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FELTWELL PARISH MAGAZINE

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Edmund De Moundeford

Voluntary Controlled Primary School

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On Friday 6th February, the staff and children of Edmund de Moundeford School celebrated our annual Number Day, and what a fantastic day it was! This year's theme was Robots and Rockstars, linking perfectly with our two homework platforms, Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS).

The children's costumes were truly incredible. Watching a parade of 'robots' walking into assembly was a sight to behold, and the variety of 'rockstars' was simply breathtaking. The staff fully embraced the theme too — from a homemade Beebot costume to Cher and even an Oasis lookalike, complete with beanie hat and flashing shoes!

The day began with a maths-themed assembly before the children took part in a range of exciting activities, including games, artwork and mathematical investigations. Pupils from Year 2 upwards also competed in a Times Tables Rock Stars tournament. Congratulations to Goldfinches, who were crowned the overall winning class, and to Matilda, our Most Valuable Player.



Beebot is a small programmable robot.

On Thursday 12th February, we also held the postponed TTRS Arena Battle in the hall. The top 10 children from our leaderboard went head-to-head in a thrilling live competition. It was a very close contest, but the overall winner was AC.



Well done to everyone who took part and helped make Number Day such a memorable event!

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WHY MARCH IS NOT THE MONTH TO “GET FIT”

(And Why Your Body Is About to Have Opinions)

March is a very convincing month.

The mornings are lighter, the sun makes a brief but confident appearance, and suddenly half the village decides *today is the day*. The walking boots come out. The gardening gloves reappear. Someone announces they’re “back on it now” while lifting something they absolutely did not lift in January.

Unfortunately, your body has not yet caught up with your optimism. March is the month when enthusiasm returns faster than joint resilience. After winter, muscles are usually quite forgiving. Tendons, ligaments and joints, on the other hand, are quietly sharpening their pencils and preparing a list of complaints.

This is why March produces more stiff backs, sore knees and mysteriously grumpy hips than any other time of year.

Not because people are unfit.

But because we forget how *specific* spring movement is.

Winter movement is polite.

Spring movement is bossy.

March involves digging, twisting, carrying, bending and holding awkward positions while insisting, “I’m fine.” Farmers feel it after a solid morning. Gardeners feel it the next day. Teachers discover it halfway through the afternoon. Desk workers get away with the walk but not the weekend burst of productivity.

At the time, everything feels perfectly acceptable.

The problem usually arrives later — often while putting socks on or, attempting to get out of a chair without making a noise that concerns the rest of the household.

That delayed stiffness isn’t weakness. It’s your nervous system saying, “*Well, that escalated quickly.*”

So, if March isn’t the month to get fit, what *is* it for?

March is for reintroducing movement gently, repeatedly, and with a

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touch of humility.

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And here's the bit most people don't realise:

If you feel stiff later, that's useful information - not a personal failing.

March is about reminding your body that movement is safe again... without shouting.

Get that right, and April feels easy.

Ignore it, and May becomes a tour of recurring niggles.

So, enjoy the longer days, embrace the optimism, but remember, enthusiasm is wonderful. Preparation is what lets you enjoy spring without wincing.

Your joints are listening. And they *will* have the final say.

Helen. Life Fitness Re-engineering

EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD)

On 13th Feb. twenty Feltwellians took up the offer of a visit to see the USAF EOD unit on RAF Feltwell and learn about their mission.

Fortunately it did not rain but it was chilly. Members of the EOD team showed us a range of armaments such as rockets, flares, mines, grenades and even some small Russian bombs, all safely defused. We saw a





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demonstration of the bomb disposal robot (visible in the photo) and were able to examine the very heavy, Kevlar-reinforced bomb disposal suit (also pictured). Finally, we witnessed an explosion involving 5lbs of C4, the most they are allowed to use in training at Feltwell. Owing to the low cloud on the day the explosion was the loudest it could ever be as the blast wave got deflected back to the ground, but from 250yds away we were safe.

The EOD unit is based at Lakenheath but because of the space available at Feltwell they practice honing their skills here.

Friends of Feltwell Playgroup



A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our January Silent Auction. Your support makes a real difference to our playgroup. Since September, we've raised approximately £400 through events, auctions and our 100 Club – an amazing achievement for a small community group.

You can still support us by joining the 100 Club for just £2 per number, per month, with a chance to win 50% of the monthly takings. Follow the QR code to our sign up form.

And don't forget – our Easter Egg Hunt will take place on 30th March 🐣 This is a ticketed event and numbers are limited so don't wait to buy your tickets! More information is available on our facebook page, via email friendsoffeltwellplaygroup@gmail.com, or on the posters around the village.



Thank you for continuing to support the children in our community.



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FELTWELL UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

A short report of the current season up to 7th February 2026

The Senior team has played 12 games – winning 8, drawing 1 and losing 3. A lot of games have been postponed due to weather or lack of players from either team. The Senior team currently lay 4th in the league with 5 games in hand and are 5 points behind the league leaders.

Due to the lack of available player's the Junior team has unfortunately folded this season.

The Veterans have played 4 games so far unfortunately not winning any, lack of players have hampered the games but hopefully this will now improve with more players coming forward.

Latest Sadly, it has recently been announced that the Veterans team has now closed owing to a lack of players.

FUFC would like to thank everyone involved with the club and those that come to watch our games no matter the weather.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT EDMUND DE MOUNDEFORD SCHOOL

We are looking for volunteers to support the children at Edmund De Moundeford School.

We need:

- Volunteers to read with children
- People to support Early Years and Key Stage 1 through play and engagement

Even if you can spare just one hour a week, your time can make a real difference.

Volunteering is a wonderful way to support our school, build confidence in children, and strengthen our community.

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I started by nursing career in 1998 at the West Suffolk Hospital where I continue to work as a bank nurse with the Early Interventions team providing specialist care to patients at home to prevent hospital admissions. This involves managing the many end of life symptoms while providing emotional advice and support for patient and their loved ones.

As well as my current position I have experience in Acute Surgery, Intensive Care, the Macmillan Ward and the Vaccination Team.

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WE'VE GOT EVERY RIGHT

Two contributions this month from local writer Frederick James. First we have a conversation piece which leaves you guessing as to what the participants are talking about. I'd be interested in what you think their topic of conversation is, let me know by email to garlandp@btinternet.com.

“Do you think we should be doing this here? After all, it is a rather private thing, isn't it? “



“Don't see why it should be. Everyone does it, don't they? I'm sure everyone has done it, at one time or another.”

“Well, yes, I suppose so, but shouldn't it be something you don't do in public, like we are doing, right now?”

“Don't see why. We're not hurting anyone, are we? I really enjoy doing it, especially with you, and it really is nice doing it out here in the sunshine, isn't it?”

“Yes, of course I do, and it is rather nice doing it outside in the sunshine, but it does feel strange with all those people all around us staring at us!”

“Yeah, well, I suppose it might look strange to some people, but it is a public place, and we've got just as much right to be here as they have.”

“But there's a sign! I saw a sign when we got here!”

“Yeah, I saw it. If anybody says anything, we can just go somewhere else, can't we? No harm done!”

But it is my first time, and I don't want to get into trouble, especially here, so close to home! Suppose someone recognises me, and tells my Mum?”

“I shouldn't worry about your Mum. I wouldn't mind betting she's done it herself at some time! The same goes for all this lot watching our every move, too. Like I said, we're not hurting anyone, so what's the harm? It's supposed to be a free country, so what do you say?”

