

Our next meeting will be on **4<sup>th</sup> June** and the speaker will be Andy Moore who will talk to us about the history of Bexwell Aerodrome.

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# Your Good Health

by Dr Ian Nisbet

## **Voucher expiry dates:**

Deannie's sister bought us some National Garden Gift Vouchers (HTA) three years ago and, when I attempted to use them a month ago, they were out of date, having expired on 31.12.21.

Google tells me that HTA stands for The Human Tissues Authority, Health Technology Assessment, HTA Group is a supplier of laser cut metal pieces and another HTA company specialises in interior design. The most likely fit for my purposes was The Horticultural Trades Association so I contacted them, told them how ill I had been, pointed out that they were only just time expired and requested an extension. I received a very peremptory and dismissive reply referring me to their terms and conditions and implying that I should go away. I sent them another email and

was told that the only way to “progress” the matter would be to make a formal complaint which would be considered by the directors. I have done that and we await developments. I had half a dozen vouchers which had similarly expired and I am pleased to say that they all extended courtesy of the issuer without complaint or demur – everyone was charming.

This episode set me thinking about the expiry date on vouchers and an extensive Google search revealed the following. **The Consumer Protection (Gift Vouchers) Act 2019** determines that all vouchers sold after December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 must either:

Have no expiry date or must be valid for at least 5 years from the date of issue.

If there is a five-year expiry date you must be given details in

durable format (paper or email) at the time of purchase.

I was really excited about this law until further research revealed that it only applies in the USA and Ireland. Googling can be misleading as the websites made no mention that this only applies in USA and Ireland. Further research revealed that **there is no gift voucher expiry date law** in the UK, expiry dates are allowed as long as the person buying the voucher was made aware of this at the time of purchase. Retailers actually prefer people to use their vouchers as people using gift cards spend 40% more than the value of the voucher on purchases in store or online. Secondly, gift cards and vouchers provide multiple benefits to retailers, such as introducing new customers and increasing footfall. (UK Gift Cards & Voucher Associations). So, now we know. Perhaps such a law would be a good idea for the UK.

*It was a regular day in the primary school. The teacher asked all the students to tell her something about what their*

*parents do for a living. Some children knew and gave a good description, while others didn't really understand their parents' jobs and gave vague descriptions or none at all.*

*When they got to little Johnny, he stood up and said: "My dad cuts people in half." "Oh, really?" asked the teacher with a smile, "You mean he's a magician?" "I don't know." said Johnny. "A surgeon, maybe?" asked the teacher. "I don't know," repeated Johnny. "Then why do you think he cuts people in half?" asked the confused teacher. "Because I have two half-brothers and three half-sisters."*

*A teacher asked a class of children to come up with a sentence beginning with "I" After a few children come to the front with predictable statements about having a cat or a certain toy, a child stepped up and said "I is-" and is immediately interrupted by the teacher, "I am!" The child frowned frowns and her started again "I is-." Again, the teacher interrupted her, this time a little more snappily "It's I am! Use the proper word!" The girl*

turned to look at her, eyelids drooped with exasperation. "Fine," she sighs, "I AM the ninth letter of the alphabet."

The Dot – an American joke. A kindergarten class had a homework assignment to find out something exciting and relate it to the class the next day. When the time came to present what they'd found, the first little boy the teacher called on walked up to the front of the class, and with a piece of chalk, made a small white dot on the blackboard and sat back down. Puzzled, the teacher asked him what it was. 'It's a period,' he replied. 'I can see that,' said the teacher, 'but what is so exciting about a period?' 'I really don't know,' chirped the little boy, 'but this morning my sister was missing one, my mother fainted, my dad had a heart attack, and the boy next door joined the Navy!'

A little girl wanted to take her dog for a walk. Her mother said, "No, sweetie. Lulu is in heat."

"What does that mean?" asked the girl. "Why don't you go and ask your dad in the garage?" says the busy mother. So the girl goes to her father in the garage and asks, "I want to take Lulu for a walk, but mom says she's in heat and to ask you about it." The father took a rag, poured some petrol on it, and then rubbed Lulu's backside with it to disguise the scent. "Now you can take her for a walk", he says. "Just don't let her off the leash, and she'll be fine". So the little girl skipped happily away with Lulu trotting along beside her. A few minutes later she returned with an empty leash, and no Lulu. Concerned, her dad asked, "Where's Lulu, sweetie?" "She ran out of petrol two streets away," the girl replied, "so the neighbour's dog is giving her a push home."

Best wishes to you all.

