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# FELTWELL PARISH MAGAZINE

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# Feltwellians Around The World



*There are very few contacts through the Feltwell website these days when compared with a few years ago when it was all new but when I do get one it often has a wonderful surprise attached. This one proves the point.*

## Susan Weeks

My father, **Reginald Alfred Kear** served with 75 Squadron as ground crew in 1941 at RAF Feltwell.

Browsing online for information and having visited Marham and Feltwell recently, I found a link to yourself and a request for any other photos of nose art and thought you might be interested in the attached photographs. My father is standing on the left by the tail of a Wellington and in the other 2 photos he is in the cockpit.

I have not been able to trace the nose art of this aeroplane and am hoping that you might be able to do so.

*And now for the surprise.*

I also have the menu for the 7<sup>th</sup> August 1941 on the occasion of the



approval of the award of the V.C. to James Ward, signed by Ward, Popeye Lucas and 2 others. (*What!*)

I should be interested in any further information you have about my father's time at Feltwell. I have his military records.

*Can you guess what the menu was? Answer next month. And more photos.*

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## Getting Stronger (and Why a Biscuit Isn't a Strategy)

By the time May arrives, something has usually shifted.

The garden is no longer a polite suggestion — it's in full swing. Lawns need regular attention, borders are doing their own thing, and many people find themselves “just popping outside for a bit” and returning several hours later, slightly surprised by the time.

Walking has become more frequent, days are longer, and there is a general sense of being more active without really thinking about it. And, for the most part, the body is keeping up rather well.

After the cautious reintroduction of movement in March and the steady build through April, May is often the month where people begin to feel stronger. Tasks feel easier. There's a bit more confidence. You get through the day and think, “That wasn't too bad.”

Until, occasionally, about four o'clock.

That moment where energy dips, legs feel heavier than they did in the morning, and the thought of sitting down becomes unusually appealing.

At this point, many people reach for a cup of tea and a biscuit, which is a perfectly civilised response to the situation — but it does raise an important question.

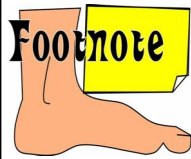
Has the body actually been given what it needs to keep going?

Because while movement is what stimulates strength, food is what allows it to happen.

The body is remarkably willing to adapt. It will build strength, improve balance, and support you through all the lifting, digging, walking and carrying that May tends to involve.

But it does expect to be given the materials.

A biscuit and a cup of tea is many things — comforting, familiar, and in some cases absolutely essential — but it is not structural support for your muscles.



Q. Do you know what Kakorrhaphiophobia is?

Kakorrhaphiophobia is the fear of failure causing debilitating anxiety, stress and low self-esteem and even panic attacks. It can be all-consuming.

## Friends of Feltwell Playgroup



Support your local playgroup by joining our 100 Club for a chance to win a monthly cash prize. For more information

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Thank you for continuing to support our village playgroup.

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Somewhere between breakfast and the evening meal, the body quietly starts to wonder if anything resembling proper fuel is arriving.

And if it doesn't, it simply does the best it can with what it has.

This is often when people feel that strange combination of being active, yet oddly tired.

The solution is not complicated, but it is often overlooked.

Regular, proper meals. Food that actually resembles food.

Something that provides substance — meat, vegetables, potatoes, eggs — the sort of things that would have been entirely unremarkable a generation ago and are still exactly what the body understands best.

This doesn't need to be rigid or perfect. It simply needs to be consistent enough that the body is not constantly trying to run on empty and catch up later.

When that happens, something rather noticeable changes.

Energy steadies. Strength improves. Balance becomes more reliable. And the body feels far more capable of handling the increasing demands of everyday life.

Which brings us neatly to a small experiment.

The Feltwell Fitness Test – May

Find a chair.

Sit down, and then stand up again without using your hands.

Repeat this ten times.

If you reach ten without needing a small motivational speech halfway through, your leg strength is doing very nicely. If not, this is an excellent place to start — a few repetitions each day will make a surprising difference over time.

You may also notice that this becomes considerably easier when the body has been properly fuelled.

May is a satisfying month.

March gets you moving.

## The Great Feltwell Silent Disco at St Mary's Church

Join us on Saturday 9th May for a Silent Disco fundraiser supporting the Feltwell Food Pantry and PLUS Pre-Loved Uniform Shop.

**Family Session: 2-4pm**

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**After Dark (18+): 8pm-late**

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Tickets are available online. Follow our event on Facebook for more details and from The Wellington, Edwards Café, PLUS and the Food Pantry.

## News From Edmund de Moundeford PTA

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA so far this year.

We are especially grateful to those who have helped with our woodland and pond work at the school.

We are excited to continue supporting the school and creating opportunities that benefit our pupils and wider school community.

*Helping our school thrive.*



April gets things working again.

May is where you begin to feel properly strong — provided you remember that strength is not just built through effort, but supported by what you give your body along the way.

And if you do find yourself reaching for that biscuit, enjoy it.

Just perhaps don't expect it to do all the heavy lifting.

Helen Goddard-Nickolls

*Thank  
You!*

Ann, Paul, Carl and family would like to thank everyone who attended Monty's funeral and for the total of £530 in donations given to Cancer Research. So many young and old with their own tales about him.

Thanks to Phillip, Vicky and Sandra for their excellent service.

Ann Curtis



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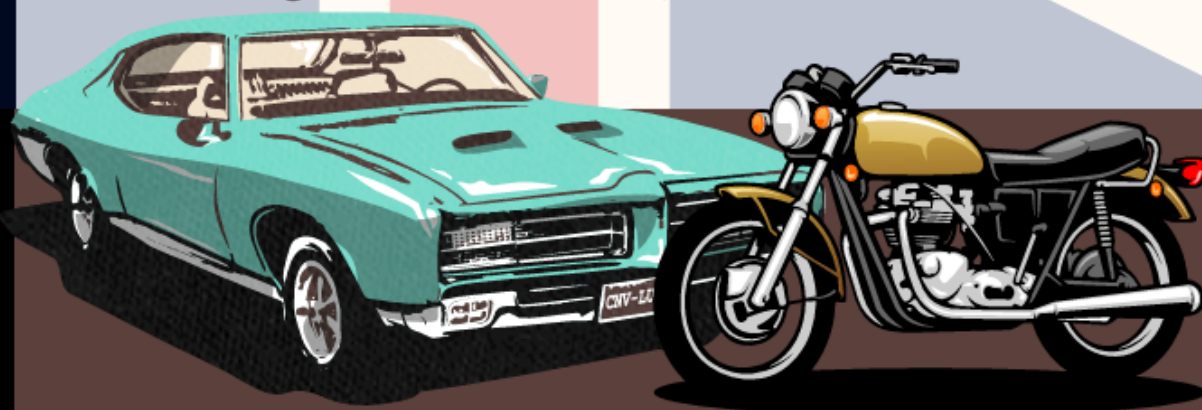
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## PLEASE TELL ME THIS

*Fred is playing word games this month with an examination of how to ask politely.*

In a recent conversation with a close friend, I was asked for an opinion, (sort of). It was probably couched as a challenge, as is my friend's usual approach.

He asked, *“What is the correct way to use the word 'please', at the beginning of a sentence, or at the end?”*

My initial reply was, *“You can please yourself, I suppose! It's simple enough. I shouldn't think it really matters!”*

My friend seemed satisfied with my opinion, which it really was, after all, so I assumed that was the end of it. Job done!

However, on looking deeper into it, it appears not to be as simple as that. With all words in our wonderful English language, to use a word in different possible scenarios, it all depends on knowing what that word means. It wouldn't hurt to get an official opinion, and besides, it would help to pass the time.

So I approached the Interwebnet (A.I.-God forbid!), and my copies of Chambers, The Oxford and Collins, who all appeared to agree that the word 'Please' is a derivative of that short phrase 'if it pleases', and can be used in place of those three words in different circumstances, depending on the effect required.