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 2026:

6th March

3rd April

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?
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Let's carry on as if there's nobody's watching? Just imagine we've got the place to ourselves, ok?

“Oh, alright! Where do you want me?”

“Where you are will do just fine!”

———A little later ———

“Well, what do you think? Was it like I said it would be?”

“Yes, once I got used to it, it was nice. It was very nice!”

“So, would you like to do it again? Maybe somewhere else? Somewhere where we wouldn't attract a crowd?”

“I don't know about doing it again. This time was really nice, but I don't know about doing it again.”

“Go on, be brave. You say it was nice, so who's to say it won't be just as nice the next time?”

“Oh, go on then, let's do it again!”

Frederick James

And now for the second piece, entitled...

FUNNY HOW THINGS WORK OUT

When I was a lad, I wanted to follow my heroes and be just like them. I wanted to fly into space and explore the universe like Dan Dare. Then it was Denis Compton and Len Hutton that inspired me to better things. I admired the sheer strength of Hey, Eaton and Jenkins on the rugby field, but a taster match convinced me that I should remain a fan, rather than a contributor! Even Sir Malcolm Campbell had me dreaming of possibilities on land and water until I remembered that I hated water, couldn't swim and wasn't old enough to drive a car.

Then Douglas Bader came along and won the Battle of Britain, single-handed, and Biggles became insignificant, somehow. It was then that it all became clear to me where my future lay. I would be a fighter pilot and rule the skies, just like him. I would try to avoid



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getting my legs blown off, of course, but a career in Her Majesty's Royal Air Force was my destiny, without a doubt!

In the meantime, when I left school, I would have to have a job until came the time for National Service, when I would tell them I could serve my Queen in the best possible way by being a member of Her Majesty's Royal Air Force!

I got that job. An apprenticeship with a local architect, as a trainee Quantity Surveyor. Now, there's posh job if ever there was one! I could just see myself, tape measure and theodolite in hand, striding purposefully around building sites, with my team following on behind. Oh yes, that was the life for me!

Then, some months later, when I was just getting into the swing of things, the brown envelope arrived. OHMS! Two years doing my duty would delay things a little, but it wouldn't be long after that, that I would see buildings rising from the ground, results of my efforts as a much-respected quantity surveyor.

In April of the following year, I was a fully paid-up member of Her Majesty's Royal Air Force Logistics Services. I never got to become the next Douglas Bader, but I did get to love the life, and stayed for the next 22 years. I did get to fly a couple of times, but not as how I had imagined.

I still hate water, never learned to swim, but I did learn to drive a car. And now, here I am, writing articles for my local parish magazine, and I've finally found my niche!

That old saying does say, "The pen is mightier than the sword!"

Funny how things work out, isn't it?

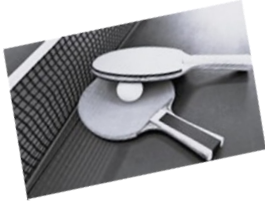
Frederick James

PS: For 'pen', read 'keyboard'



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

It was about dusky when I aroused from my slumber.



MONDAY and TUESDAY CLUBS

Table Tennis is now up and running every
Monday at 7.00pm and Tuesday from 1.45
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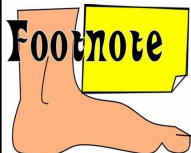


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Sunday 1st March	Service of the Word Eucharist	9.15am 9.30am	Feltwell Methwold
Sunday 8th March	Service of the Word	9.15am	Hockwold
Sunday 15th March	Eucharist	9.15am	Feltwell
Sunday 22nd March	Eucharist	9.15am	Hockwold
Sunday 29th March	Palm Sunday	10am	Barton Bendish

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**WISHING YOU ALL A SUNNY MARCH FROM
 THE TEAM AT ST MARY'S**

CURIOS ARE BACK! No 10

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

Answer to last month's Curio.

A Baker's Rasp.



Bread ovens had to be hot and sometimes loaves were baked directly amongst the hot coals which could lead to scorching and blackening. A quick rub with the rasp over the burnt crust would restore its appeal.

For two photographs of this Month's Curio, please turn over.

This clever device is made of brass and is designed to hang somewhere in particular and carry a load from its hook. It also has a key operated clockwork mechanism (note the hole in the side) so that its hook and its load slowly spin round whenever a load is

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A small clue: the keyhole has a cover on which is stamped "Salter Improved Warranted".



What was it used for?

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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The Veterans Voice project 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.

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

Venue: The Regency Room, Swaffham Assembly Rooms, Swaffham

Tuesday 24th March 2026

Tuesday 28th April 2026

Tuesday 26th May 2026

Time: 10.30 – 13.00 hrs

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

Mobile: 0771 3860040

News Alert - Warning over AI voice-cloning scams

National Trading Standards (NTS) are warning that criminals are using AI technology to clone people's voices and set up unauthorised direct debits over the phone, according to new evidence from NTS. The advanced voice cloning is part of an organised criminal operation that harvests people's personal data to target victims with a wave of scam and nuisance calls.

The process begins with a so-called 'lifestyle survey' phone call - seemingly harmless, but in fact designed to gather detailed personal, health and financial information. The criminals use this data to develop AI-generated voice clones used to simulate consent for direct debits, deceiving even legitimate businesses and financial providers. These details appear then to be passed or sold to other criminal operations who, with the details, can easily circumvent the banks and set up payments without the victim's knowledge. Victims often do not realise payments are being taken.

The details are revealed as new data, released by National Trading Standards, show that:

On average, UK adults receive 7 scam calls or texts per month

1 in 5 (21%) receive scam calls or texts most days - and almost 1 in 10 (9%) receive them every day.

Through Operation Derdap, NTS has blocked nearly 21 million scam phone calls and shut down 2,000 numbers in the last 6 months. The operation began in 2022 when it was identified that UK consumers were being cold called and coerced into providing financial and personal details to the criminals who then took continuous payments from consumers' accounts.

NTS advise that we all should:

- Speak to friends and relatives about scam calls
- Check bank statements regularly
- Report anything suspicious

You can report suspicious or suspected scam calls to us through our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on freephone 0808 223 1133

Scam Alert - Emails titled 'your photos and videos will be deleted'

We are warning residents about scam emails circulating claiming to be from Google stating that 'your Cloud storage is full' and warning that 'your photos and videos will be deleted and you may be unable to send or receive email in Gmail'.

The emails, which are branded and designed to mimic genuine emails from

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Google, go on to say that as part of a 'loyalty programme' you may be eligible to receive a 'free 50gb upgrade' with a link to 'claim for free'.

These emails are **not** genuine and anyone following the link will be taken to a phishing website which will attempt to gather personal, account and financial information.

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.

You can report any suspicious email received by forwarding it to report@phishing.gov.uk

Scam Alert - Fake DVLA text messages

We are warning residents about fake text messages which claim to be from DVLA.

This follows reports of messages circulating stating 'DVLA: We failed to process your vehicle tax payment' before claiming you have a short time window to 'update your details' via a link in the message or 'you will be fined'.

These text messages are **not from DVLA**, anyone clicking on the 'update now' link provided will be taken to a fake version of the DVLA website which will attempt to gather personal and financial information.

Suspicious or scam text messages can be reported by forwarding the message to 7726. [More information on this free reporting service and how to forward messages from your device is available on the Ofcom website](#)

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.