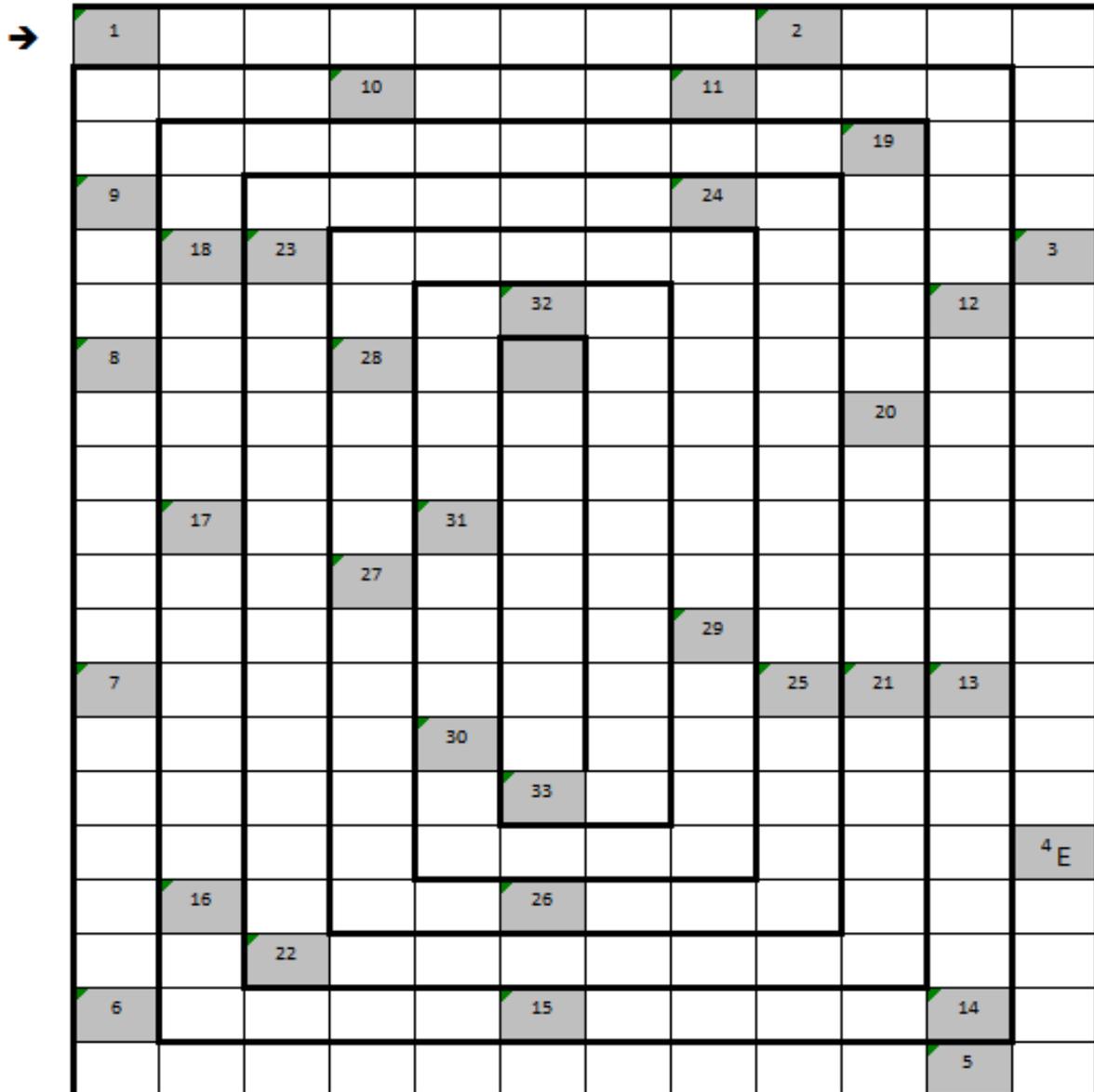
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## WORD TRAIL NO. 17

*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. An English city once known as Duroliponte (9)
2. This conspiracy theory supporter said the pyramids in Egypt were built by aliens (4-4)
3. A tube through which symmetrical reflections are produced on pieces of coloured glass (12)
4. Bind by contract (6)

5. **MUSIC:** This U.S. singer has the most UK no; 1 singles ever (5-7)
6. This is produced by bacterial fermentation of milk (7)
7. The name given to the art of cutting shrubs into ornamental shapes (7)
8. Young Women's Christian Association (**abbrev**) (1-1-1-1)
9. The breed of goat that produces Mohair (6)
10. In a Theatre, the name given to the projecting part of the stage into the audience (5)
11. An oily poisonous liquid found in tobacco leaves (8)
12. **TV:** Dianna Riggs played this character in the Avengers (4-4)
13. The main ingredient of Tarka Dahl (7)
14. The name of the private company to first launch Astronauts into space (5-1)
15. The sword shaped bone at the lower end of the Sternum (7)
16. A cat breed also known as the Poodle cat (5-3)
17. A small bamboo saxophone made in Maui (Hawaii) (6)
18. **FILM:** The name of the 2005 family film where a governess uses magic to help the children in her charge (6-6)
19. On the Periodic Table of Elements, what does 'Er' stand for (6)
20. 1½ Litres of Champagne is known as a (6)
21. The sea into which the river Nile flows (13)
22. The common name for the 'Aurora Borealis' (8-6)
23. The most expensive spice in the world by weight (7)
24. Contrary to popular myth, which bird has never sung in Berkeley Square (11)
25. Small pieces of material like fur worn over this part of the body to keep them warm (8)
26. A type of letter or typeface (4-5)
27. The name of the Norse God Odin's wife (5)
28. **MUSIC:** This track was found on Stevie Wonders' album '*Characters*' in 1987 (6-8)
29. At risk of being harmed or lost (10)
30. Legendary Australian wild dog (5)
31. **Literature:** The name of the King of the Fairies in Shakespear's comedy *a 'Midsummer Nights Dream'* (6)
32. Name given to a cloud base usually between 6,500-20,000ft (12)
33. Someone who legally advises clients (9)

*This month's Word Trail solution can be found on page 67*

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Feltwell Anglo-American Car Show

The 2nd Annual Feltwell Anglo-American Car Show was organised by Stuart Samuels alongside MSgt J. Flynn & TSgt A R Leswee of 48 Component Maintenance Squadron (48 CMS) from RAF Lakenheath and Stuart's friend, Paul Mazey, a local car enthusiast. 48 CMS is Commanded by LtCol Chris Rousseau and has responsibility for the maintenance of all the aircraft based at RAF Lakenheath. Stuart is the Honorary Commander of 48 CMS, a role which aims to enhance the relationship between USAF personnel and the local community.

