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# Over-the-Horizon Radar at RAF Feltwell

By D. J. Emery, July 2020

*Regular readers may recall that a few months ago I published a request by D. J. Emery relating to an early warning system that had been installed at RAF Feltwell during the Cold War. Mr Chris Cock was able to provide some information which was later confirmed by others. Here is a shortened version of David's much more technical article, that he has written specifically for us.*

One problem which preoccupied America throughout the Cold War was that of providing early warning of any attack from the Soviet Union. One such system involved in attempting to provide this early warning was the 440-L forward-scatter over-the-horizon radar, a component of which was located at RAF Feltwell.

The concept for the system had been developed in the USA, where a research programme was undertaken at Stanford University in 1962-63, and similar work was performed by the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories (AFCRL) under project CAME BRIDGE. The early experiments were sufficiently successful that in 1965 a formal programme office was set up by the United States Air Force, with an original target date of August 1968 for a fully operational system. There were a number of delays and changes at the start of the programme, but eventually four transmit sites in the Far East were used, along with five receive sites in Europe. The transmitters sent out a continuous signal in the HF band (5 - 25MHz) which, via ionospheric refraction, would reach the receivers over-the-horizon in Europe. Any perturbation of the signal could be interpreted as a missile launch along the radio propagation path, thus triggering early warning of attack.

The transmit sites used were:

- T-1: Wallace Air Station, Philippines
- T-2: Awase, Okinawa
- T-3: Tokorozawa, Japan (HQ in the Far East)
- T-4: Chitose, Japan

The receive sites used were:

- R-1: Cyprus
- R-2: San Vito, Italy
- R-3: Aviano, Italy (data correlation centre)
- R-4: Rothwesten, Germany
- R-5: Feltwell, England

The site at RAF Feltwell formally began operation (with an “Initial Operating Capability”) on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1968, being manned by 15 Comm. Sq. OL A1 Unit of the US Aerospace Defence Command. The equipment consisted of highly sensitive receivers (FSQ-76) connected to a large array of tall antennas. Despite official views to the contrary (Historic England state that all that is left of 440-L at Feltwell is a prefabricated hut) it can be seen that there are still some physical remains of an HF antenna array which was probably used in the 440-L system. A short distance to the north-west of the Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory (PMEL). Just to the north-east of the PMEL building, there are eight large square concrete blocks which probably formed the bases for the antennas [See image below]. They are approximately 11m apart and are aligned such that the main beam would be pointing on a bearing of 42deg, precisely the right direction to receive a signal from the Far East. There are hints of a larger array (with the antenna elements spaced at 30m apart) further to the north-west which may also have been used, and a third array of 9 elements stood to the east of the PMEL building (now under the golf course).

The 440-L system was closed down in 1975, after concerns had been raised about its reliability, and also press reports describing its interfering effect on Japanese television (New Scientist, March 1975). The increasing importance of satellite technology may also have contributed to its closure.

Associated with early warning of attack itself is gaining intelligence on enemy weapon development – such as missile and nuclear testing. Earlier in the 1960s, Feltwell was involved in Project Clear Sky – a joint US/UK programme to monitor the nuclear test ban treaty. As declassified documents now show, a number of techniques were used at RAF Feltwell for this monitoring, including sensors using acoustic, geomagnetic, fluorescence and VLF Phase techniques. Furthermore, a declassified document in the National Archives suggests that RAF Feltwell may also have been involved in a British Over-the-Horizon radar known as Zinnia.

If any readers have additional information about 440-L or any of the other systems mentioned, the author would be most interested to hear from them via the editor (Paul).



[Google Earth image of the eight concrete antenna bases at RAF Feltwell probably used in 440-L]

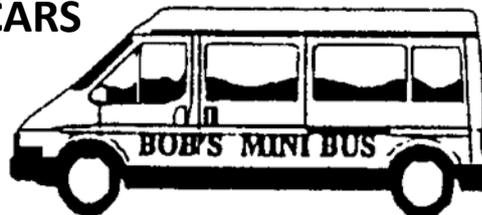
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Last year I helped push radishes along the Southery Road to raise money for PROSTATE CANCER UK. But what about this year? I did, briefly, think that we could push the radishes back, but never followed up that thought! Then Covid arrived and the lockdown and Breakfast Club fundraising got forgotten about. That was until an email from Prostate Cancer UK landed in my inbox urging me to **March the Month** and help them beat the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the UK, and the one that killed my father.

You see, 11,000 men sadly die each year of prostate cancer. That's why I've accepted their challenge to walk 11,000 steps each day this month, one for each man. I'm also doing it for my dad who died from this disease, and, hopefully, I'll lose some weight in the process. My BMI is creeping up!