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>)

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)

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You can report suspicious text messages received by forwarding them to **7726** a free service for you to use to report suspicious texts or calls you might receive on your mobile.

What is 7726? A free service for you to use to report suspicious texts or calls you might receive on your mobile.

7726 is a number that most mobile customers using UK networks can text to report unwanted SMS messages or phone calls on a mobile. The number '7726' was chosen because it spells 'SPAM' on an alphanumeric phone keypad – that's a handy way of remembering it.



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The 2025 Cats and their Stats report is out now. There are 10.2 million owned cats across the UK with 66 percent of households owning one cat and 34 per cent own two or more cats (including me!)

82% of cats are neutered (8.4 million) leaving an estimated 15% or 1.5 million not neutered. Reasons for not neutering a cat are various – 19% say I want my cat to have kittens, 17% say their cat doesn't go outside, 12% don't agree with neutering and 11% worry about health risk to their cat.

I can't imagine anyone living with an unneutered cat – females will be constantly calling for a mate, and male cat's urine has a very unpleasant smell which will permeate throughout their home. Even if your cat doesn't go outside, the benefits of neutering are numerous. Male cats can get testicular cancer, and female cat's uterus can fill up with puss – pyometra – which is life threatening. Neutering is a very safe procedure and there are no health risks to your cat – in fact you are doing them a kindness.

Microchipping has been a legal requirement since June 2024, and it appears that 37% of the general population are not aware of this. Which means that 2.6 million cats across the UK are still without a microchip. Some cats are fitted with GPS trackers but this does not replace having a microchip. However it is important to keep your microchip details up to date on the database. There are 700,000 cats who are microchipped with details that are out of date, rendering the microchip useless. Check with your database that your cat is registered and make sure contact details are up to date. The fine for not having your cat microchipped is £500.

53% of cats are now insured, which is very good news and also means that owners are more likely to take their cat to the vet for regular annual health checks, in addition to when there are health concerns. Owners still turn to their vet first as a primary source of information about cats – 58%. Other owners either google their cat problems, contact an animal charity or a pet shop, or even contact



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Pet insurance is a must these days, with the rising cost of vet fees. Vet bills can run up very quickly so its best to have insurance so that you can take your cat to see a vet when it is unwell. Shop around as policies vary greatly. Another tip is to join the Healthy Pet Club at your vets, where you pay a monthly fee and for that you receive 2 health check-ups a year, regular flea and worm treatment, annual booster vaccines and money off if your cat does need treatment at your vets.

Our own small group of around 15 volunteers have managed to home 156 cats and kittens in the past year, another 13 were transferred to different branches of Cats Protection, one cat sadly died and 6 were euthanised. We also neutered 314 cats. Not bad for a small band of cat lovers.

We can help with the cost of neutering as we offer vouchers for £80 for a female cat and £50 for a male cat. Be a responsible cat owner and get your cat neutered. Contact us if you need help on the number below.

Rita Thompson, Breckland Cats Protection, 01842 810018.

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ROAD SAFETY, HORSES AND POTHoles

From : terry.jermy.mp@parliament.uk

Recently in Parliament, I took part in a road safety debate, where I highlighted the alarming rise in road incidents in Norfolk, with the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads, increasing from 470 in 2023/24 to 555 in 2024/5 – the largest rise anywhere in the country.

Across the UK, ten times as many people die on rural roads than on motorways. These statistics should shock us all. They are harrowing numbers, and each incident is a life lost or changed forever.

This is why I greatly welcome the Government's recently published Road Safety Strategy. This strategy – the first in ten years – aims to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads.

As a rural MP, I have called for horse rider safety to feature in the strategy. Just last month, I took part in a Westminster Hall debate on horse rider safety, where I urged the Government to provide ring-fenced support for horse rider safety campaigns and for local authorities to properly maintain bridleways so that the important rural activity of horse riding can be safely continued.

In that debate, I raised the case of Susi Rogers-Hartley – a South West Norfolk horse rider, military veteran and the first person to represent Great Britain in the Paralympics at Show Jumping.

Ms Rogers-Hartley attended one of my constituency advice surgeries in Swaffham to share her dangerous experiences of horse riding on South West Norfolk's roads, which resulted in Susi sustaining awful injuries and the tragic death of her horse.

Sadly, Susi's story is not an exception. In a recent meeting I had with the British Horse Society, we discussed the statistics that have been registered for South West Norfolk since 2021 – 58 incidents with 7 people and 4 horses injured.

However, many incidents also go entirely unregistered. Horse riders

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tell me often there is little to no enforcement for accidents involving horse riders. The police often do not want to act on it, and the law does not sufficiently recognise the severity of the incident, or the impact an accident may have.

Growing up in the constituency, I remember routinely seeing people riding a horse on the lanes. It is something we see far less often now, and concerns for safety are a big reason for this. As cars have gotten bigger and faster, and as people have become less respectful of country roads, other users have been pushed out – whether that be walkers, cyclists or horse riders.

Another key aspect of road safety is road maintenance, and sadly, following years of austerity and cuts to local council budgets, many of our roads and bridleways have fallen into a state of disrepair, resulting in more dangerous conditions.

The road safety charity, Brake, believes that rural roads are the most dangerous roads due to a lack of cycle lanes, pavements or bridleways. Many rural roads are narrow, with blind bends and limited safe places to pass.

This is why I was so pleased to see the Government recently



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We urgently need to change the direction of travel on road safety in Norfolk, and I hope the Government’s new strategy, backed by the necessary funding, will bring about the change we seek.

Just before I sent this issue to the printers I discovered that it is British Pie Week 2nd - 8th March 2026. Paul.

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NEW SNOOKER ROOM IS NOW OPEN

Saturday 7th February saw the grand opening of the **SNOOKER ROOM** at the Community Hall, Methodist Church, Feltwell.

The table was donated to the village by Mrs Jean Dennett who cut the ribbon on the day. The snooker table was in a barn for 10 years or so, and needed to be restored. The next project, if enough interest, is to raise funds to replace the cushions and the baize.



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NORFOLK BROADS BOATING LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington. The solution is on p74.

	Simpson Family	Yeoman Family	Foster Family	Jupe Family	Wroxham	Hoveton	Horning	Potter Heigham	2 Day	3 Day	4 Day	5 Day
Austral Light												
Countess Persia												
Crusader												
Broads Wanderer												
2 Day												
3 Day												
4 Day												
5 Day												
Wroxham												
Hoveton												
Horning												
Potter Heigham												

Match the holiday makers to their boat, their embarkation location & the duration of their trip.

CLUES

1. The Simpson's spent 2 Days longer than the family on the Crusader.
2. . The Jupe Family set off from Wroxham.
3. Countess Persia sailed from Horning for less time than the boat based at Hoveton.
4. The Foster Family spent 3 days on their boat from Potter Heigham.
5. Austral Light was used for 5 Days, Broads Wanderer was used for 2 Days.

WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search features **CRIME AND MYSTERY**

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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The solution is on page 76



Feltwell in Bloom

Making Our Village Beautiful



Hello all and welcome to March. Are you busy getting your garden ready and planning. Below are some helpful tips that will enhance your garden this year.

Did you know your used Coffee grounds can be a powerful Eco friendly tool in the garden. Most people might just throw them in the bin but since we started using a coffee machine we have been saving them for improving the soil in the garden. They add nutrients like Nitrogen, Potassium and are good for moisture retention.

Acid loving plants like Rosies, Blueberries and Azaleas benefit too.