The event was held at Edmund de Moundeford Primary School on Saturday 21st May, with perfect weather helping the great turnout. Those who attended were treated to a show of 200+ vehicles of all shapes and sizes. These included muscle cars, a massive US Army M35 Deuce and a ½ truck, classic British cars dated from the 1920's onwards and trike motorcycles.

The 48 CMS personnel barbequed with burgers, pulled pork baps, nachos, popcorn and cotton candy (candy floss) to help towards squadron funds, whilst a vintage bicycle ice cream seller kept everyone cool. For those who wanted to quench their thirst there was the Coffee Café in a 1950s horse box trailer and a Bar provided by The Wellington Pub.



The atmosphere was great throughout the event with a many people from then village, the USAF Bases and further afield coming along to show their support for what is hoped will become an annual event.

Stuart would like to thank the Headteacher of Edmund de Moundeford School for allowing the event to be held on the premises.



It is hoped that the 3rd Annual Anglo-American Car Show will take place on Saturday 20th May 2023, so watch out for more publicity nearer the time.

Thank you to all those came along and helped us to raise a massive £1075 for Edmund de Moundeford School Funds.

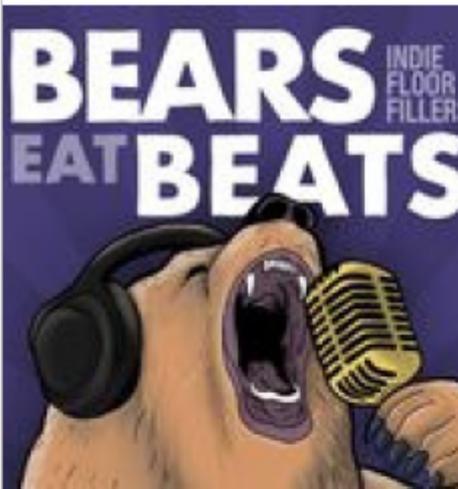


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**Mr E**

**June 25th**





## WILDLIFE CRIME

The previous month has seen some progress in some investigations while others remain ongoing. We were notified of work at a small tributary of the River Wensum in the Breckland area that unfortunately resulted in water voles and their burrows being disturbed. The person responsible was very shocked that they had committed a criminal offence. We had a good discussion with them, and a community resolution was used as a successful outcome with a large donation to a local wildlife charity.

The other investigation we were able to close this month was a report of a person 'pricking eggs' of Greylag Geese. Unfortunately, these birds tend to be very messy and do cause pollution issues in waterways, so their numbers sometimes need controlling. However, such methods must be done under a strict licence granted by Natural England. Licences must be applied for every individual case and there is no general licence to control Greylag Geese during the closed season. Once again, the individuals involved in this investigation thought they were doing the right thing and the discrepancy arose while they applied for the licence this year having realised a licence was needed. This was also dealt with via a community resolution which again resulted in a donation to a local wildlife charity.

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## **What is egg pricking?**

In general terms it is where a needle (generally) is used to put a small hole in the egg making the egg unviable. However, the bird will continue to incubate the eggs stopping them from laying another batch of viable eggs therefore slowly reducing numbers over time. This must always be carried out under licence and licences are only issued by Natural England when appropriate to control numbers of birds. It is a criminal offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act to take or destroy an egg of any wild bird unless that licence is in place.

## **What are Community Resolutions?**

Community resolutions are one way we can deal with crimes considered to be “low level”. The idea behind them is that they give some closure with an apology or compensation to those who have been harmed. The ‘offender’ must admit wrongdoing and be genuinely remorseful, and not have a record for similar offending. These sorts of outcomes are a real positive for wildlife crimes at times as rather than a court issuing a fine, similar sums of money can be directed into relevant charities supporting the species that has been harmed.

## **DOGS WORRYING LIVESTOCK**

I would like to remind everybody if you own or are responsible for a dog you are liable to prosecution if your dog attacks livestock or disturbs wildlife contrary to the Wildlife and Countryside Act. You will see several signs asking for dogs to be kept on leads, and this is especially important this time of year on many of our popular walking areas as vulnerable ground nesting birds will be disturbed by loose dogs. Just because you can't see the nests doesn't mean they aren't there and the fact you can't see them means the birds have done their jobs correctly! Please always respect the signs that are there to prevent harm and potentially protect you from prosecution. It is also important to remember that not everybody is a dog lover and having your bundle of joy running up to them can be incredibly stressful.

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Please be vigilant and contact us if you see manhole covers moved or people hanging around manhole covers and something doesn't look right...if it looks suspicious, it probably is. I would encourage people to capture any number plates you see as these can quickly be checked against legitimate companies. Companies like BT or other providers do subcontract work to other organisations, but they will generally be in marked vehicles.

## **HARECOURSING**

In relation to overall statistics, I am pleased to report this year we have seen a 42% decrease in calls to police in relation to hare coursing and 25% reduction in confirmed incidents. Our work with the other seven forces in the eastern region has had a positive affect on breaking down the borders and tackling criminality.