For instance, in 'Oliver Twist', young Oliver uses the word in reverence to the Workhouse Master, to emphasise his polite request for more food. Translated, he could have been saying *“If it would please you, Sir, may I have some more?”* A 'please' at the end of Oliver's request would portray the same effect, with *“Can I have some more, but only if it's ok with you?”* Then we have, *“Oh, please!”*, spoken to indicate frustration as in, *“It would please me if you didn't do that!”* Then, the single word *“Please!”* indicating a desperate need of help, translated as, *“If it pleases you, it would please me if you were to please me!”*

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:  
1st May**

**10-12pm at St Mary's church.  
Refreshments provided.**

- Do you need to book appointments, buy things online and apply for jobs, but you've run out of credit and your phone screen is too fiddly?
- Have you got a smartphone, but think you might not be getting the best out of it?
- Do you wonder if you're missing out because you're not on the internet?
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Finally, *“Please, be my guest!”* Another maybe ambiguous translation would be, *“It would please me, to please you by having you as my guest!”*

As a matter of interest, I discovered that the French and Italians, and even the Japanese generally put their 'thankyous' at the end of their requests, whereas the Germans, in their usual, over-polite way, say their 'thankyous' either at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end of a request. Americans just say *“Whiskey!”* and leave it at that.

A load of twaddle, I know, but it does indicate just one of the many idiosyncrasies of the spoken word.

So, take your pick, my friend, start, middle or end, it doesn't really matter, as long as we are polite.

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Frederick James

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## CURIOS ARE BACK! No 12

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.

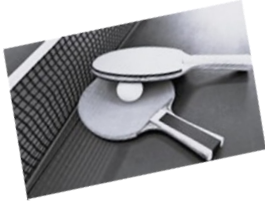


An early coffee roaster. Copper is a good conductor of heat. The “crucible” would have housed a heat source such as methylated spirit or charcoal.

The globe would be filled with coffee beans which would be slowly but evenly roasted as the handle was turned. I understand that less than 5 minutes would be sufficient to roast the beans.



I read that the first coffee house in London opened in 1652 and 10 years later there were over 80. Historians estimate that there were



## **MONDAY and TUESDAY CLUBS**

Table Tennis is now up and running every  
**Monday at 7.00pm and Tuesday from 1.45**  
**at the Methodist Hall, Feltwell.**

Any skill level or none. Just come along for an afternoon of fun. It's a load o' laughs, which is good for the heart, and the physical exercise loosens those stiff joints. **All ages** welcome. Steve Wellington is the organiser. **£3 for two hours of fun.**

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## **THURSDAY CLUB**

**On your own? New to the village?**

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around 550 in the 1700s. They soon became fashionable places to meet socially or to conduct business.

Congratulations to Janet and Colin Clements who successfully identified this curio.

### **This months curio.**

These simple little tools have a hollow tube with a sharp, open end. There is a 2-branch handle at the other end, rather like a domestic tap handle. The largest is about 150mm (6") long and 12mm ( $\frac{1}{2}$ inch) diameter whilst the smallest is about 125mm (5") long and 3mm ( $\frac{1}{8}$  inch) diameter. They fit inside each other for storage purposes.

For what purpose were/are they used? 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. Please try not to use Google. Paul.*

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<b>Sunday 3rd May</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b> Service of the Word	<b>Feltwell</b> Weeting	<b>9.15 am</b> 11 am
<b>Sunday 10th May</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b> Service of the Word	<b>Hockwold</b> Northwold	<b>9.15 am</b> 11.am
<b>Sunday 17th May</b>	<b>Eucharist</b> Eucharist	<b>Feltwell</b> Weeting	<b>9.15 am</b> 11 am
<b>Sunday 24th May</b>	<b>Eucharist</b> Eucharist	<b>Hockwold</b> Northwold	<b>9.15 am</b> 11 am
<b>Sunday 31st May</b>	<b>Benefice Eucharist</b>	<b>Northwold</b>	<b>10am</b>

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

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## LATEST CONSUMER ALERTS AND TRADING STANDARDS NEWS

### **Scam Alert - Fake parcel delivery messages**

We are warning residents about messages claiming to relate to a parcel delivery which state they are unable to deliver the item or that you have missed the delivery.

Recent examples have included text messages which claims to be from 'Evri' and state 'sorry we couldn't deliver your items today because nobody was there to sign for it'. The message goes on to provide a link to 'update delivery details' to reschedule a new delivery date.

Anyone clicking on these links will be taken to fake website made to look like the genuine ones, with the same branding, layout, and font choices. These sites have been built by criminals and are used to gather personal and financial information or take required 'payments'.

If you receive a suspicious parcel delivery message **do not** click on any links.

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.

### **Scam Alert - Text messages claiming to be from Vodafone**

We are warning residents who are Vodafone customers to be alert for scam text messages that are circulating.

The messages, which come from a spoofed number, claims to be 'advance notice regarding your Vodafone Reward Points' stating that 'you currently hold 12,739 of which 12,000 points are scheduled to expire in three days in line with the 2026 programme'. The message then provides a link to 'redeem your points'.

These messages are not from Vodafone and anyone following the link will be taken to a website which will attempt to gather personal, account and financial details. It is likely that a number of versions of this message will be circulating claiming differing amounts of points.

### **Scam Alert - Task based job scams**

We are warning residents about messages claiming to be offering online work from home employment opportunities.

Frequently these arrive as unsolicited messages via WhatsApp claiming to be a job opportunity that can be done flexibly, with no experience and working from home. Some examples even claim to offer an '£8 bonus' just for enquiring via a link in the message.

The 'role' includes completing a set of tasks online and for each activity



# Cold War History Day

## West Raynham SHQ at NR21 7PL

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In addition to viewing this Cold War Station Headquarters (SHQ) building and having an opportunity to join a Guided Tour of RAF West Raynham, the day includes:

- Hunter and Canberra cockpits open
- Jet Engine display
- Bloodhound missile display
- Police Dog display (TBC)
- Wargaming displays (participation)
- Small Arms display
- Short talks and discussions including:
  - Ejection Seats: development and use
  - Bloodhound: development and deployment
  - British Nucs: Deterrence or Destruction?
  - EOD: Tales from the front line
  - Cold War Veterans Q&A panels (Army, Navy, RAF)
- Military vehicles and groups
- Royal Observer Corps (ROC) display
- **GUIDED TOUR OF RAF WEST RAYNHAM**
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- **Bloodhound Reunion.**
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Information: [info@veteranscentral.co.uk](mailto:info@veteranscentral.co.uk)



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'commission' will be earned. Initially the tasks are often registering for online accounts, making transactions for small amounts which you are told the costs will be refunded and then leaving online feedback. Having completed these initial tasks payment will be sent covering your costs with your 'commission' added on.

Over the following days the tasks contain more steps with the costs involved increasing but all paid on completion. Very quickly the amounts involved can reach hundreds or even thousands of pounds or the contact may say you have been selected for a 'premium' task which has greater outlay but for higher commission.

The fraudsters will attempt to get you to continue to pay to complete tasks, often until you have no access to funds, saying all tasks need to be completed before payment can be made to you. They may even try and persuade you to borrow money from others or take out loans or credit cards to make the payments.

Regardless of what you do or how much you pay in the fraudsters will not return your money. Even if tasks are completed they will often claim that taxes or fees need to be paid before money can be paid out or just cut off any further communication.

Our advice is always to be very wary of offers made via an unsolicited message or cold call and to look out for the following if it is claiming to be offering employment:

The initial contact came via an unsolicited message

You do not have to provide a CV or covering letter

If it is requiring you to complete online tasks to earn commission

It is claiming that the work is for well know online companies, but you are not dealing directly with them

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

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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)

You can also report Frauds, Cyber Crime, Phishing attempts, suspicious emails to Action Fraud, the National Fraud & Cyber Crime (NCSC) by forwarding it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk).

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**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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## DOES THIS COMMUNITY MAGAZINE HAVE A FUTURE 2?

The answer to this question is the same as last month, Yes, for the forthcoming year at least.

Since I raised this question we have thankfully seen an increase in advertising revenue following second reminders having been issued but it's still not back to where I would dearly like it to be. Currently we are down 14 regular advertisers and this means a drop in advertising income for the year of £1,350. Much better than the projected loss of around £3000 last month. Advertising income now stands at £3,320 which is good.

I've decreased the print order down to 340 copies a month because shop purchases decreased and we are recycling far too many copies, which is a big waste of money. If regular readers are finding that their friends and neighbours are complaining about not being able to buy a copy of the village magazine please encourage them to subscribe. It might sound mean but please don't give them yours.