If you haven't got a coffee machine you could ask your local Café if they could save the grounds for you or places like Welney, Star Bucks and Costa coffee give them away in bags.

The benefits are endless and here are just a few.

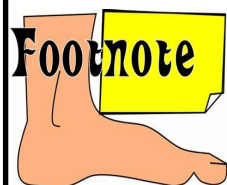
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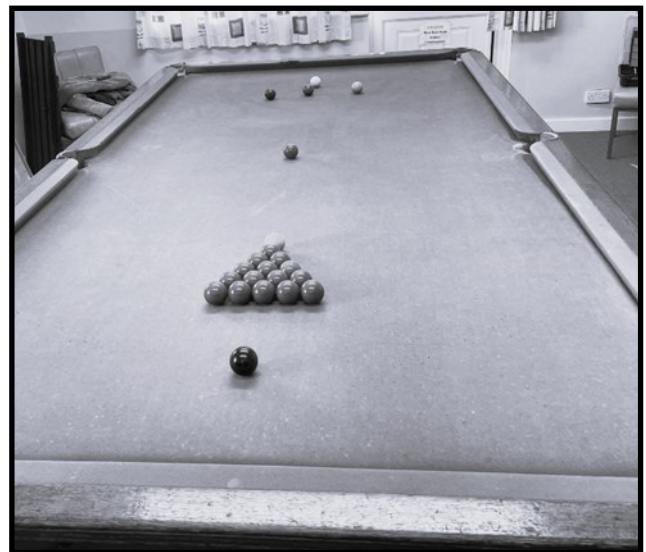
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How are our lives challenged?

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How do we share God's Love with our community?

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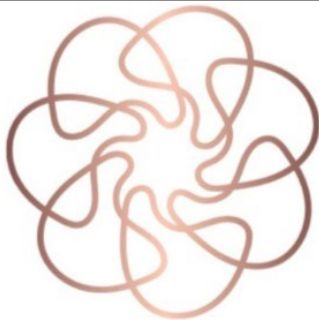
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Your Good Health

by Dr Ian Nisbet

Let's get ahead. My house is incredibly well insulated; this is a great boon in the winter as I rarely need to use my central heating. However, the situation is different in the Summer. Last June, July and August were intermittently extremely hot and I spent a lot of very uncomfortable days and nights because my house turned into an oven. The insulation is so phenomenal that no heat could escape and my fans were just circulating hot air. What to do? Well, last week, I had a light bulb moment . In recent years, with a small group of friends, I have spent two January weeks in Tenerife, soaking up the sun. This year, my radiotherapy and illness in the group of friends made the holiday impossible so, light bulb flashed and I decided to spend the money on air conditioning some of the house. A good friend of mine who has been an eminent businessman in Birmingham for

about 70 years, put me on to one of his mates who has a massive air conditioning business and the surveyor, Aaron, arrived today. The outside compressors are now completely silent and the air con units can be remotely controlled, just like the TV, to provide coolness or, in Winter, heat very inexpensively. I have it in mind to cover my bedroom, my upstairs study and the room downstairs which I use as a "snug". My house has a very large kitchen/diner with a couple of settees at one end and I had thought that I would not fit a unit in that area as it would be too big an area to deal with economically. However, Aaron, a really gentle and patient lad, reassured me that it would not be a problem and he is doing some costings for me and that, by getting on the case early in the year, I could have the units fitted in a couple of weeks before the

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prices go up and the air con companies are swamped with orders. Watch this space!

The choir is waking up and we are about to choose the programme for our Summer concerts.

I have spent many days over the past fortnight, completely rearranging my kitchen cupboards and "blitzing" my study with its filing system and assembled stuff which will come in handy one day! Nothing else to report or discuss so let's have a few jokes I have collected:

A smallholder checked his truck in for a service and then set off to walk home. He popped into a store and bought a bucket, a gallon of paint, a goose and two hens. He went outside and felt foolish because he could not carry everything. An old lady approached to ask him for directions to the address of a friend of hers. He said, "That is near my farm and I would walk you there but I cannot carry this lot." The old lady suggested that he should put the can of paint in the bucket and carry the bucket in one hand. He could then carry the goose in

the other hand with a chicken under each arm. On the way, he said to the old lady, "Here is a narrow pathway which is a good short cut. Let's go down here." The old lady looked suspicious and said, "I am a lonely widow with no husband to defend me. How do I know that, when we get in the alley, you won't hold me up against a wall, pull up my skirt and have your way with me?" The man said, "Look at all the stuff I am carrying. How on earth could I do that?" "Well" she said, "You could put the goose down and cover him with the bucket, put the paint on top of the bucket and I will hold the chickens."

A husband and wife were sitting in bed when she started a dialogue. "If I die, will you marry again?" "Would you sleep in this bed with your new wife?" "Would she wear my jewellery?" "Would she wear my clothes?" "Would you take her on holiday and go out for meals, like you do with me?" These questions carried on and he parried them very gently and carefully, anxious not to upset his wife. Then came the question, "Would you play golf with her like you do with me?"

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“Would she play with my set of clubs?” “No,” her husband replied, “she is left-handed..... Oops!”

A woman who lived with her husband on a large farm was recovering in hospital following an operation. "The operation went well," the doctor informed her, "and I think you're ready to go home. But make sure you get plenty of rest. No work or strenuous activity for the next week." "But I have to take the bull from the lower field up to the upper field tomorrow to mate with the cows," the woman protested. "It's an uphill walk of over two kilometres and it's very important!" The consultant considered the matter and said "Well can't your husband do that? "Yes," the woman answered. "But the bull does it better."

An old lady eventually found a bank clerk and said, "I would

like to withdraw £10. He replied, "For withdrawals less than £100 please use the ATM." The old lady asked, "Why?" The clerk became irritable and said, "These are the rules. Please leave as you are causing a queue." The old lady remained silent for a few seconds. "You still have my card. Please help me withdraw all the money I have." The clerk was astonished when he checked the account balance and he said, "You have £300,000 in your account and the bank doesn't currently have that much cash. Make an appointment and come again tomorrow?" The old lady then asked how much she could withdraw immediately. The clerk told her any amount up to £3000. "Well, please let me have £3000 now." The clerk then handed her the money very respectfully. The old lady put £10 in her purse and asked the clerk to deposit £2990 back



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into her account. The moral of this tale?.

Do not be difficult with old people, they spent a lifetime

learning their skills.

Best wishes to you all

Ian Nisbet

BRANDON HAPPY TO SING CHOIR ARE RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

Brandon Happy to Sing choir is a small community choir whose aim is to make singing fun for anyone who just loves to sing. The choir promotes the health benefits that singing provides, both physically and mentally. The brainchild of Brandon Creative Forum whose aim is to bring creative arts to the town, the choir first began back in 2021. Any adult who would like to meet and sing with a friendly group of like-minded people is welcome to join. In fact, you may have seen the choir singing at various charity events in the area, as well as at residential homes, sheltered housing complexes and day care and hosting their own concert events.

In the past year, the choir has performed at Heathcote House, Brandon Day Centre, Brandon Park Nursing Home, Dancing for Dayna, concerts with the Benefice Choir, the Anglia in Bloom judging, Brandon Town Christmas Fayre and for a number of events at the Royal British Legion. In addition, the choir has hosted two successful singing workshops which are free to members.