## **BIRD FLU/HOUSING REQUIREMENTS**

It will come as a big relief for many poultry keepers that from Monday the 2 May 2022, the housing requirement for all poultry will come to an end. However, that doesn't mean the risk of bird flu to poultry is any less. This season has seen the highest-ever confirmed cases across the country, and some protection zones remain in place, particularly in Suffolk where some housing requirements will remain.

The government's chief vets are still encouraging owners of any poultry to remain vigilant and maintain stringent bio-security measures.

If you find deceased wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks) or other deceased wild birds, such as gulls or birds of prey, you should report them to the Defra helpline on 03459 33 55 77. Do not touch or pick up any deceased or visibly sick birds that you find.



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## WHAT HAPPENED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IN MAY

Livestock farmyards became much quieter in the late spring/summer months with cattle and sheep nearly all turned out onto summer grazing. That doesn't mean livestock farmers get it easy this time of the year: all livestock must be checked daily with the grazing land correctly managed alongside producing the feed for the winter months. I have already seen one or two grass fields cut for silage but moving into May nearly all the first cut will be completed. Silage is either stored in the large clamps you see or in sealed bales (black bales) that are then stored to provide a really nutritious feed for winter months.

In addition, all livestock had to be regularly wormed, vaccinated and protected against flies during the summer months, which takes up a considerable amount of time and, of course, sheep will soon need to be sheared. Fleeces were once a valuable by-product of the sheep industry however sadly, there is now a very small market for this product and it is sometimes seen as waste. Farmers will pay around £2 to the shearer to shear the sheep and there's the cost of staff needed to keep the sheep moving through the races towards the shearer as well as those who fold the fleeces and gather the sheep initially. A farmer is paid around 80p per kilo for average quality and each fleece weighs between 1-3Kg therefore the price of the fleece is unlikely to cover the cost of the shearer. There are many entrepreneurs looking at other ways to use wool to try to increase its worth but with the increase in the use of synthetic fabrics over many years, the value of what was once a huge industry in the UK has plummeted.

On the arable farms all fields are planted with sugar beet and maize being the last few to be completed. Farmers were busy applying dressings of fertiliser and tackling the many pests and diseases that threaten the crops.

As we leave May behind our countryside came alive with insects and birds and the signs of new life were a plenty - the morning chorus was full of many different sounds. So many of our summer migratory birds have returned and are busy keeping their nests in order and looking after the eggs or young. There are also many parts of the countryside that become vulnerable in the summer to

disturbance, especially our ground-nesting birds including little terns along the coast and lapwings inland.

Foxes were more active than ever and often more visible than normal, including in many urban areas, as they looked for food to feed their young that are generally born around this time of year. Badgers also became more active as cubs born in January time started to explore their outside area. Also, many of the adults started to spend time above ground during daylight

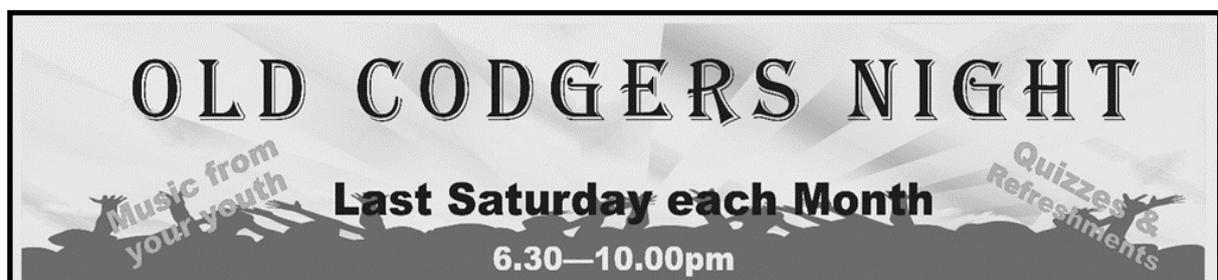
## Open Gardens

Would you like to open your garden for others to enjoy? You can register your interest with one of our committee members below.

- Want to help in some other way?
  - Make a donation
  - Help to plant the plants/bulbs
  - Watering/weeding
  - Register for Open Gardens
- Are you a member of an organisation which would like to take part, Brownies, Scouts, WI, Feltwellbeings, Bowling Club, Playgroup, Monday Meet-up, Church, Parish Council, etc., etc.

Please get in touch with one of the people listed below or contact [mikegw15@gmail.com](mailto:mikegw15@gmail.com) message me or text me 07712578721. We have a letter box at the Methodist Chapel if you want to drop us a note.

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*Taken from his 'The Story of Feltwell' published in 1970*

So far, I have been able to trace Feltwell Fair back to 1287 by which time it had become an established custom-as had the weekly market, held on Mondays. In 1287, Robert de Kokefield claimed to hold a three-day fair "on the Vigil, the day and the day after the Feast of St. Nicholas" but the Bishop of Ely and one of Robert's forebears both claimed to hold a weekly market as early as 1204.

In front of the West Door of St. Mary's Church is a (now enclosed) plot of land on which fairs were held and it has been said that during the incumbency of Rev. Sparke (1831-1879) he had the venue changed to Fair Close. Fairs and markets were often held close to the churches and it is more than likely that in the dim past they were held on the Village Green near St. Nicholas' Church. During the reign of Henry III (1216-1272) the holding of Fairs in churchyards (and on Sundays) was prohibited and in any case Fair Close meadow bore this name on a map in my possession dated 1771

For several years, there has been no Feltwell Fair on the proper dates (20th and 21st November) but there have been occasional fairs, albeit small ones, on odd occasions. I remember one several years ago on Barrett's Close at the rear of the Almshouses and one, in 1969, on the Playing Field.