I've set myself the modest target of raising £100. Obviously, I'd like to raise a lot more. Any money raised will go towards:

- Getting men diagnosed earlier
- Getting men diagnosed more accurately
- Better and kinder treatments
- Better support for everyone affected by prostate cancer
- Keeping research going

As I don't have a Fitbit or a pedometer I wanted to know, in miles, how long 11,000 steps really is. Turns out it's about 5 miles, so that's what I aim to do. **A five-mile walk every day this month, rain or shine.**

So, if you spot a seriously balding, 64-year-old wearing a Prostate Cancer T-shirt or hoodie, with the Man of Men logo on it, panting his way around our village and surroundings



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and leave a donation.

I hope I'll have enough energy left to update my page regularly, and if anyone would like to join me on a walk, please get in touch.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this.

Paul

PS On the off chance this will work, here is another link to my page (so they tell me!). Ask a child if you don't understand this, I did.



## Drabble

*The author tells me that this one was inspired by the rabbits that appeared opposite Londis a few months ago.*

He dreamed of rabbits. Green ones, yellow ones, red and blue, all hopping around in the churchyard. A four-course meal on legs. But some misguided soul had phoned the RSPCA about the bunnies on the loose and inspectors had arrived with nets. Then the ferret owners brought their pets to help with the clean-up. An argument between the two parties ensued. Voices were raised and fists started to fly. It was then that he saw his chance. Jowls dripping in anticipation the hungry wolf burst forth from his hiding place and gobbled them all up, rabbits, ferrets and humans alike.

*Edward Gee*

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*Please note that all the weblinks in this article are live in the copy of this issue on the village website.*

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

- ◆ Scam Alert – Eco Grant Telephone calls
- ◆ Scam Alert – Beware of bogus charity cold calls
- ◆ Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls stating you have ‘a right to claim money’
- ◆ Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to be Police Officers
- ◆ Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to offer discounts on your energy supply
- ◆ Scam Alert – Emails claiming to be from ‘Netflix’
- ◆ Scam Alert – Facebook Messenger messages asking to use your PayPal account
- ◆ Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming ‘problems with your internet service’
- ◆ Scam Alert – Text messages about your bank account
- ◆ Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls offering ‘Brexit investment opportunity’
- ◆ Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to be from ‘Amazon’
- ◆ Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to be from HMRC
- ◆ Scam Alert – Fake listings for holiday accommodation
- ◆ Food Alert - Mars Food UK recalls Uncle Ben's Brown Basmati ready to heat rice pouches because packs may contain glass

### **Online, email and phishing scams**

Be on the look out for the following scams which are circulating:

- ◆ Phishing emails from ‘BT’ claiming you have a new bill and instructing you to follow a link to login and view



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 or talk to Chris at the pub on 828224

<p><b>Mon- day</b></p>	<p><b>FREE screenings at 7pm</b></p>	
<p>I'm con th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>F3 – Feltwell Film Fans – F3</b></p> <p>To paraphrase Arnold Schwarzenegger in the 1982 film The Terminator, “We will be back,” once this lockdown is lifted and we feel it is safe to meet again.</p>	<p>or mall il. Paul</p>
<p>14 Se</p>	<p>Our re-opening presentation, whenever that is, will be –</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Last King of Scotland</b></p>	<p>n s ime ful</p>
<p>21 Se</p>	<p>Cert: 15 123mins 2006 Forest Whitaker, James McAvoy, Gillian Anderson</p> <p>Whitaker gives ‘one of the greatest performances of modern movie history’ as Ugandan dictator Idi Amin.</p>	<p>uer. d, est</p>
<p>28 Se</p>	<p>Based on the true events of the brutal dictator’s regime as seen by his personal physician during the 1970s this gripping and suspenseful stunner is filled with performances you will never forget.</p>	<p>e set fa</p>
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- ◆ Phishing email claiming to be from Facebook stating your account has been ‘temporarily disabled for identity check’ and goes on to require the uploading of a ‘government issued document’ or your account will be ‘disabled for security reasons’

### **More advice and updates** **Reporting scams**

Reporting scams you receive helps us continue to build up intelligence on the scammers and how they target people. You can report scams and get further advice from our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline:

**0808 223 1133 (freephone)**

[Citizens Advice consumer service website](#)

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)**

[Citizens Advice Scams Action website](#)

You can also report Frauds, Cyber Crime and Phishing attempts to Action Fraud, the National Fraud & Cyber Crime reporting centre:

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[Action Fraud website](#)

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Hello Friends and Neighbours,

I regret to advise you that Phil and I have to create a family bubble to protect and shield our rather elderly and frail mothers. Therefore, until further notice we will not be able to accept any hedgehogs that are poorly or too small to survive hibernation. We will miss them. However if you find a hedgehog out in the day or a baby at the end of September / October / November who is less than 600 grams then please take them to the following people who will care for them.