With the printing cost at 88p per copy and a sale price at 50p this means a monthly loss of £112, or £1,346 for this subscription year. Comparing the monthly loss with the much improved advertising revenue means that we are in the black by £1,974 on the year. This is excellent news and means that I can sleep well again without worrying. However, and here's the kicker, the reduction in profit over previous years means that all the organisations this magazine usually supports throughout the year are going to find less support available. And the idea of donating additional blood pressure monitors to the surgery for loan to patients is less likely to be realised unfortunately at the quantity I had hoped.

I asked for your thoughts in last month's piece and I had four responses. Three encouraged me to increase the cover price to £1 and charging £10 for the year, two issues free. (88p times 12 = £10.56p so not a massive loss over a year per subscriber.) The other reply made several suggestions about raising income which I am still considering. Further opinions would be most welcome.

Thank you for your support. *Paul*



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Just like humans, cats and dogs can be subject to dementia. The first sign for a cat may be that the cat does lots of yowling for no reason. To first rule out kidney disease which may cause discomfort including increased hunger or thirst which may lead to the yowling. Cognitive issues usually develop in older cats, which can cause disorientation leading to yowling at walls.

Your vet may suggest dietary changes, medications, or other treatments to improve the cat's quality of life. Managing kidney disease in cats often involves a combination of these approaches to ensure they remain comfortable and healthy.

In the meantime, try to refrain from telling your cat off for being noisy. He is not deliberately trying to provoke, but is likely to be feeling unwell and the chastisement may well only serve to confuse and distress him further. Ensuring he has access to fresh water and a suitable diet for his condition is crucial. Regular vet check ups will also be essential in managing his kidney disease effectively.

It is important to note that exposing a cat to any amount of second-hand smoke is bad for their health. This is particularly so for regular smokers or for those who smoke in poorly ventilated areas near their cats. This is because, just like with humans, cigarette smoke can cause respiratory issues such as asthma and bronchitis due to the smoke irritating the airway. Prolonged exposure also increases the risk of lung cancer due to the harmful chemicals in the smoke, which can damage lung tissue over time.

It is not just the lungs that are affected; cats exposed to second-hand smoke may also suffer from eye infections and skin irritation due to the chemicals in the smoke. It is also thought that smoke can cause allergic reactions leading to symptoms like sneezing, itching and skin rashes. Third hand smoke, which refers to the residual chemicals that settle on surfaces, including a cat's fur, is also a health risk. When cats groom themselves, they ingest these toxic particles leading to various health problems, including digestive

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issues and an increased risk of developing tumours in the mouth and throat.

Although thought by some to be less harmful than cigarette smoking, vaping poses similar risks to cats. The vapour from e-cigarettes contains harmful chemicals like formaldehyde and propylene glycol, which can lead to respiratory problems and broader health issues, including a weakened immune system and general poor health. Like with cigarette smoke, the particles from vape aerosols can settle on surfaces and be ingested by cats during grooming. It is worth noting too that the vape devices themselves are risky to have around cats due to the toxic nicotine they contain. Should a device become broken, the leaked e-liquid and the nicotine it contains will contaminate surfaces and can be absorbed through the skin.

To protect your cat, it's best to avoid smoking or vaping indoors altogether. If you do smoke or vape, try to do it in a well-ventilated room, away from your cat, and wash your hands thoroughly before handling your pet.

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## RESPONDING QUICKLY TO HEATING OIL CHALLENGE

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

Here in South West Norfolk, more than 22,000 households are reliant on heating oil, making our residents some of the most impacted by the sudden change in heating oil prices anywhere in the country.

From the beginning of the conflict in the Middle East, I have been working closely with Government Ministers and officials in both the Treasury and Department for Energy, to highlight the impact of these price increases, sharing dozens of examples from constituents about the reality for South West Norfolk families.

Not only did heating oil prices significantly increase in the space of two weeks following the start of the conflict, but we also had some heating oil providers cancelling already agreed and paid for orders, leaving many vulnerable residents unable to afford to top up their oil, and in some cases, people were telling me they were having to turn off their heating.

In my meetings and discussions, I called for an urgent and immediate response to the crisis through the introduction of a financial support package. I also highlighted the need for more long-term solutions, looking at ways we can implement stronger regulation to avoid companies unfairly profiting from situations like this, and how there can be greater fairness and protection for consumers with heating oil and LPG prices, in the same way electricity and gas users are protected.

I have also called on the Chancellor to consider the cost of fuel and whether the fuel duty increase in September can be postponed, and what other measures the Government can take to address cost of living pressures in rural areas. For us in a rural area, owning and running a car is a necessity, not a luxury.

I was pleased the Government immediately instructed the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) to investigate allegations



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of price gouging which triggered some suppliers to quite rightly honour their original prices.

Then, the Prime Minister announced a £53 million heating oil support

package. Here in Norfolk, we will be receiving more than £3million - the biggest share of the funding given to any county in the country, in recognition of the sheer number of households reliant on heating oil and LPG locally.

This money has been allocated to the existing Crisis and Resilience Fund through Norfolk County Council and distributed via their established processes.

The Government has placed no restrictions on who should receive support – any eligibility guidelines have been put in place by Norfolk County Council. Norfolk County Council have confirmed as a guide; they expect to support households with an annual income of £35k or less, but to avoid people in need missing out, they have concluded that decisions will also be taken based on individual circumstances.

The support service is now live, and I would urge people to make contact with the Council to discuss options if you are in need of support. Contact can be made via [www.norfolk.gov.uk/heatingoil](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/heatingoil) or via telephone on 0344 800 8020.

My team and I will be doing everything possible to get people the support they need so please do get in touch if we can be of assistance. My email is: [terry.jermy.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:terry.jermy.mp@parliament.uk)

## VILLAGE SIGN RENOVATED



Observant Feltwellians walking along Oak Street recently may have noticed something different about the village sign. It's had a makeover curtesy of Mr Robert Walden (pictured above) who, in this editors opinion, has done a superb job in bringing the old sign back to life.

So, next time you're walking around the village why not pause for a moment outside the almshouses and admire his handiwork.

## VILLAGE SIGNS—IN THE BEGINNING.



*What follows is extracted, with permission, from Robert's book which he presented to the parish Council upon completion of the renovation.*

The idea of creating village signs is generally credited to King Edward VII who thought it would be a good way of promoting and encouraging community spirit in the Sandringham Estate villages: Anmer, Babingley, Fritcham-cum-Appleton, West Newton, Sherborne and Wolferton

whose working populations at that time, were mainly employed in some capacity on the Estate and living in Estate-owned dwellings.

However, the first signs were not erected until after his death. His son King George V implemented his father's idea with the first signs being made at the Princess Alexandra Carving School at Sandringham.

King George's accession was in May 1910 and his coronation was a year later in June 1911 and the signs at Fritcham, Shernborne and Wolferton were certainly erected in 1912 with that date clearly carved into their solid oak posts. At the time of King George V's accession, the railways had, for over 70 years, been the only means by which ordinary people could travel at speeds greater than a horse or perhaps more accurately, at speeds greater than a horse and cart! Before then and especially in rural areas, most people rarely travelled outside their villages or beyond their nearest market town. But after the First World War leisure motoring became affordable for the middle classes: most villages did not display their

names on their approach roads and a map on the driver's knee was of limited help if villages were not identified on the road.

The idea took on new impetus from another Royal on 4 May 1920 when Prince Albert, the future King George VI, speaking at the Royal Academy of the Arts said: "I feel sure that many of my comrade motorists would welcome the revival of the village sign or emblem, lettered and conspicuously displayed — a welcome guide to the visitor in a strange land." So the Daily Mail soon after ran a competition offering prizes totalling over £2000 to finance the production and siting of the winning entries. The Duke of York agreed to judge the competition and 550 entries were received and the high standard led to an exhibition displaying over 250 designs, initially held in the Strand but which later went nationwide.