Alas, these modern fairs are but a shadow of their predecessors. One thing which has gone out of fashion (perhaps fortunately!) is the water squirt - like a tooth-paste tube, which, when squeezed, ejected a stream of ice-cold water into the face or neck of the recipient, who, in mid-November, was not amused.

**More next month.**

## LONG MAY SHE REIGN.”

1952 > 2022

I was 6yrs old when the Queen’s reign began,  
I remember it still to this day,  
For we danced in the square of my market town  
Round a maypole bright and gay.

The dress I wore was all red white and blue,  
Still with me all down the years,  
And as my dear mother’s album can prove,  
I ended the day in tears!

But they must have been tears of the tired happy sort,  
For we had a new Queen to love,  
And so her glorious reign began,  
As we too gave thanks to The One Above.

Our Queen was very young at the time  
With two children at her knee,  
But her spirit to serve and look after her lands  
Was so very plain to see.

Prince Philip was firmly at her side,  
Her solid “strength and stay”,  
Their partnership spanning so many years  
As he carved his own role to play.

So now we look back on 70yrs,  
With all the challenge and change,  
Yet her steadfast calm and devoted self  
Promotes wise emotional range.

Elisabeth has seen so much of the world,  
Be it vehicle, boat or by plane,  
And her visits just seem to warm so many hearts  
As they sing and rejoice that she came.

People are honoured and people are thanked,  
So that no one is taken for granted,  
And as she moves around her lands  
Inspiration is readily planted.

Her love of horses and her family of dogs  
Is a pastime of well deserved pleasure,  
And she too is the guardian of beautiful homes,  
And a priceless collection of treasure.

There is much tradition to being royal  
With an etiquette all of it's own,  
And one day can be the saddle and scarf,  
The next a tiara and throne.

But there's no holding back the passing of time,  
Yet our Queen's will to serve is unending,  
And loss comes to her like it does to us all,  
Of that there is no pretending.

God save our gracious Queen, Long live our noble Queen,  
To so many she's all we have known,  
And we're here at this time to honour her life,  
And to marvel at all that she's sown.

So we thank you, Ma'am, for all that you've done,  
You're a role model like none other,  
An example so fine, never crossing the line,  
To our lands, both Monarch and mother.

And so as the years go on quietly by,  
And your Jubilee comes into view,  
The next generation that follow behind  
Are there to look after you.

We bless you, Ma'am, we salute you, Ma'am,  
We courtesy and we bow,  
Whatever the secret of your success,  
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## FELTWELL'S WW1 WAR HEROES No.44

All of the information in the "Feltwell's War Heroes" series can be found at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/43688219@N00/42905937225/in/album-72157679638767304/>.

*This month's War Hero is:*

### Abbreviations used.

CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves Commission

SDGW – Soldiers Died in the Great War

IRC – International Red Cross

MIC – Medal Index Card

### **P. WING, LOYAL NORTH-LANCS**

On the Church Roll of Honour he is recorded as P. Wing.

Lance Corporal WING, PERCY

Service Number: 40232

Died: 27/06/1918

Aged: 30

Unit: 2nd Bn. The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Son of James Wing, of South View, Feltwell, Brandon, Suffolk.

Buried at LONGUENESSE (ST. OMER) SOUVENIR CEMETERY

Cemetery/memorial reference: V. C. 3.

CWGC: [www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/23249/wing,-percy/](http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/23249/wing,-percy/)

SDGW records that Lance Corporal Percy Wing "Died" on the 27th June 1918 whilst serving in France & Flanders with the 2nd Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. He was formerly 13002, Lincoln Regiment. He was born and resident Feltwell, Brandon, Norfolk and enlisted Lincoln.

The Medal Index Card for Private 40232 Percy Wing, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, is held at the National Archive under reference WO 372/22/21627

He was previously Private 29526 Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment.

[discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/D5954755](http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/D5954755)

He qualified for the 1915 Star, having first entered the Balkan Theatre of War on the 24th October 1915.

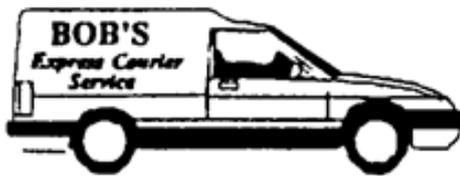
He also qualified for the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. The related Medal Roll shows him as serving with the 1st Garrison

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Battalion Notts & Derby Regiment as Private 29526 and then as Lance Corporal 40232 North Lancs Regiment. The two other men on the same page looks as though they were transferred from the same Garrison Battalion at the same time.

Some of his Service Records appear to have survived the incendiary attack during the Blitz on the Warehouse where all the Other Ranks Army Service Records were stored.