The choir meets every other Friday from 7 pm at the Methodist Church, Brandon (opposite Tesco) to practice and learn songs old and new. Membership is £20 per year (which can be paid in instalments) and £5 for each meeting attended. This offsets the costs of running the choir – room hire, insurance, music licences, printing and other administration costs. Each meeting lasts two hours including a break for refreshments.

The first session is free, so why not come along and check out how the choir rolls.

For more information about the choir and meeting dates please email: jill.h2schoir@hotmail.com or follow them on

Facebook@brandonhappytosing *See separate advert on page 22*

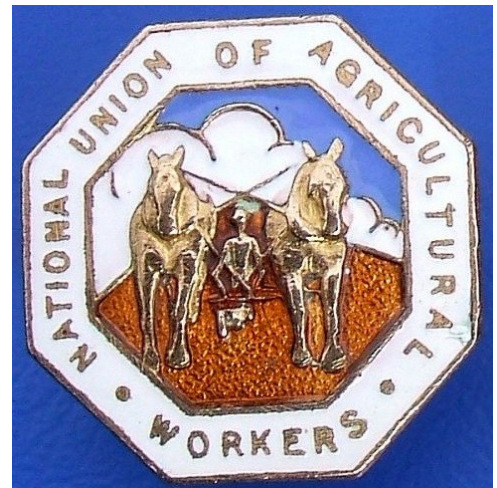


The speaker for our February meeting was Jim McNeill part 2 of his talk: 'History of the Agricultural Workers Union in Norfolk'.

Jim began with a brief recap of his first talk reminding us that the agricultural labourers were generally members of

the Primitive Methodist church which, in Feltwell, was the chip shop building and associated more with the working class than the C of E at that time. Following the great strike of 1874 many agricultural workers emigrated and the national union collapsed. Many members kept their local membership going via the chapels where they could talk together in secret without fear of getting the sack and losing their tied cottage.

1906—The Liberal Party won a majority in the House of Commons owing to widespread discontent with the previous Conservative government and a desire for social reform. The rural vote played a major part in this victory. Local MPs and members of the Liberal Party held a conference in the Angel pub in North Walsham at which they formed the Eastern Counties Agricultural Labourers and Small Holders Union. George Edwards and Thomas Thacker became the regional organisers, George was 56. Eventually the union spread countrywide.



George came from a poverty-stricken family.

His father Thomas was spokesperson for the workers on a large estate, a perilous position constantly under threat of being thrown out of the family's tied cottage. His mother Mary was a weaver working at home and eventually put out of work by mechanisation of the industry in Norwich. Thomas got thrown in jail for a month for stealing turnips and his family ended up in the workhouse. He couldn't get a job afterwards and joined the army where he stayed for 10 years. At the age of 6 George was a crow scarer. He never attended school and was illiterate until his wife taught him to read. George was a Primitive Methodist, eventually becoming a preacher

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but he had to memorise his sermons. He worked his way up to teamster, a driver of horses, and became well respected. He is buried in Fakenham cemetery where the union office was located.

George and Thomas cycled to meetings all over Norfolk. George cycled over 6000 miles in the first year! Through their efforts they managed to get wages back to 14 shillings a week, however much discontent remained.

1910—National conference at Kings Lynn attended by hundreds of delegates. They demanded a pay rise of one shilling a week and a half-day Saturday off. Throughout this time there was still an enormous movement of people away from the land. They couldn't survive on the wages and so moved to the cities where the wages were higher. The youngest and fittest left leaving an aging

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population in the countryside.

1910—St Faith's Union, north of Norwich, voted to go on strike from May 29th. Letters were sent to the landowners but ignored and strike breakers were brought in from the agricultural colleges. They were defeated largely through lack of support from the Liberal Party executive who feared disruption in an election year. The men had a choice between 14s/wk with ramifications including the farmers would have the right to get rid of people they didn't like (the strikers) or everyone could come back to work on 11s/wk with no victimisation. A small majority kept on with the strike. The executive met in secret with the farmers, over the heads of the men, and accepted 14s/wk but only 32 of the 76 men would keep their jobs. Forty-four men stayed on strike for eight months feeling they'd been betrayed. Requests for a special conference were ignored.

February 1911—strike pay stopped for the 44. A week later at the national conference the Liberal members of the executive were voted out to be replaced by Labour members. This broke the link between the primitive methodist/Liberal party and the union.

1914-1918—Inflation soared and the farmers (meaning the landowners) became increasingly prosperous, partly due to subsidies from the government, but the workers wages were still low, around 15s/wk. The union was weakened as many members went to fight in the war.

1915—In rampant inflation the Norfolk union asked for 18s/wk and got it. Similar agreements were made in other counties.

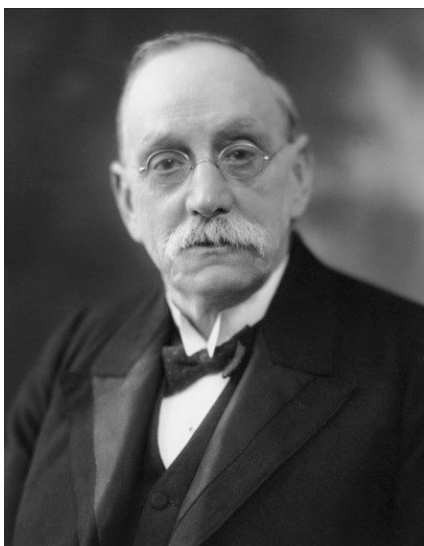
1916—Union demanded 25s/wk in Norfolk. Farmers fully recognised the union for the first time and agreed 20s/wk plus 6d/hr for overtime. The Union called for a national minimum wage.

1917—Corn production Act guaranteeing minimum prices for wheat and oats to the farmers, a legal minimum wage and rent protection. Wage boards established for wage negotiations. First minimum wage was 30s/wk for 44 hours in the summer.

1918—'Khaki' election. George Edwards stood but lost. In 1920, at the age of 70, he was elected as Labour MP and had to borrow a coat to wear in parliament! Not bad for someone who was illiterate and started work scaring crows.

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Post war—Wages went to 48s/wk. Membership grew to 170,000. A stable time followed for the industry. Then the Corn Production Act ended, prices for wheat and oats plummeted, imports from Canada and USA undercut UK prices. Thousands of acres left fallow as not worth the effort of growing crops. Agricultural depression followed and wages fell to 42s/wk leading to the Great Strike of 1923. The Farmers Union pushed for lower wages of 25s/wk for 50 hours. With inflation taken into account this was worse than in Victorian times. Poverty returned for land workers. Rallies throughout the county, flying pickets organised made up largely of ex-military members. A countrywide strike involving over 10,000 workers was called, mainly supported by the South-West, the West and West and North Norfolk. 3000 non-union men also came out. In the end the strike failed, many men lost their jobs, families returned to poverty. 1924—Wages boards re-established by the Labour government but no national wage. Norfolk wages rose from 25s-29s/wk for 50hrs in the summer, 28s/wk for 48hrs in winter. Less than what they were getting several years earlier. The drift of workers from the countryside continued and still does.



Two weeks before his death at the age of 83, Sir George Edwards attended the Walsingham Board of Guardians and argued forcefully against the eviction of a farmworker's family.