The judges were not aware of the artists' identities until after they had made their decision. Designs covered a range of themes which were judged on, "appropriateness to their location and appeal to local traditions and history." The sign which won first prize was in Kent and signs in Sussex secured 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes. Nevertheless Norfolk has always led the way and one photographer has recorded 560 in Norfolk alone, which is well ahead of the next highest county. Harty Carter of Swaffham carved his first sign for his hometown in 1929 and by his death in 1983 had carved over 200 signs including Feltwell's first version in 1969 which was designed and commissioned by Alfred "Pip" Orange as Chair of the Historical and Archaeological Society. It became popular from the 1950s onwards for a village to commission one to mark major events in public life such as silver weddings, jubilees and coronations. The Women's Institute were particularly active in instigating such projects. However, when the highly individual and decorative Village Signs started to spread across the country, the Highways Authorities very sensibly assumed no responsibility for them. However, from the beginning, little regard, and in many cases no regard at all, was given to the need for maintenance of such signs or to the costs of effecting such maintenance. Moreover, this lack of concern for future maintenance often subsists today in our county, which is a great pity given Norfolk's role in the establishment of these attractive features.

*To be continued next month.*

## FELTWELL WALKING GROUP

The second walk of the recently formed Feltwell Walking Group was undertaken by ten members plus one dog at Lynford Arboretum on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. We walked an estimated 3.5 miles through beautiful



countryside, alongside the River Wissey and through the Sequia avenue where we measured the girth of a trunk in people. It took eight of us tree-huggers to spread our arms around the trunk circumference. It spotted with rain for all of 30 seconds and then the sun came out thankfully. It was a lovely walk with good company all topped off with a coffee and cake at the delightful Shepherd's Baa coffee spot.

Our second walk of the month on the 17<sup>th</sup>, this time with only eight members, took us to

# FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB

Feltwell has a great bowls club which is situated next to the Royal British Legion, Long Lane, Feltwell, IP26 4BJ

We have roll-ups twice a week (Mondays and Wednesdays at 6.00pm) between May and September.

We also play in two leagues.

The Club welcomes you all to come along and have a go. Equipment available to borrow just be sure to wear flat shoes.

You can contact the Club below.



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Feltwell Bowls Club



Stoke Ferry and another walk alongside the banks of the River Wissey. We parked in a small car park outside the church and the first thing we noticed was the most interesting and unusual village



sign showing four views of the village, aligned to the four major compass points. The 'East' point, shown in the photograph, reminds us that Stoke Ferry was once a major station in the Fen railway system. If you haven't seen this village sign I urge you to pop into Stoke Ferry rather than use

the bypass the next time you head that way to Lynn and give it a close examination.

After a last minute change of plan we decided to turn left at the bridge rather than right and enjoyed a lovely ramble, initially passed numerous moored houseboats all lovingly maintained and colourfully painted before crossing under the bridge at the beginning of the bypass (when heading from Feltwell) before emerging into beautiful open countryside. As the sound of traffic faded our ears were blessed by a riot of birdsong. The sun emerged from behind the clouds and all was well with the world, if only for a short time.

After roughly 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours we arrived back in Stoke Ferry and made our way to the Bluebell Inn, now a community owned facility, where coffee and tea and even more conversation was had in very pleasant surroundings.

To find out more about FWG please contact Michael at [adamsmike71@yahoo.com](mailto:adamsmike71@yahoo.com). We do one walk a fortnight on a Friday morning.



# The Wellington In May



**1st** Christian Smith



STREET FOOD

**8th** Bruce Aldred



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**10th** Sunday Session With Chris Free And Sammie Kempers



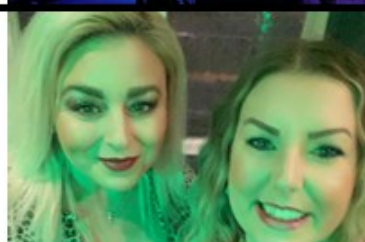
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**22nd** ALTERNATIVE JUKEBOX



**23rd** HARMONIC FORCES



**30th** Dan Knight



## CAR SHOW LOGISTICAL

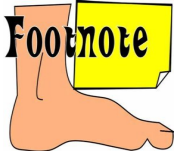
This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.  
*The solution is on p68.*

	Brian	Ernest	Stephen	Michael	Blue	Green	Yellow	Red	1968	1971	1974	1977
Ford												
Morris												
Lotus												
Triumph												
1968												
1971												
1974												
1977												
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Green												
Yellow												
Red												

Match the driver to the car make, age and colour as they attend Feltwell Car Show 2026.

### CLUES

1. The Red Car is 3 years older than Brian's Lotus.
2. The Green Car was built in 1971.
3. Stephen's car has recently been painted Yellow.
4. The Morris is the newest vehicle, the triumph is the oldest.
5. The Blue Ford doesn't belong to Michael or Stephen.



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

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## WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search features **THINGS THAT ARE RED**

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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G	E	N	I	N	R	F	A	S	A	R	P	S	F
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# Feltwell in Bloom

Making Our Village Beautiful

Hello all and welcome to our May Newsletter

I can't believe how quickly the month's have flown past and I must admit I'm a bit behind in the garden but at least the plants are flowering and looking colourful.

The Tubs around the village are replanted twice a year to suit outside temperatures, but with Climate Change we will have to reconsider what plants we will use for the Summer months.

If anyone in the Village could help us with watering the Tubs especially if you live close to them we would be very grateful.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at the Wellington Pub in Feltwell at 7pm. We always welcome new members and we are a friendly group of like minded gardeners with various skill levels.

Contact us on the following platforms:-

Facebook – Feltwell in Bloom

Email: [feltwellinbloom@yahoo.com](mailto:feltwellinbloom@yahoo.com)

Or phone Janet on 07999356030

## Feltwell Social Club – What's On

16<sup>th</sup> May - Heathen (re-scheduled)

23<sup>rd</sup> May - Cross Fire

24<sup>th</sup> May - Brass Band

30<sup>th</sup> May - Darts Open Competition.

ALL ENGLAND GAMES WILL BE SHOWN LIVE AT THE SOCIAL CLUB  
JUNE/JULY.

MEMBERS WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY OVER NON MEMBERS DURING  
BUSY PERIODS.

New members always welcome.

A poker night is held at the club on the first Friday monthly.

# **FELTWELL METHODIST CHURCH, COMMUNITY HALL & GARDEN**



**DAILY SOCIAL GROUPS – WITH ADDED BENEFITS**

**Monday Meet-Up @ The Wellington**

**Tuesday Club @ The Community Hall, Bell Street – 1.30pm**

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**Thursday Club @ The Community Hall, Bell Street – 10am**

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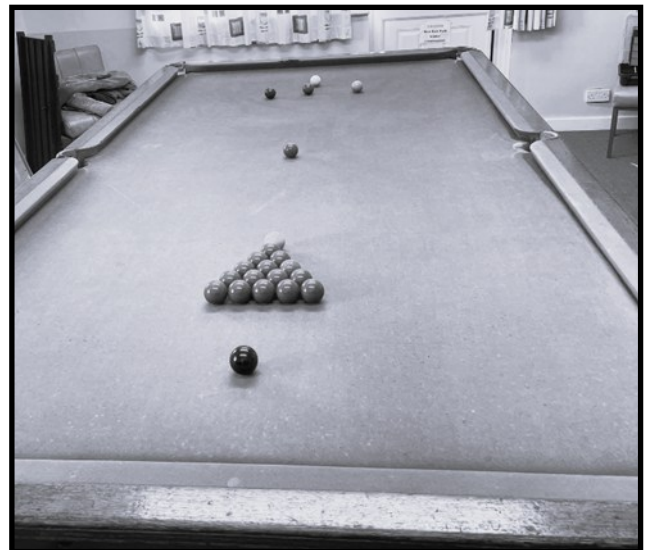
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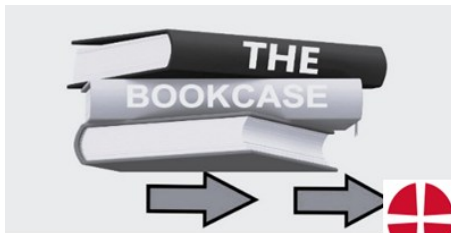
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**12 - DECEMBER CHRISTMAS CREAM TEAS**



# Your Good Health

by Dr Ian Nisbet

Life in Worcestershire has taken a turn for the better. The incessant rain which dominated the first quarter of the year (how many people still have a hosepipe ban?) seems to have died out and we have enjoyed three or four days of sunshine. The daffodils have been and gone and there is now a great deal of colour in the garden, thank to the Forsythias, Camellias, Tulips, Primroses, Photinia Red Robins, Bleeding Hearts (*Dicentra spectabilis*) and all the smaller shrubs and bushes I am growing on ***to populate the rather dark bottom border of the garden.*** ***The Geums, which should have died back,*** didn't and they are forging ahead. I am delighted that my four *Alstroemeria* have survived the Winter. The plants I have propagated through the winter are now ready to go out and (Don't tell Deannie) the kitchen is now full of 72 potted up Geraniums and Begonias plug plants in preparation for planting out in May. The garden at the

front of the house is a profusion of colour, much admired by passers-by.