*Percy joined up at Lincoln on the 21st September 1914. A single man, his pre-war occupation was Labourmaster in a Workhouse. His religion is shown as Roman Catholic and he was born Feltwell. He was 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighed 133lbs. He had a Fresh complexion, with Brown eyes and Light Brown hair. He was aged 26 years and 4 months old. He was given service number 13002.*

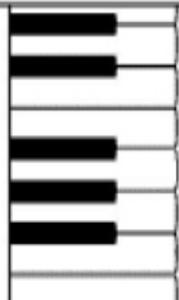
*His next of kin was originally given as his father, James, of 2, Cock Street, Feltwell, and his sister Lily.*

*He was posted to the 7th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment on the 23rd September 1914. He was transferred to the 3rd Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment on the 12th May 1915. He then went to the 1st Garrison Battalion of the Sherwood Foresters (Notts & Derby Regt.) on the 11th August 1915.*

*He landed in the Middle East on the 24th October 1915. He was appointed unpaid Lance Corporal on the same day, subsequently confirmed as to be paid.*

*Following a medical review on the 13th July 1917 he was ungraded to Category "A" and was transferred to the 2nd Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment on the 2nd August 1917.*

*He joined up with that unit, at Sidi Bishs on the 24th August 1917. On the 18th May 1918 he sailed from Port Said, bound for Marseilles. He was admitted to No 11 CCS on the 22nd June 1918 with "all the prevailing symptoms of the present epidemic of influenza". (Medical report on death). The report mentions he had previously had Malaria when serving in Egypt. After running a temperature of 105 degrees and being delirious, his temperature came down to 100 degrees on the 25th and he was coherent and saying he felt much*



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*better. But on the night of the 25th/26th his temperature skyrocketed and the delirium returned.*

*e is recorded as having died of Broncho Pneumonia at 3.00 am on the 27th June 1918 at 11 C.C.S.*

*In October 1918 a memo was sent to the stores advising that any personal effects should be sent to Miss Ida Lilian Wing, of South Road, Feltwell.*

The Government Probate Service holds a Soldiers Will for 40232 Percy Wing who died on the 27th June 1918.

[probatesearch.service.gov.uk/Wills?Surname=Wing&Surna...](http://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/Wills?Surname=Wing&Surna...)

The Army Register of Soldiers Effects records that the balance of his pay was sent to his sole legatee, his sister Ida L in October 1918. His War Gratuity would also be paid to Ida in December 1919.

### **1888 – Birth and baptism**

The birth of a Percy Wing was registered with the Civil Authorities in the District of Thetford in the July to September quarter, (Q3), of 1888.

The baptism of a Percy Wing, no date of birth recorded, took place in the Parush of St Mary and St Nicholas, Feltwell on the 9th September 1888. His parents were James, a Carpenter, and Fanny. The family lived in the parish.

Source: [www.freereg.org.uk/search\\_records/5818f8fce93790eca32d239...](http://www.freereg.org.uk/search_records/5818f8fce93790eca32d239...)

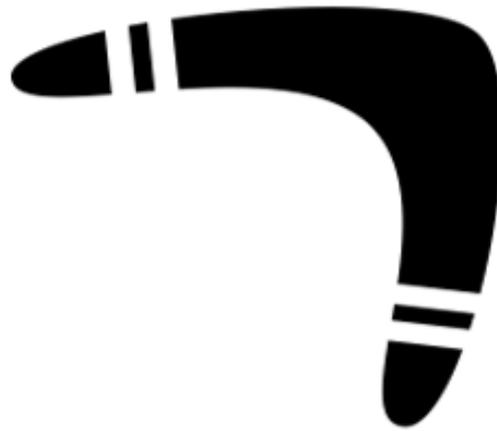
The death of a 38 year old Fanny Wing was recorded in the Thetford District in the January to March quarter, (Q1), of 1890.

### **1891 Census of England and Wales**

The 2 year old Percy Wing, born Feltwell, was recorded living in a dwelling on Bell Street, Feltwell. This was the household of his widower father James, aged 40 and a Carpenter, born Thetford, Norfolk. James' other children living with him are:-

Frederick	aged 12	born Feltwell	Labourer
Lily	aged 9	born Feltwell	
Charles	aged 8	born Feltwell	
William	aged 4	born Feltwell.	

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**1901 Census of England and Wales**

The Wing family were now recorded living in a Cottage on Cock Street, Feltwell. Their widowed father James, (aged 50, a Carpenter) was still the head of the household, but now the housekeeper is his 19 year old daughter, Ida. L. Other children still single and living with them are Charles E, (18, Journeyman Baker), William E, (14, Bricklayers Labourer) and **Percy, (12)**.

**1911 Census of England and Wales**

The most likely match for Percy on this census is a **25-year-old** Infirmary Attendant in the Workhouse at Wordsley near Stourbridge, Staffordshire. However, his place of birth is given as Thetford, Norfolk.

*Father James, (60, Carpenter) and sister Ida Lilian, (29, Dressmaker), and brother William ‘Earnest’, (24, Bricklayer) were recorded living together at a dwelling in Cock Street, Feltwell.*

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He is recorded as having died of Broncho Pneumonia at 3.00 am on the 27th June 1918 at 11 C.C.S. in France (Sourced from his service records).



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Our guides had kindly given up their own time to explain to us what we were looking at. And very successful they were too. They described the aircraft which had flown from Marham airfield over a period in excess of a hundred years: the biplane fighters sparring with Zeppelins, the Mosquitos 25 years later and, the V Bombers and Tornados in more recent years.

But Bunny, formerly an RAF Armourer, and Ken, who used to fly as a Navigator, took particular care to recall the contributions made by other people involved: the aircrews of course, the engineers, the parachute packers, the armourers, the cooks and particularly the relatives of those who were in harm's way when on Active Service.