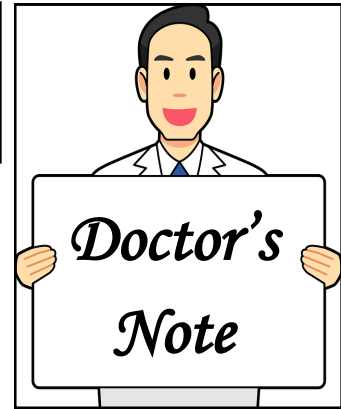
The Men's Breakfast Club usually meets on the 1st Saturday of the Month at The Wellington in Feltwell at 9am. It costs £8.50 per person to attend which includes a talk, tea or coffee and a full English breakfast which never fails to please.

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 coordinator Paul Garland at garlandp@btinternet.com.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 7th March. Our speaker will be - Victor Lukaniuk talking about, "My Time in Horse Racing."

This is the first of two surgery submitted articles this month.

URGENT SAME-DAY APPOINTMENTS – PLEASE HELP US USE THEM WISELY



As a small rural GP Surgery, we work hard to make sure patients who genuinely need urgent medical care on the day are seen promptly. However, demand for same-day urgent appointments almost always exceeds the number we can safely provide.

Every urgent slot we reserve has an impact on the availability of routine, pre-bookable appointments.

We would therefore like to clarify when it is appropriate to request a same-day urgent appointment.

An urgent same-day appointment should be requested only when:

- The problem is new and clearly urgent.
- The condition is not minor and cannot safely wait for a routine appointment.
- You are able to attend the Surgery at any time during that day, when we can fit you in.
- You are prepared to see any available clinician.
- You provide a clear and honest description of your symptoms.

Same-day appointments are designed to respond to unexpected medical issues that require prompt assessment. They are not intended for ongoing problems, routine reviews, medication queries, sick notes, or issues that have been present for some time without deterioration.

To ensure everyone receives timely care, we sometimes direct patients to other appropriate healthcare professionals such as the Pharmacy First service, Minor Injury Units, Community Services or NHS 111. These services are able to assess and treat many common conditions, often more quickly than we are able to offer an appointment at the Surgery.

We do not redirect patients to inconvenience them. We do so because it is often the most appropriate, safe and efficient way to ensure you are seen promptly by the right professional. We also ask that patients are open and accurate when describing their symptoms. Exaggerating the severity of a problem in order to secure an urgent appointment undermines the trust that sits at the heart of the doctor/patient relationship. We take this very seriously, as honesty is essential for safe

and effective care.

When urgent appointments are used appropriately, we are better able to ensure that those who really do need same-day care receive it. It also helps us protect routine appointment capacity, reducing waiting times for everyone.

We understand that accessing care can sometimes feel stressful, and we appreciate your support and understanding. By working together and using urgent appointments responsibly, we can continue to provide safe and timely care for our whole community.

Thank you for helping us care for you and your fellow neighbours.



Something different this month, an AI generated report of the replies to the 'Friends and Family' survey required by the surgery's NHS contract.

There are no Practice Manager comments in this report and because of space limitations this month I am unable to reproduce it in full. There were 258 replies to the question: How Likely are

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Overall Sentiment

The majority of patients offered highly positive feedback, praising the surgery's **kindness, professionalism, efficiency, and quality of care.**

Only a minority expressed concerns, which mainly related to **waiting times, communication, and administrative issues.**

Extremely Likely	179
Likely	55
Neither	10
Unlikely	7
Extremely Unlikely	5
Don't Know	2
	258

Key Strengths (What Patients Loved)

1. Outstanding Patient Care

Frequent praise for clinicians being **kind, caring, empathetic and thorough.**

2. Friendly and Supportive Reception & Nursing Teams

Reception staff described as **warm, cheerful, thoughtful, polite and helpful.**

Nurses repeatedly praised for being **gentle, reassuring, thorough, and skilled**

3. Efficient and Reliable Service

Many patients reported being **seen on time** and **receiving quick appointments and fast referrals.** Several highlighted the convenience of being able to secure appointments promptly, even on busy days.

4. Clear Communication & Feeling Heard

Patients felt clinicians **listened carefully**, explained treatment well, and took time to address concerns.

5. Well-Run Environment

Surgery described as clean, **well organised**, and essential to the local rural community.

Key Areas for Improvement (What Patients Struggled With)

1. Long Waiting Times (in-consultation delays)

Multiple reports of waiting **45 minutes to over 1 hour** past appointment time. Some patients said this happens *most times* they visit.

2. Communication Issues

A small number of patients felt **not listened to or dismissed.**

A few reported **incorrect medication**, lack of notes being reviewed, or rushed appointments.

3. Online/Administrative Frustrations

Difficulty contacting a real person by phone.. Challenges using the website.

Frustration with automated post-appointment NHS messages.

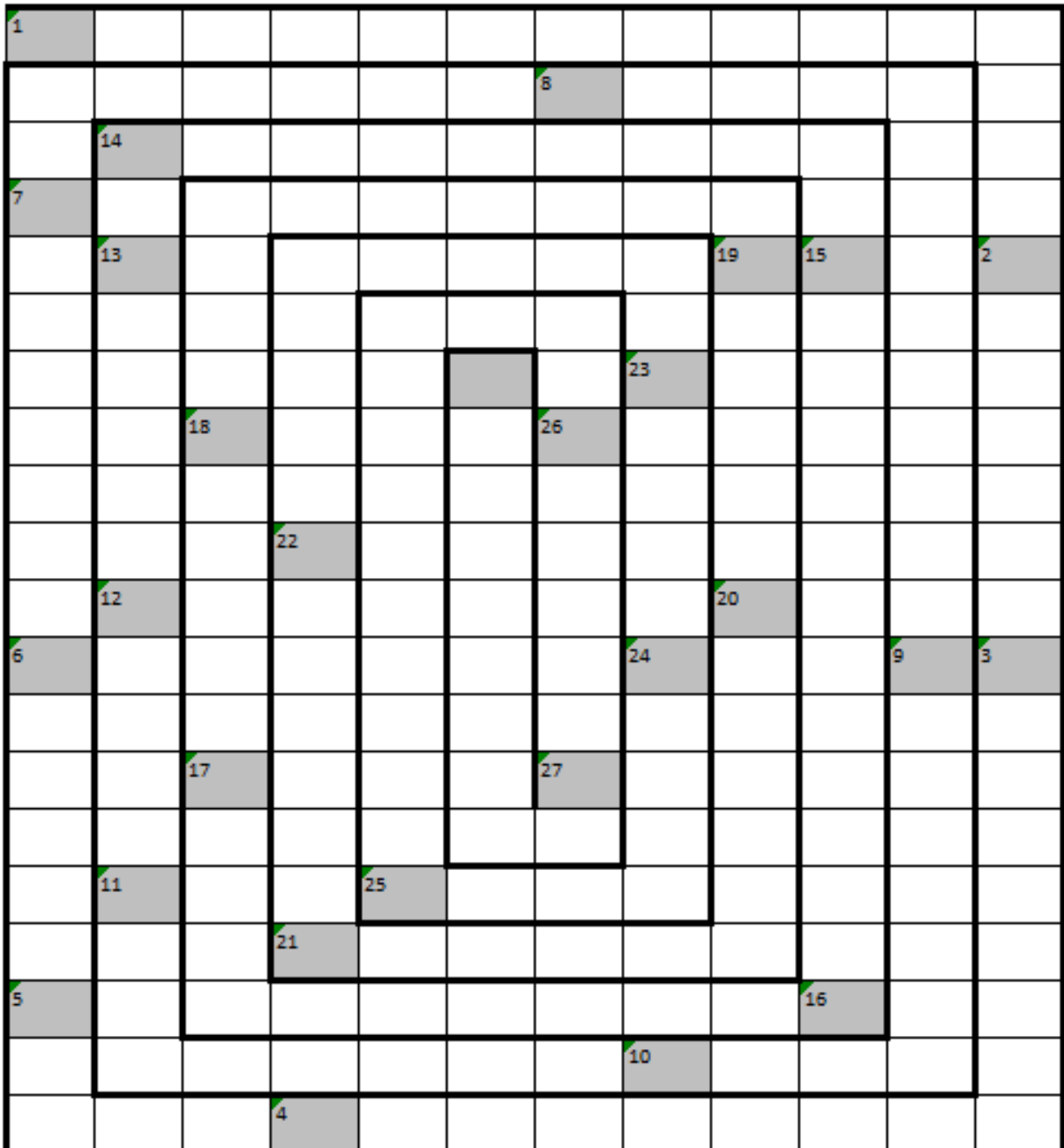
4. Dispensary Concerns

Some felt ignored or experienced long waits.