- ◆ **Louise** the vet nurse in Feltwell Village is a hedgehog specialist carer - 01842 828938.
- ◆ **Karen O'Neill** in Brandon is a trained carer and will take in your baby or injured hedgehogs but you must take them to her - 01842 814139.
- ◆ **Vale Hedgehog Care and Rehabilitation Centre** will give you advice on the phone - 01386 882288 from 9 till 5
- ◆ **M-F Suffolk Hedgehog Rescue Hospital** on the west side of Newmarket will take in your injured or baby hedgehogs - 01638 500295.
- ◆ **British Hedgehog Preservation Society** - 01584 890801 for urgent advice.

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## THE VILLAGE OF THE DEAD

He had been away so long that he didn't know what to expect to find on his return. Many years had passed since the day he had decided to seek his fortune in the world beyond the place of his birth. One might say he had been successful. He had seen the four corners of the world, and had gained from the experience in wealth and also in the worldly knowledge his journeying had provided.



He was now weary of the endless travelling. The loneliness of all those unfamiliar hotel rooms that punctuated his constant travelling. The excitement of every new experience had long faded away, leaving him with a longing to be home again, to be back in the familiar surroundings of the place he had once called home. Back where the sounds and smells of his past life would be waiting to welcome him once more.

Arriving ahead of the bags and baggage accumulated over his travels, he was once more in sight of the village green he had known so well, all those years ago. He paused and stood for a moment, to take in the picture before him. Would anyone remember him? Would anyone know who he was? Would his old place still be there, standing by the edge of the green he remembered so well from the days of his childhood? What was he going to find, after all those years away?

Picking up his suitcase, he slung his coat over his shoulder and walked towards his long-lost past. Step by step he approached once familiar buildings, to find one after the other boarded up, and showing the passing of time in the choking ivy and splintered timbers of an age of abandonment. Stores that were once the life-blood of the village stood idle, their windows cracked and frosted by the grim greyness of spiders' webs shutting out the light from what would have been displays of the shopkeeper's wares. Gardens

which once displayed gay collections of plants and flowers to greet the passer-by were bare and soul-less, and even the leaves on once proud oaks hung limp in the still air. All around, curtains were tightly drawn as if to shut out the sun, or maybe to avoid contact with the outside world.

As he headed back into the village, he progressed through the eerie silence, and saw once familiar shops still displaying price lists in their dusty windows, and the queue at the petrol station, with its customers still standing patiently in line.

The gravestones in the abandoned churchyard offered no clues as to what had befallen the village as there were no fresh flowers to be seen, and the clock, high up on the crumbling tower no longer marked the passage of time. Once again, he saw how the unstoppable ivy had climbed the church walls to obliterate the stained-glass windows from view, and how the great main doors of the church were hanging drunkenly from their old iron hinges as the timbers surrendered to the onslaught of deathwatch beetle and the ravages of time.

He finally reached the cottage that had been his home throughout the years of his youth, only to find a ruin. As with its neighbours, the remaining walls were no longer supporting its roof, which had collapsed long, long ago. Weeds and brambles had taken over, in a relentless march across the wreckage of the row of cottages that had once stood there, side by side.

With a heavy heart, he turned his back on what had once been his home, and prepared to return again to the world he had been ready to give up for the gentle, comfortable world he remembered and missed so much. This was where he had envisaged spending the remaining time he had, with his family and the friends he cherished so much. Had it been a mistake leaving, all those years ago? Was the knowledge he had gained, and wealth accumulated been worth it, in the long run? Would things have been different if he had stayed? Would he have made a difference? Could he have made a difference?

He headed back to the church, hoping to find a sign that would give him that solace of being able to say goodbye to a family member or even an old friend, before he left for the last time. As he searched, there was a sudden rush of wind, scattering dust and leaves between the gravestones where he was standing.

With a final, whispered 'Goodbye', he once again picked up his battered old suitcase, shouldered his coat, and sadly left, closing the gate behind him.

Had he stopped a little longer, and looked down at the litter around his feet, he might have seen the evidence he had been looking for. Partly hidden by the leaves was a small fragment of worn, stained paper.

He would have been able to make out some lettering on what was left of a copy of the August 2020 edition of the Feltwell Parish Magazine!

*Frederick James*



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## Drabble

The little girl dropped a pound coin into the slot and pulled the handle. The wheels spun. The first wheel stopped and showed a cherry, the second did the same as did the last. Lights flashed, alarms screamed as gold coins spilled from the slot, hundreds of them overflowing the tray and falling to the floor. The little girl looked on in puzzlement. Then her face creased in disappointment and tears began to flow. "What's the matter, little girl?" asked the security guard. She raised her face to the man and said through her sobs, "I only wanted an orange." *Edward Gee*

*A DRABBLE is a 100 word story. Why not submit yours today?*

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## FELTWELL ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Periodically, that's once or twice a year, I simply type the name of our village into Mr Google and look at what comes back. Usually its much the same as the time before, very little. But this morning I was quite surprised to find a few new things had appeared. Readers familiar with the web will be able to verify what they are about to read but many of our readers don't have internet access so here is what I found.