The builders of our houses built the usual post and panel fences around our perimeters but the work was poor and many have fallen over. Eight of my panels collapsed and would have fallen over had it not been for next door's mature bushes holding them up. I have a row of large trees running through my bottom flower bed. They were part of the original driveway to the old house and shed leaves on the lawn all summer and branches all year round so they are not my best friends. However, having righted the fence to vertical, I have bolted it all to the trees and it is now upright and solid. Should be OK until the 50 year old trees start falling down.

The choir is going well and we are preparing for our next concert on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

I was given some vouchers to buy

roses and, after a lot of consideration and a visit to our local rose centre (David Austin), I carefully chose two rose bushes called "Peace". Why? Well, when I was ten years old, I remember both of my parents loving a rose which Dad had planted. It is creamy yellow, smells beautiful and flowers twice a year. So, here I am, 70 years later, planting the roses, one in memory of Mum and the other in the memory of Dad. Currently, diesel costs 40p per litre more than petrol. This equates to a difference of £4.20 per gallon. Any ideas why? Filling my diesel car yesterday cost £108 and I am very grateful for the coasting feature which enables me to turn in 60 miles to the gallon. Perhaps some jokes will ease the pain. A man came running to the doctor shouting and screaming in pain. "Please doctor you've got to help me. I've been stung by a bee." "Don't worry;" says the doctor, "I'll put some cream on it." "You will never find that bee. It must be miles away by now." "No, you don't understand!" answers the doctor, "I'll put some cream on the place you were stung." "Oh! It happened in the garden in back of my house." "No, no, no!" says the doctor getting frustrated, "I mean

on which part of your body did that bee sting you." "On my finger!" screamed the man in pain. "The bee stung me on my finger and it really hurts." "Which one?" the doctor. "How am I supposed to know? All the bees look the same to me!"

A man faced a violation for adding horse meat to the chicken stew in his restaurant. At the court he was asked why he did it and how much horse meat was in those stew. "For the money of course and I solemnly swear I always kept the ratio 50:50!" While the infraction caused many unhappy customers, upon seeing the man's honesty the judge decides not to revoke his licence. However he in turn must always advertise that horse is part of the ingredients. With a sigh of relief, the restaurant owner paid the fine and walked out of the court house with his wife and friend who asked him "Did you really put horse meat or did you add anything else with the chicken?" "No. Only horse meat and chicken". "Now tell me the truth man, come on, it was mostly horse meat wasn't it?" "No. It was always 50:50... one horse per one chicken

One day while he was at the track

# SAVE THE DATE!

## PRIZE BINGO at FELTWELL SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

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## VILLAGE YARD SALE

— Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July —

9am - 2pm

*More details to follow...*



## AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR at PORTERS BARN —

— Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October —

*More details to follow...*



## SANTA'S SLEIGH

— 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December —

*More details to follow...*



Details will also be on Facebook

playing the ponies and all but losing his shirt, Mitch noticed a priest who stepped out onto the track and blessed the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race. Lo and behold, that horse - a very long shot - won the race! Before the next race, as the horses began lining up, Mitch watched with interest the old priest step onto the track. Sure enough, as the 5th race horses came to the starting gate the priest made a blessing on the forehead of one of the horses. Mitch made a beeline for a betting window and placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though it was another long shot, the horse the priest had blessed won the race. Mitch collected his winnings, and anxiously waited to see which horse the priest would bless for the 6th race. The priest again blessed a horse. Mitch bet big on it, and it won. Mitch was elated. As the races continued the priest kept blessing long shot horses, and each one ended up coming in first. By and by, Mitch was pulling in some serious money. By the last race, he knew his wildest dreams were going to come true. He made a quick

dash to the ATM, withdrew all his savings, and awaited the priest's blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on. True to his pattern, the priest stepped onto the track for the last race and blessed the forehead of an old nag that was the longest shot of the day. Mitch also observed the priest blessing the eyes, ears, and hooves of the old nag. Mitch knew he had a winner and bet every cent he owned on the old nag. He then watched dumbfounded as the old nag come in dead last. Mitch, in a state of shock, made his way down to the track area where the priest was. Confronting the old priest he demanded, 'Father! What happened? All day long you blessed horses and they all won. Then in the last race, the horse you blessed lost by a Kentucky mile. Now, thanks to you I've lost every cent of my savings -- all of it!'. The priest nodded wisely and with sympathy. 'Son,' he said, 'that's the problem with most people, you can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and last rites.'

Best wishes to all. Ian Nisbet

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The speaker for our February meeting was Adrian Maasz who spoke about his interest in military history, particularly researching medals which



he does as a volunteer at RAF Marham museum.

Military medals and decorations have a long and rich history, dating back to ancient times. They symbolize bravery, sacrifice, and courage, honouring the men and women who have served their country in times of war and peace. The tradition of awarding medals and decorations can be traced hundreds of years into the past, with most medals being made of metal and commemorating a person, place, or event.

The earliest medals began in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries and were awarded by landowners to members of their own militias. However, the first recognised medal for bravery was the American Purple Heart, issued during the War of Independence. It was a woven piece of cloth which was sown onto the uniform.

In the UK the Duke of Northumberland issued a 'coin' to engender a sense of belonging in his men. Not a medal as such but the beginning.

In 1856 Queen Victoria instituted the Victoria Cross for acts of extreme bravery. The first person to receive a VC was a sailor who, during the Crimean War, picked up a shell that had landed on the deck and, before it exploded, picked it up and through it overboard. The Navy wanted their own form of recognition and so their VC has a blue ribbon, not the crimson ribbon of today. Originally the medals were made from melted down cannons captured at the Battle of Sebastopol in 1856, today they are made from cannons captured in the Opium Wars of the 1860s-1870s. The words "For Valour" are engraved on the medal. To qualify their has to have been a 95% chance of you dying.



The Military Cross was initially awarded only to officers whilst the other ranks were awarded the Military Medal. Nowadays the rank system of awarding medals has been removed and everyone gets the MC.

Of course, civilians can exhibit acts of great bravery as well as members

of the military and it was King George VI who instigated the George Cross for recognition of this fact in 1940. It is akin to the VC but not in the face of the enemy. Often awarded during WW2 to those defusing and clearing bombs etc. The island of Malta was awarded a GC for the bravery of its citizens during WW2.

**Campaign medals (CM).** The Navy was the first service to recognise its members efforts during wartime and introduced the Navy General Service Medal in 1788 to honour them. The medal can be adorned with clasps marking various actions, battles etc. Clasps go on campaign medals, bars go on bravery awards. The 1805 medal awarded to those at the Battle of Trafalgar is the most famous NGSM. The Army then wanted a GS medal the most famous for being at the Battle of Waterloo.



## FELTWELL FUEL ALLOTMENT CHARITY

If you can answer “YES” to the following two questions you may be eligible for a **Winter 2025 Fuel Payment** from three Feltwell charities.

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

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

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

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

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

Only one grant per household will be given.

Campaign medals are still awarded today. Some GS medals fetch a high price at auction, for example, those from the Zulu War, if they have clasps relating to a famous battles such as Rorke's Drift can sell for £1000s. If they can be linked to a survivor then £14000 is possible.

**WW1 Medals.** Pip, Squeak and Wilfred are the affectionate names given to the three WW1 campaign medals consisting of the 1914 Star or 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal respectively.

These medals were primarily awarded to the Old Contemptibles and by convention all three medals are worn together and in the same order from left to right when viewed from the front. The set of three medals or at least the British War Medal and the Victory Medal



are the most likely medals to be found among family heirlooms. The medals' nicknames come from a popular comic strip of the time from the Daily Mirror newspaper. Pip was a dog, Squeak a penguin and Wilfred was a baby rabbit.