One individual described a staff attitude issue.

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 of the UK's last Liberal Prime Minister (5-5-6)
- 2 This animal is the only animal that cannot jump (8)
- 3 MEDICAL: Twelve bones that are found in the spine (8-9)
- 4 MUSIC: An American rapper who scored 7 U.K. number ones during the 2000's (6)

- 5 The smallest planet in our Solar System (7)
- 6 To sing so that the voice fluctuates rapidly between the normal chest voices and a falsetto (9)
- 7 Abducted handsome Prince of Troy who became cup-bearer to the Gods (9)
- 8 California's (U.S.A) biggest earthquake source (3-7-5)
- 9 Innings sport (4-7)
- 10 JK Rowling started publishing a book in online instalments - what was it called? (3- 7)
- 11 Volcano found in Armenia whose cinder cone reaches 3597m (6)
- 12 The art of knotting thread or cord (7)
- 13 MEDICAL: The location where the smallest bone in the body can be found (3)
- 14 The scientific name of the Asian frog (4-7)
- 15 An ancient method of raising water to another level (10-5)
- 16 A radio receiving/transmitting set carried on the person (6-6)
- 17 MEDICAL: Pregnancy that occurs in the Fallopian Tube (7)
- 18 FILM: The name of the 1953 film based on the life in the wild west starring Doris Day and Howard Keel (8-4)
- 19 Also known as the Spiney Anteater (7)
- 20 FILM: Who played Mrs. Robinson in 'The Graduate'? (4-8)
- 21 A charm or amulet (8)
- 22 American novelist, journalist and screen writer who died in 2007 (6-6)
- 23 Champion thoroughbred horse who won the Grand National in 1973, 1974 and 1977 (3-3)
- 24 Old Kingdom Pharoah, 4th Dynasty - 2490-2472B.C. (8)
- 25 Flower also known as 'sun cup', 'sun drop' (7-8)
- 26 Boys name (7)
- 27 At night rather than during the day (11)

This month's Word Trail solution is on page 78.

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Report on the Meeting of the West Norfolk Aviation Society (WNAS) held at Mundford Bowls Club on Tuesday 03 February 2026

Welcome to the first report from WNAS and Happy New Year for 2026 as the January meeting was cancelled due to adverse weather. Firstly and most importantly the answer to my question from December. sic “In western Europe the F104 Starfighter was a very popular combat aircraft in the 70’s and 80’s, by popular myth what was the easiest way to obtain an example?” Answer: “Buy a field and wait” To those younger readers this references the truly appalling crash statistics of the F104 which was designed as a high altitude interceptor and wasn’t really suited to low level ground attack role it found itself in for the majority of its service. Between 1961 and 1989 the West German Air Force lost 292 out of 916 F104 aircraft delivered (nearly 33% of the fleet).

Enough of this gloom this weeks offering was a DVD on Concorde which was to say the least, diverse, in that there were large sections referencing the B747, Nimrod and bizarrely a long portion on the joys of Las Vegas and how it can be a very cheap holiday IF you can resist the other offerings at the casino’s! After the usual delicious sandwiches and cake a short discussion ensued re the relative merits of Concorde. Most interesting from my point of view was the reasoning behind the extra ‘e’ at the end of Concorde thus spelling it the ‘French’ way. As it was an Anglo French endeavour I always assumed it was a sop to the French but apparently if you leave the ‘e’ out the meaning in French is Con Conk (poor translation I’m sure), which bearing in mind the droop snoot on the machine seems vaguely appropriate!

The next meeting is Tue 03 March when the guest speaker will be Charles Howard-Vyse an ex Tornado aircrew and he will be talking about his time at NATO. Please check out our new website on www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.com.

Mark Burch, WNAS Scribe, 06 February 2026

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RSPB Lakenheath Fen

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF THE CRANE AT RSPB LAKENHEATH FEN

When March comes around, the arrival of early spring is undeniable and the wildlife is changing thick and fast. The first of our migrant birds are here- such as the beautifully-patterned and very shy Garganey, a delicate duck that breeds within the reedbeds out of sight and sound of all of us. The first Sand Martins and Swallows will be back and Blackcaps and Chiffchaffs will be singing all over the reserve.

March is also when our Cranes really get going- as it is the month when they should begin to incubate their eggs. If you were to visit us in the coming weeks, there is a good chance you will hear them- both males and females emit an extraordinary, ghostly and exotic-sounding 'bugle' when they are courting each other or defending their territory. Cranes generally mate for life, but they will invest in re-affirming their pair bond ahead of laying eggs, which includes complex dancing sequences involving energetic leaps into the air and even pirouettes. Bugling accompanies this and despite being social throughout winter, once a pair has decided to settle back into their breeding grounds, they become very territorial.

We have three pairs at present at RSPB Lakenheath Fen, who we refer to as A2, B2 and C2. We are sometimes criticised for not 'naming' the birds with more romantic names but there is a useful logic to our system- the letter refers to the area they nest in and the number to the current pair who occupies the plot- so A2 are the second pair in our history to have occupied territory A. A2 are our oldest pair- they have nested with us for many years and have quite a good success rate with raising chicks, but they haven't managed to



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Events at RSPB Lakenheath Fen

Places for all events need to be booked online- please visit <https://bit.ly/LakenheathFenEvents> to read more and book tickets.

The Night Sky in the Spring

Tuesday 24 March (time tbc)

Jonathan Shanklin will give a guided tour of the night sky, pointing out the constellations visible in the dark Lakenheath sky if clear, or showing them in a talk inside in the visitor centre if cloudy.

RSPB members £12 (£6 for Under 18's); non-RSPB members £15 (£7.50 for Under 18's).

Spring Wildlife Walks

28 March, 19 April, 31 May (9:30am-12:30pm)

Join us to celebrate what Spring has to offer- we will go looking for the warblers, Cuckoos and Hobbies that have recently arrived back from Africa. We should hear booming Bitterns too!

RSPB members £12 (£6 for Under 18's); non-RSPB members £15 (£7.50 for Under 18's).

Spring Open Day

Sunday 19 April (9am-5pm)

For one day only we will be offering free entry to all at RSPB Lakenheath Fen. We hope this day helps everyone to enjoy the reserve, especially if you haven't been here before.

Moth Mornings

27 March, 24 April, 29 May (10am to 11am)

Learn more about the amazing world of moths. Join us to admire what we catch in our harmless trap.