During the intermission Chris, our Chairman and also an ex-armourer, produced refreshments: sandwiches and tea which he had previously made himself. Thank you, Sir!

Our sincerest thanks are due to those two chaps for a fascinating couple of hours which we would like to experience again (our memories are not as good as they were!); perhaps in a couple of years' time.

So, if you find yourself near Marham, check the museum's opening times on their website and spend an hour or two there. You will enjoy a very friendly welcome, a highly competent guide and, a lot to learn!

In the meantime, if you are interested in other subjects aeronautical, do peruse our website to see what we have to offer on the evening of the first Tuesday of each month in the Bowls Club at Mundford.

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## WORD SEARCH

This month our word search is on the **WEATHER**. Find the words from the list. They run vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backwards and forwards but always in a straight line.

*The solution is on page 73*

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*Frederick James has some ideas.*

***The boys have grown up.***

## **SEASON'S END**

“Well, George, here we are again. Every time I look out across the lake, I can't help wondering how many more days like this we will have fishing together?”

“Can't say I've given it much thought, Henry, but I must admit I often remind myself of just how lucky I have been to have had a friend like you to share time with here beside the water. How many years do you reckon we've been trying our luck, then, Henry?”

“Hate to think, George. Those days by the pond when we were just lads are just a distant memory for me now, and I expect you feel the same. An old cane pole, a bit of string and a bent pin for me, and as I remember, you borrowed yours from your grandfather, didn't you?”

“Blimey, yes, you're right. Those were the days! And as I remember it, we used to dig up a few worms from your dad's allotment for bait!”

“Your right, George. I can still remember them wriggling around in my jacket pocket! I did often wonder how it was that I always ended up looking after the bait!”

“That was because I was older than you, and you were my apprentice, Henry. If you remember, I used to tell you that learners had to start at the bottom, and that meant having a pocket-full of worms to look after!”

“It hasn't changed much even now, George! At least we are using a bait box now, and my pockets are clean!”

“True! And now, here we are, Henry. Two chaps on their own once



# St Mary's Feltwell Your Parish Church

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more, but this time with the best gear that money can buy, and all the time in the world to try our luck on fish that are a bit bigger than they were in those days! If we do catch anything now, a jam-jar isn't going to be big enough, is it?"

"Thinking of those days, and where we are now, George, would you change anything?"

"Haven't given it much thought, Henry, but I would like to have spent more time with my Maggie!"

**Feltwell Open Gardens**

If you have an interesting garden with unusual plants or landscaping and would be interested in opening it to the public in July/August in order to raise funds for Feltwell in Bloom, please get in touch with Mike Wilkinson.

Email: [mikegw15@gmail.com](mailto:mikegw15@gmail.com), Phone/text 07712578721.

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Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Eucharist	10am	Hockwold
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Service of the Word Eucharist	10am 10am	Feltwell Northwold
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Benefice Service of the Word	10am	Hockwold

**Advance Notice:**

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Rev'd Juanita's Ordination at Ely Cathedral. If you would like to attend, contact the Benefice Office for more information.

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> July Rev'd Juanita celebrates Holy Communion for the first time at 11am at St Mary's Feltwell, followed by a celebratory lunch. All welcome.

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## WORD TRAIL No. 17—SOLUTION



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The Cuppa Care Bus will be visiting Feltwell in the Methodist Car Park on

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# **RSPB Lakenheath Fen**

## **BITTERNS AND HARRIERS**

One of our main jobs at this time of year is bird monitoring. It's our best measure of whether the management we are doing in creating and maintaining the reedbeds is working, or not! April and May tend to be the busiest months for surveys as it is when birdsong is at its best. June however is much quieter. Most birds have found a mate, nested and will be either busy feeding young or back on second broods.

This works in our favour, particularly for two of our key species such as marsh harrier and bittern. To do this, we spend up to four hours at a time, looking over reedbed for signs of nesting and feeding young – it's a tough job but someone has to do it! These are usually co-ordinated between a team of staff and volunteer surveyors, who sit at known points with radios and maps to track and record flight patterns and behaviour.

Marsh harriers are quite straightforward. We wait for males to come in with food, who does a fancy food pass/drop to the female, who hopefully will catch it! If they have young chicks, she'll take it back to the nest and carefully tear off little bits to fit in little mouths. As the chicks get older and more demanding, both the male and female will take larger prey straight into the nest for the chicks to sort it out themselves. Grass will often be brought in too, just to keep the nest a bit cleaner. When the young are ready to leave the nest, the adults will circle above the nest with food and the fledglings fly up to catch the meal, often tussling with each other over who gets it!

Bittern nest watches can be a bit trickier. We rely on the females flying to and from feeding sites back to the nest. Three or more flights over the four hours would count as a nest. Timings help to

determine whether she's likely to be fishing or brooding as when the young are small she'll spend less time fishing and more time brooding, and as the chicks get older, she'll spend more time out fishing. However, this is much trickier in practice as bitterns unfortunately don't read textbooks, and our birds sometimes walk to fishing spots or fly very low along channels, which means we don't see them! However, with perseverance and patience, we do come up with a fairly accurate picture of what is happening.

Look out in future articles how our bitterns and harriers got on!

Katherine Puttick (Warden)



## Events at RSPB Lakenheath

Places for all events need to be booked online- please visit [events.rspb.org.uk/lakenheathfen](https://events.rspb.org.uk/lakenheathfen) to read more and book tickets. Please call **01842 863400** or e-mail [lakenheath@rspb.org.uk](mailto:lakenheath@rspb.org.uk) with any queries.