The name, rank, unit and service number of the recipient are impressed on the reverse of the Star and on the rim of the British War Medal and Victory medal. During the Depression the British War Medal, being made of silver, was often melted down for its bullion value.

**WW2 Medals** were not named but were often privately engraved. CMs were a range of Stars beginning with the 1939-45 star and followed by various stars, for example: Atlantic Star, Africa Star, Italy Star, Burma Star depending upon where the recipient served. The rarest and therefore most valuable Star is the Air Crew Europe, awarded for air operations over Europe 1939-1944, stopping with D-Day. For these reasons it is unfortunately the one that is most copied.



Adrian then transitioned from the general discussion about medals to the story of his gt-uncle Clarence Wilfred Ceril Maasz, (b1894). Clarence

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volunteered with the Oxfordshire Yeomanry in 1914 serving with the Queen's Own Oxford Hussars. In 1915 he contracted measles, was shipped home, recovered and returned to the front. He was part of the capture of "Rifle Wood" near Amiens in France on 1st April, 1918. In Adrian's words, "...at 6-o-clock in the morning he and the rest of A squadron marched across an open field, up a hill, towards a wood which was held by the Germans, heavily defended by machine gun, rifles, etc. He got there and was then hit by a sniper and killed. He was buried where he fell." Adrian, his father and his uncle followed Clarence's path up the hill and attached to a tree a poppy with a short note saying, "*In memory of members of A Squadron Queens Own Oxford Hussars who fell in action on this day 1st April 1918.*" Some months later his uncle received a phone call from a history teacher enquiring if she could do some research on Clarence. To cut a long story short the family were invited by the French Government to witness the establishment of a memorial to all those who died in the "Rifle Wood" battle because it prevented the Germans seizing Amiens and its train station. Clarence was 24 when he was killed.

*In comparison to Adrian's telling here is an observer's account taken from the Queens Royal Hussars website. "It was a wonderful sight to see the waves go forward.' Led by the 3rd Hussars and the Oxford Hussars, the steady lines of men swept up the cover-less, grassy ridge, bayonets glinting in the pale sunshine, never pausing as the enemy machine-guns tore savagely at their ranks.*

*During fourteen minutes of silent agony, not a shot was fired by the attackers, until they reached the top of the slope: then, all hell broke loose as the Germans turned and ran from the hail of bullets and the lunging bayonets."* I suspect the observer may have been a war correspondent.

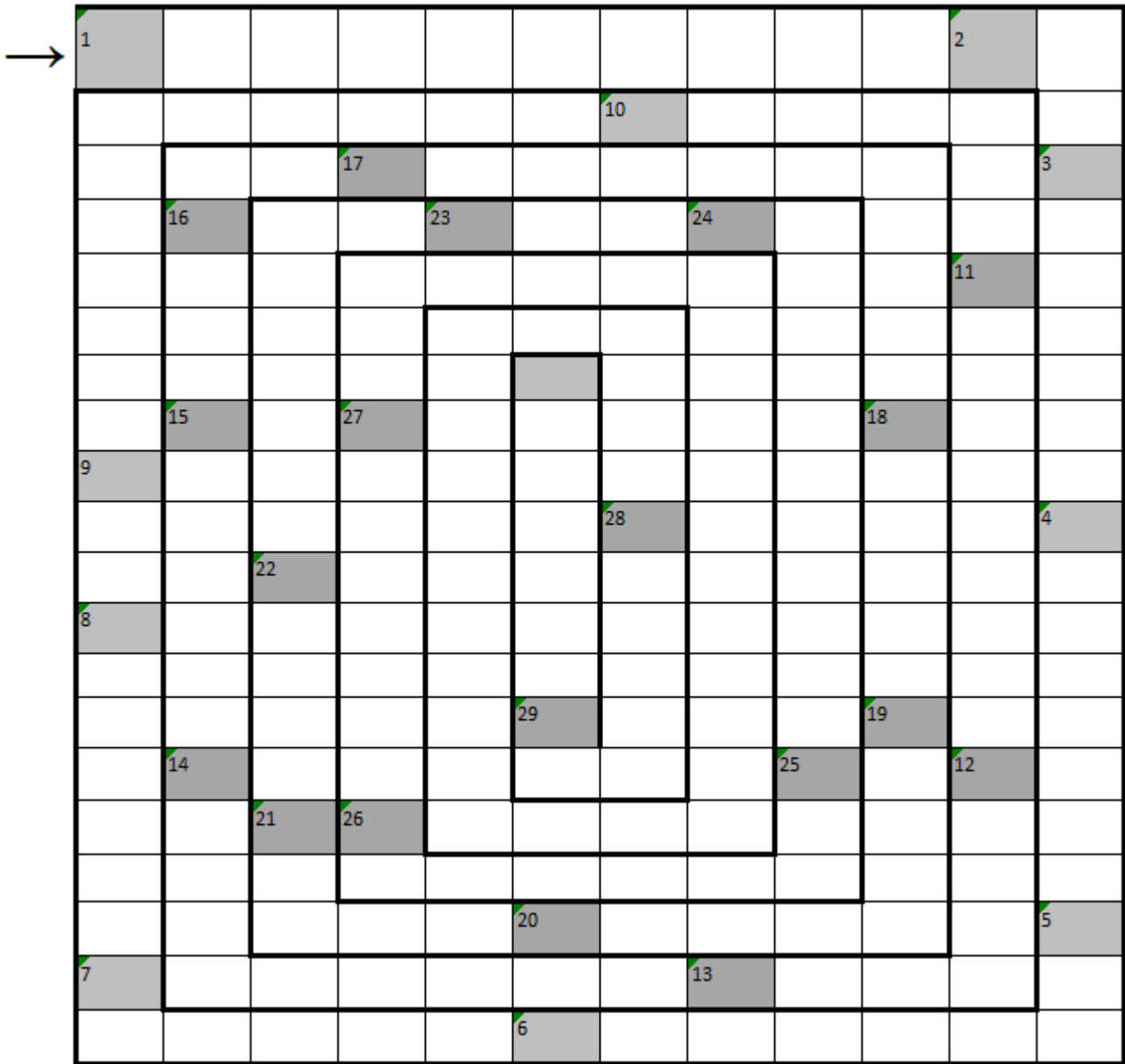
The Men's Breakfast Club usually meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month at The Wellington in Feltwell at 9am. It costs £8.50 per person to attend which includes a talk, tea or coffee and a full English breakfast which never fails to please.

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\*\*](mailto:garlandp@btinternet.com).

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Our speaker will be David Corder who will tell us about Cryptocurrency.

## 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 What type of pastry are profiteroles made from? (5-6)
- 2 What you do when you are bored or tired? (4)
- 3 MEDICAL: Dead tissue (8)
- 4 The sign of the Zodiac for people born 22Dec- 20 Jan (9)
- 5 The author J.M. Barrie wrote this book (9)

- 6 Capital of the Isle of Man (7)
- 7 This WW2 airplane was designed by Reginald Mitchell (8)
- 8 A rebounding sound (4)
- 9 MEDICAL: Degenerative joint disease (14)
- 10 Less general (8)
- 11 Shrewd or cunning (11)
- 12 A beautiful youth in classical mythology who became cup bearer to the gods (8)
- 13 MUSIC: This person is famous for singing 'Don't cry for me Argentina' (5-5)
- 14 FILM: Filmed in 2008 this action, mystery film starred Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan (5-3)
- 15 This country has Libya, Sudan and Isreal as bordering countries (5)
- 16 What does the Latin 'Tempus' mean in English (4)
- 17 Giving pleasure to, amusing (12)
- 18 Shine wetly (7)
- 19 This country lies to the north of Costa Rica (9)
- 20 Assault, raid (6)
- 21 MEDICAL: A hard, lumpy nodule of the skin due to overgrowth of fibrous tissue (6)
- 22 Very upset (10)
- 23 Slightly wet, humid (4)
- 24 Bicycle of the 1870-1890's with two massively different sized wheels (5-8)
- 25 MUSIC: From the 1972 'Bread' album, written by David Gates, this track got into the U.S.A top 20 singles (6-3)
- 26 The Great Royal Wife, Queen of King Akhenaten (9)
- 27 ICAO in full (13-5-8-12)
- 28 Egyptian 'God of Perfume' (8)
- 29 Snacks or food collectively (8)

*This month's Word Trail solution is on page 74.*

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# West Norfolk Aviation Society

[www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk](http://www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk)



Simon Gladas presented tonight's talk which was a truncated (due to time constraints) history of RAF Bentwaters in Suffolk.