RSPB members £5 (£2.50 Under 18's); non-RSPB £6 (£3 Under 18's)

Bittern Walks

Saturday 25 April, Sunday 17 May (9:30am-12:30pm)

In 1995 the reserve was created to provide a home for beautiful but

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do so for two years. B2 came along for the first time in 2020 and we believe they were a new pairing of first-time breeders because they seemed inexperienced. We observed them from afar leaving their eggs unattended, and we later found out they laid them close to a path in their first year- making them an easy target for passing ground predators. However, they learnt quickly and in 2021 fledged their first chick- and they now have 5 under their belt, having raised two chicks for the past two years.

Pair C2 are our newest pair and turned up early in 2025- they didn't seem to attempt to nest which is normal behaviour for young birds, or perhaps something wasn't to their liking in their newly-acquired territory. However, they are back, which reassuringly shows us their intention is to breed here this year- so we wait to see what is in store for them. Towards the end of March, we expect each pair to lay two eggs which will take around a month to hatch. Then, ten to twelve weeks of constant and careful supervision by their parents lies ahead- and with luck, one or both of the young birds will reach flying age. The odds of this happening for each individual chick at our reserve is around 40%, which is incredible given how many risks these birds face from adverse weather, ground predators and the eagle eyes of Marsh Harriers when they are very young- who will have their own chicks to feed and support. Their parents do a wonderful job and we will do our best to support them to raise their young in ideal habitat with minimum disturbance.



The male bird of Pair C2— taken by an RSPB trail cam.

We hope to update you towards the end of the summer with how the Cranes have done-hopefully with some lovely images from our trail cameras which we use to keep an eye on them remotely.

With best wishes,

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



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Events at RSPB Lakenheath Fen Cont.

threatened Bitterns. Their booming calls are now a common sound in Spring and on these walks we will look for them during peak season.

RSPB members £12 (£6 for Under 18's); non-RSPB members £15 (£7.50 for Under 18's).

Dawn Chorus Guided Walk

Sunday 3 May (5-8am)

A bright and early start should be rewarded with a wide variety of birdsong from our resident and summer visitors. We should hear a range of common species as well as scarcer birds joining in such as Bittern and Cuckoo, typical of the habitat here. Come along to learn a little or just appreciate this natural wonder. Coffee included afterwards!

RSPB members £15 (£7.50 for Under 18's); non-RSPB members £18 (£9 for Under 18's).

Hobby Walks

Saturday 9 May, Sunday 24 May (1-4pm)

From May onwards, we are graced with the presence of these elegant raptors for the summer, and when they first arrive there can be dozens here at once. Come along to one of the UK's best reserves for spotting them, with a knowledgeable guide on hand.

RSPB members £12 (£6 for Under 18's); non-RSPB members £15 (£7.50 for Under 18's).

Join in with Harrier & Bittern Nest Watches

Tuesdays 12 & 26 May (also 9 June) (7:30am – 12:30pm)

Join a warden for the morning to help us carry out Marsh Harrier and Bittern nesting surveys. You will sit atop high seats with spectacular views across the reedbeds. Please feel free to bring your camera and ask questions. Pastries and hot drinks will be provided for breakfast, as well as transport down the reserve.

RSPB members £64; non-RSPB members £80.



FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB



As I am writing this it is cold and raining outside and not feeling a bit like bowling at all, but hopefully when you receive this the weather will be warmer, and the maintenance of the green will be in hand, and the opening about 4 or 5 weeks away.

Unfortunately yours truly lost in the second round of the indoor KO, but we did meet one of the top teams, and we manage to score 12. It ended 27 - 12.

The committee had their meeting on 9th January and discussed the following:-

Forthcoming events:- Coffee mornings, Quiz nights, Race Night etc. dates to be agreed and booked.

Club Shirts, 3 members of the committee were tasked with selecting colours, type and costs.

Maintenance and general repairs and working parties to carry the work out.

Coffee morning held on Saturday 14th February. I will report in the next edition.

COMING EVENTS

Quiz night Saturday 14th March 7 for 7-30pm in the large room in the RBL. Come along and see what a friendly club we are, all are welcome.

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January 2026 saw **67** appointments missed, that's only **3 less** than in December. This represents a loss of medical care to the tune of **£2010** for the month and **1075** minutes of wasted time.

So far this year **67** appointments have been missed representing a total of **£2010** of medical care lost. These appointments could have gone to someone else in need.

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Upcoming Dates

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A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 9th of FEBRUARY 2026 in the British Legion, Long Lane. Nine Councillors attended.

Report from RAF Lakenheath advised increased flying activity could continue until Exercise Point Blank ceases on 6th February. 20 residents are attending the EOD tour on 13th February.

Bags of dog waste have been found in the playing field litter bins. A polite reminder that dogs are not permitted on the playing field but can be walked on a lead in the car park.

Clerk has again chased Highways for confirmation that works to widen the pathway from Oak Street to Wilton Road were still scheduled 2026/27 but had no response.

Mr Storey said lack of white lining is an issue in most parishes. Highways advised a new contractor had been appointed and work is now scheduled for the new financial year with Feltwell being a priority.

Temporary repairs are scheduled to take place along Southery Road in the next two weeks and Highways hope to part resurface it in the new financial year. The Parish Council will work with Southery Parish Council in a bid to make this road safer.

Clerk is chasing Highways for a date for signs to be erected at the junction of Lodge Road with the B1112 to improve safety. The extra 'SLOW' lining will be painted when the weather allows.

Clerk had chased Highways for an update on the change of priory scheme for Short Beck/High Street/Long Lane junction and improving safety at the junction of Hill Street with St Mary's Street and The Beck but had no response again. Mr Storey will chase this up.

Potholes along Short Beck will be temporarily repaired in the next two days. Proper repairs have been programmed but the road will have to be closed for 14 days. Potholes outside 48a Paynes Lane and Wilton Road have been reported and Clerk will report those on The Beck, White Dyke Road and Black Dyke

WORD TRAIL SOLUTION

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Road. The 'Feltwell' sign on Lodge Road has slipped down one side and needs putting back up. Residents are encouraged to report any Highways issues to NCC via their website www.norfolk.gov.uk/highwaysproblem

There had been huge issues with parking outside Feltwell Chinese and on the new housing site behind at the weekend mainly due to the confusion caused by the dropped kerbing. Clerk to write to Planning again.

Dog bin along The Beck, which is often overflowing, is to be replaced with a litter bin that can also house bagged dog waste. If there is not enough room for it to be sited there, it will go on the grassed area at the bottom of The Beck.

As Feltwell is no longer in the protection or surveillance zones for Avian Flu, allotment tenants with chickens can release them into their outdoor pens.

Mr Storey said a decision was expected on 19th February regarding the postponement of Norfolk County Council elections scheduled for 7th May. NCC's budget meeting is taking place 17th February. A £4.5m grant had seen a big improvement in Norfolk's bus services with passenger numbers increasing by 26% and bus routes increasing to 44. All information could be found on NCC and BC websites.

The Winter Event scheduled for 11th February at St Mary's Church will be attended by Age UK, BCKLWN's Lily and Careline, Community Action Norfolk and The Caring Together Charity.

Village sign to be repainted by Mr Robert Walden, a former Feltwell resident who has previously renovated several other village signs. He will only charge for the cost of materials.

Residents are kindly requested to 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 consult our 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 9th March 2026 at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.



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