### Friday's Foray

Adults: £7 non-RSPB members, £5 for RSPB members

Children (10+ years): £3 for non-RSPB members, £2 for RSPB members.

Monthly guided walk with a member of the reserve team, taking in current highlights – 11am-1pm, **usually** the first Friday in each month, so: **Friday 3 June**, 1st July.

### Treasures of the Moth Trap

Monthly moth-trap opening at the Visitor Centre.

Adults: £3 non-RSPB members, £2 for RSPB members. Children (under 16's) go free! 10am to 11am: **Thursday 30 June**, 28 July

### The Butterflies and Dragonflies of Lakenheath Fen

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## **NEW LOOK WEDNESDAYS**

### **THE COMMUNITY GARDEN**

There are exciting things happening in our garden, hopefully in time for “Open Gardens” later this year. We are extremely grateful to Andrew & Danielle Lambert who, with the help of Stuart & Mark cleared removed the old tree stumps & cleared our carpark. We will now plant a wildlife friendly hedge.

New feature of the week: we’ve planted a clematis carpet. This will take a little time to mature but will blossom.

To help raise funds for our disabled persons’ access we are offering Bacon Butties & coffee 10.00am to 12 noon along with Community Gardening.

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As cats get older, they often develop kidney disease. This is mainly caused through diet – cats need a high quality protein diet because there is an amino acid (building blocks of protein) which cats cannot make – taurine. It is included in all cat food, whether wet or dry. Cats that lack taurine will die, and that's why you can't make cats vegetarian, as you could with a dog. However, high quality protein can damage the kidneys as cats get older. The solution is to put them on to senior cat food from 7 years of age onwards. This food is especially formulated to contain less protein and less phosphorus, which does the damage,. You can now buy 11+ cat food for cats who are 11 years old or older, which has even less protein and phosphorus.

Disease of the kidneys is one of the most common problems affecting middle aged and older cats. Unfortunately damage to the kidneys is irreversible and they tend to deteriorate over a period of time, However, with the help of various treatments, including diet affected cats can often maintain a good quality of life for several months or years.

Your vet may suggest a diet of senior cat food that limits further kidney damage and reduces the workload on your cat's kidneys by decreasing production of waste products in the blood. Dietary management is the single most important factor in the management of renal disease in cats, to improve quality of life and improve life expectancy. Of particular importance is restricting the level of phosphate intake, or using a supplement to bind phosphate and restrict its absorption. Encouraging fluid intake is also beneficial. You could also try using a water fountain to encourage fluid intake, as most cats seem to like running water, as opposed to water in a bowl.

Starting your cat on senior cat food from 7 years old onwards will help prevent the onset of kidney disease. Look out for it on the shelves of your supermarket, or from a pet food store.

For further advice or if you need assistance with the cost of neutering, please call us on 01842 810018.

Rita Thompson.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of MAY 2022 in the British Legion, Long Lane. Eleven Councillors attended and 13 members of the public

Feltwell in Bloom (FiB) said they had received an official licence for planting up various areas around the village and outlined their plans to the council. They will liaise with Mrs Wilson to ensure the council is kept informed as their project progresses.

A resident expressed her disgust about money spent on recent works outside her property on Old Methwold Road to combat flooding, funded by Mr Storey's Local Member's Fund. Existing bollards were moved 1ft towards the new kerb which she said had no impact on flooding and had been informed by Highways that this was to stop vehicles parking here. She believed moving the bollards was a complete waste of money which, she believed, could have been better spent on other areas in the village where parking is hazardous.

Another resident expressed his anger about vehicles parking on grassed areas around the village and Mr Storey said this is an issue that arises in all of the parishes he represents. The council has raised this matter with Highways on numerous occasions but they have no jurisdiction to do anything. Residents were encouraged to contact Highways themselves about this matter as it may have more impact.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed the above meeting. 11 Councillors attended,

Three members of the public and RAF Commander Geary

The RAF Commander gave an overview of his first year in the position.

Internal audit has been completed and accounts accepted as correct.

Street Light energy contract has been renewed with Npower for one year.

Several bags of glass have been left at the bottle banks on the playing field which URM would not take as the glass was not put in the bin. Other bags of rubbish have also been dumped here. Residents are asked to dispose of their recycling and rubbish in the correct manner.

The Changing Rooms are being decorated this week and work to widen the vehicle gate from the car park onto the playing field will also commence.

Potholes have been programmed and will be repaired by the tar and chip team who are currently working their way around the parishes.

Overhanging greenery is becoming an issue around the village and residents are reminded that any greenery from their property causing an obstruction to the highway or footpath must be trimmed back to their boundary line.

Norfolk County Council has developed a strategy for electric vehicles which can be found on their website [www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk). Whilst infrastructure is being developed, people may wish to charge their vehicles with a cable going across the highway verge or footpath but to do this in the safest possible manner for all highway users, people need to apply for permission via the online application form <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/business/licences-and-permits/ev-cable-permission>

Mr Storey will be presenting the primary school children with Platinum Jubilee coins on behalf of the Borough Council to commemorate the Queen's 70-year reign.

Don't forget to join Feltwell Parish Council's Facebook page for regular updates and subscribe to our website <https://feltwellparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the British Legion on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.30 pm, all are welcome.

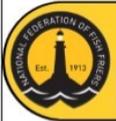
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The Parish Council website can be found at:

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