Interestingly there is no such place as Bentwaters, the airfield is named after a couple of cottages/farms on which the airbase is built. This is quite unusual if you stop to think about it, RAF Horsham St Faith (now Norwich Airport) built near Horsham St Faith and RAF Coltishall built near, well you get the idea, but Bentwaters nope no such place. Interesting and little known fact No1 is that Bentwaters was the last airfield to be completed and handed over during WW2. For many years it had very poor infrastructure and was home to 6 RAF Mustang squadrons up to the end of the war. It then became a conversion unit for those pilots moving to the early jets, a pretty risky business so accidents were fairly common.

Eventually the airfield was passed to the United States Air Force (USAF) in 1951 after a period of Care and Maintenance a loosely used term which generally means abandoned. It took the USAF many years to bring the airfield infrastructure up to a decent standard. It was home to F86 Sabres and F84 Nuclear Strike Thunderjets. Following this the F101 Voodoo was resident for a number of years, built initially to escort the massive B36 Peacemaker bomber which were rendered instantly obsolete with introduction of Surface to Air Missiles. This left the F101 without a job and they were rounded up and all sent to RAF Bentwaters where they remained for 7 years the only base in the USAF to operate the type.

Next came the F4 Phantom a truly brutish aircraft and one which the speaker was clearly in awe of. It was the main type operated from mid 60's until the introduction of the A10 in the, late 70's. The A10 was withdrawn from Bentwaters in 1993 and allegedly retired as a type from the USAF, however its abilities remain unique and it is STILL in use in 2026, 50 years after it entered service in 1976, as

those of you who saw the excitement last week when I believe 12 arrived at RAF Lakenheath! Not a bad advert for keeping things simple! Can't imagine the current batch of electronic wonders currently in service will still be going strong in 2076!!

This was an entertaining talk and our thanks go to Simon for making the long trek from deepest Suffolk. Next month we have guest speaker Kevin Boardman who will be speaking about Katherine Johnson from NASA, the true story of the lady at the centre of the Hidden Figures Film. Please feel free to join us on Tuesday 05 May 2026 at Mundford Bowls Club, Doors Open 1915 for 1930 start. Further details [www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.com](http://www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.com). Please note from there will be an Entrance charge to non members of £5pp. Price includes a light Buffet Supper.

Mark Burch

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# **RSPB Lakenheath Fen**

## **THE MADNESS OF MAY**

Here at RSPB Lakenheath Fen, the spring migrant birds are arriving thick and fast now- with plenty of Chiffchaff and Blackcap already in- two warblers which grace our gardens and hedgerows with their beauty every year. We have also had our first Sedge warbler, Reed warbler, Whitethroat, Willow warbler and Cuckoo sightings.

Garganey (a scarce but beautiful duck) have also arrived, as well as the first House martins, Sand martins and Swallows. However- this is April, as I write this- and a whole lot more is to come...

Bitterns have begun to boom and are getting more visible too now, and by the time May is here, booming will be a regular sound on warm days. There'll be plenty more Cuckoo as well.

You should also see Hobbies, if you watch the sky- we usually have one or two here before April is out and the population quickly rises to perhaps 50-60 by the end of May. When you see lots of them at once it is really impressive- some people liken them to giant swifts in flight- but these birds of prey feed on much larger insects, like dragonflies and beetles, and they are capable of catching small birds like Swallows too.

Away from the reedbeds, in more scrubby locations, you may be able to hear some of the Nightingales that now spend the summer with us. Their unforgettable call is unmistakably exotic- a jazzy jumble of whistles, pops and fluty notes, and they often sing for a very long time in one session. We'll also have other small birds joining the daytime chorus like Whitethroat, Willow warbler, Cetti's warbler and maybe even a few Grasshopper warbler.

Nearly all of these beautiful birds will need to keep an eye out- for there will be several pairs of keen-eyed Marsh harriers quartering the reserve, looking for prey to take back to their growing chicks. If a Marsh harrier can carry it, it will catch it- so like the Hobbies,



# 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.

## Spring Wildlife Walks

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).

## Moth Mornings

29 May, 26 June (10am to 11am)

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

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## Bittern Walks (FULLY BOOKED)

Sunday 17 May (9:30am-12:30pm)

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

nothing is off the menu for this adaptable bird. Ducklings, goslings and Moorhen and Coot chicks will have to be particularly careful. There'll also be an abundance of butterflies and dragonflies about too- we record around 22 species of each every year and most of them are flying in May, so there really will be so much for visitors to see. Whatever your interest, why not pop down to see us and enjoy the glory of spring?

By Heidi Jones, Visitor Experience Officer, RSPB Lakenheath Fen.



## Events at RSPB Lakenheath Fen Cont.

### 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, 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.

### Guided Pond Dipping

Saturdays 2 May, 6 June, 4 July (11am-1pm)

Join us to explore the curious and fascinating world of underwater creatures, and get up close to these amazing beasts. Our volunteer guide will be on hand and all equipment is provided.

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

## MISSED APPOINTMENTS @ THE SURGERY 2026

March 2026 saw **70** appointments missed, that's **6 more** than in January. This represents a loss of medical care to the tune of **£2100** for the month and **1070** minutes of wasted time.

So far this year **201** appointments have been missed representing a total of **£6030** of medical care lost. These appointments could have gone to someone else in need.

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

## Lead Times for Prescriptions

PLEASE ALLOW **5** FULL WORKING DAYS FOR YOUR MEDICATION TO BE READY

### Ordered

Sat, Sun & Mon  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

### Ready for collection

Following Tuesday  
Following Wednesday  
Following Thursday  
Following Friday  
Ready a week Monday

## ART FOR PLEASURE

Every Thursday 10.30 am – 12.30pm. £4 per session at Weeting Village Hall.

Contact Beryl Pountney, Secretary, for details on  
01842 828750

*The kettle is always on.*

## CAR SHOW LOGISTICAL SOLUTION

Brian	Lotus	Green	1971
Ernest	Ford	Blue	1974
Stephen	Morris	Yellow	1977
Michael	Triumph	Red	1968



## FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB



The green opened on 22<sup>nd</sup> April with enrolment etc. There was a good attendance.

The new shirts had arrived and were distributed to those who had purchased them.

For the new season we have entered two leagues, the Rosie Smith and the Ashill, one team in the Rosie Smith played on a Monday, and two teams in the Ashill played on a Tuesday.

The Quiz night held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March was well attended and we had a new Quiz person and a new selection of questions.

We made a nice sum for the new shirts.

The coffee morning and open morning I will report in the next edition.

### **Coming Events**

Coffee morning Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 10 to 12am in the club room at the RBL.

Come and support us we are a very friendly club and you will be made most welcome.

Max

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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

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## MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE—THURSDAYS

Stop Name	Arrival Time	Departure Time	Postcode
Wilton Road	14:25	14:35	IP26 4AY
Fairfield Way	14:40	15:00	IP26 4AT
Church	15:05	15:35	IP26 4DA
St Nicholas Drive	15:40	16:00	IP26 4DW
Munson's Lane nr junction with OMR	16:05	16:25	IP26 4DE
Hereward Way	16:30	16:50	IP26 4BP

### Upcoming Dates

14 May  
11 June  
09 July

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A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of APRIL 2026 in the British Legion, Long Lane. Eleven Councillors attended and Mr Robert Walden.

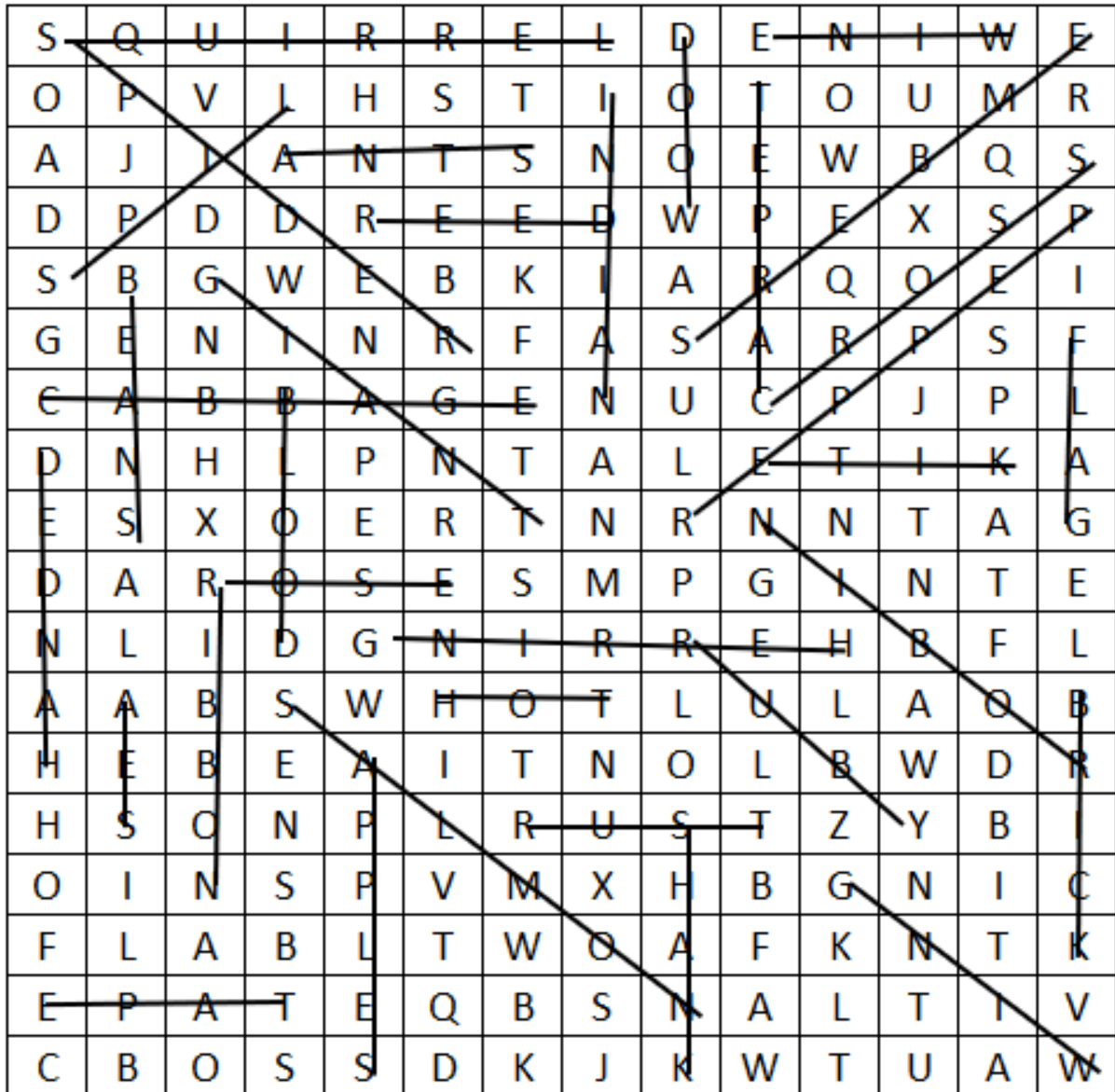
The village sign has been revamped by Mr Robert Walden and is back in situ. Mr Walden, a former Feltwell resident whose family resided in the village for generations, gave a presentation of the work entailed in its revamp and an explanation of the history behind the images on it. Mr Storey thanked Mr Walden, on behalf of Feltwell residents, for the wonderful job he had made, which had been undertaken with the utmost care and attention. A brass plaque detailing the history of the sign will be affixed to the post in due course and the Council have also purchased three copies of a book created by Mr Walden detailing his revamp work, two of which will be accessible to members of the public via St Mary's Church and Feltwell Museum. Mr Walden kindly only charged for materials used and will touch up the paintwork every 6-12 months at no extra charge.

Report from RAF Lakenheath read US forces recently supported Norwegian and NATO total defence concepts in Exercise Cold Response. Volunteers continue to visit Feltwell Care Home to engage with residents. There was a planned demonstration outside Gate 1 from 1-6<sup>th</sup> April which increased traffic congestion on and around the site. Policing of plane spotters parking on the A1065 near the Wangford junction has taken place during peak times of activity and Suffolk Highways are placing signage at the forest entrance where most vehicles park.

MWM (Anglia) have filled potholes on the car park at cost of materials only. Quarterly playground inspection was carried out by Online Playgrounds on 11<sup>th</sup> March. The Salvation Army has removed its clothing bank from the playing field as it is unable to cover the increased servicing costs so Clerk is looking into alternative charities. Please note, duvets cannot be deposited in the existing East Anglian Air Ambulance

## WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

NEXT MONTH'S WORD SEARCH WILL BE ON -  
THINGS CHEFS DO AND USE



The "Street Piano" is available every day from dawn til dusk in the Methodist Chapel entrance. Come and dance those fingers over the keys!

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clothing bank and if it is full, please do not leave bags of clothes around it. Another clothing bank is situated outside the gym on High Street.

Clerk read an update received from Mr Wallace, Highways Officer at Norfolk County Council as follows:-

Oak Street Path Widening Scheme: Budget was less than anticipated and as this was not high enough priority, it has been moved to 2027/28.

White Lining: Very little for Feltwell although Technician and Inspector will check and programme the areas required for July.

Southery Road: A scheme is being looked at for implementing early this financial year but any serious damage will be repaired immediately. Mr Storey will keep pressuring Mr Wallace regarding this matter.

Change of Priority at Long Lane and Short Beck: Modelling is being carried out to ensure the proposed scheme is feasible and if so, it will be added to the forward programme for 2027/28 which Councillors were extremely frustrated to hear. Central Garage have, justifiably, erected a fence to stop vehicles parking on their grass frontage and over the weekend vehicles have parked on the adjoining concrete jut-out, totally obscuring vision for vehicles exiting Long Lane and Short Beck junctions. Vehicles had been double parked everywhere and numerous vehicles had been seen driving the wrong way along High Street. Mr Storey said the change of priority and removal of the jut-out should now be attacked with more vigour so will take this forward.

Hill Street with St Mary's/The Beck Junction: This should be carried out by the lining contractor as part of the summer maintenance programme although awaiting confirmation from the Network Safety Team that his proposal has been accepted.

Lodge Road Junction: Waiting for traffic management to be agreed before works can commence. Signs are due to be delivered imminently so once agreed, signage will be erected, hopefully in the next six weeks.

## WORD TRAIL SOLUTION

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Potholes on Paynes Lane and Short Beck, and poor condition of pavements on Addisons Close to be reported. Clerk will also enquire when the road sweeper will next be in the village. Residents are also encouraged to report any Highways issues to NCC via their website:

[www.norfolk.gov.uk/highwaysproblem](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/highwaysproblem)

Street licence for new dog bin to be installed on the grass at the bottom of The Beck has been approved by Norfolk County Council but needs to be signed off by the Borough Council before it can be installed.

A working party has been set up to undertake the redesign of the war memorial garden.

The Parish Council will sponsor the Year 6 Litter Pick again this year.

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. A recycling claim has just been submitted for the 5.738 tonnes collected last financial year.

Full meeting minutes can be found on our website (<https://feltwellparishcouncil.gov.uk>)

Please subscribe to the Council's website and consult our Facebook page for latest news and notifications including RAF Feltwell demolition activities and road closures.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at the British Legion at 7.00 pm (accounts on show from 6.45 pm) followed by the Annual Meeting of Parish Council. Everyone is welcome.

**Our Councillors are:**

Mr Ian Rayner (Chair), Mr Edmund Lambert (Vice- Chair), Mrs Sue Arnold, Mr Paul Cole, Mrs Emma Edwards, Mr Jonathan Fenn, Mrs Bernadette McGeeney, Mrs Julie Peacock, Mrs Linda Peckham, Mr Martin Storey and Mrs Helen Wilson.



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