At the top of the list were two adverts for holiday rentals in Feltwell. I ignored these but noticed, further down the page, that Trip Adviser claimed to have some Feltwell relevant information. Interesting, thought I, let's go and have a look. Up popped a page entitled 'Explore Feltwell'. Promising. Lower down and under the heading 'Essential Feltwell' were three sections. The first, 'Go Play' lists Lakenheath Bird Reserve, Bulldog Barns (at Northwold), St Mary The Virgin Church (Lakenheath, Lynford Arboretum, Brandon Country Park, Undley Pumpkin Patch(!), Desert Rats Association, Grimes Graves and Eriswell Lodge. Wow, not a single mention of anywhere in Feltwell. Well done Trip Advisor.

Section Two, 'Go Rest' includes Brandon House, The Crown, Lynford Hall, The Bird in Hand (Beck Row!), The Great Danes Country Inn, The Castle Hotel (Downham), The Riverside Hotel (Mildenhall) and the Premier Inn (Thetford). No surprises here.

Now for Section three, 'Go Eat'. Roberts at Feltwell Golf Club, The Chequers (What? Pardon me, but isn't that closed?), Feltwell Chinese Takeaway, The Wellington, The New Inn, The Red Lion, Bloomberries, (not sure that's still open), The Swan (Hillborough), Little India and Filipiniana (both in Lakenheath).

So what are we to conclude from the offer presented to us by Trip Advisor? Well, if you were looking to holiday in West Norfolk you certainly couldn't book anywhere to stay despite us having a B&B on Hill Street. Clearly the village offers nothing for the tourist as there is no mention of either of our ancient churches. But we do have

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somewhere to eat and drink! So, you might plan a car journey designed to get you to the village sometime in the evening where you could stop and enjoy a pint and some food. But you might then look at a map and decide that Feltwell is too far from anywhere to make the effort worthwhile!

This has seriously dented my opinion of Trip Advisor.

Next month I'll take a look at Feltwell on YouTube. I'm not joking, we really are on YouTube.

## NEW WAY TO REPORT ONLINE SCAM ADVERTS

The Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) have launched a new service which allows internet users to report scam adverts appearing online.

Online users have been asked to fill in a form via the [ASA website](#) to report any fake adverts they find on online platforms such as newspaper websites, paid-for search engines or social media.

ASA will then make contact with the relevant platform who can then work to remove the advert and prevent the advertiser publishing further scam adverts.

This new reporting mechanism is in response to the ever-increasing number of fake advertisements found online which spread false information and trick internet users into parting with their cash and personal information.

More information on the launch of this reporting system can be found via the [Money Saving Expert website](#).

If you think you have been the victim of an online scam you can report this to the Citizens Advice helpline — **0808 223 1133**

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed our recently introduced footnotes. We would very much like you to submit a **FOOTNOTE** of your own. Please send your **FOOTNOTE** to Paul at [garlandp@btinternet.com](mailto:garlandp@btinternet.com).



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## NEWS FROM THE LEGION

Things have not changed a great deal since the August issue. The news from Haig House is still remaining as we are.

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2020 at 11.00 a small service was held at the memorial to celebrate both the official end of WW2 and VJ day. As the chairman I would like to thank Dianne Barnes (Vice Chair), George Lambourne (President), Andy Leggat (Standard bearer) who deserves a special mention as this was his first official parade since taking on this very special roll—well done, Andy,—John Broatch (Union Flag) and all other members from the branch including members from the Parish Council and, of course, the wonderful Town Crier Brenda Willison. If you were wondering why I was not in attendance it was because in my other roll (Standard bearer for the Cambridgeshire Regiment association) I was attending a memorial service in Haverhill for members of the regiment that were killed during the Japanese conflict. I was also very honoured to have my photograph taken with the last remaining survivor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Cambridgeshire Regiment (Ernie Brett 101 years old). So, even though I was not with you all in Feltwell I was thinking of you all . Thank you.

As soon as I am given the nod to reopen our building for functions, which I think will be by the end of September, I will let you know.

Stay well, stay safe.

John Linkin (Chairman)

### YESTERDAY'S MEMORIES

My uncle Anthony used to cut turf from six in the morning till six in the evening, standing in bare feet in the water all day. What a life! How he stood it I don't know. He had a little grass hut which he kept his tools in, and sometimes he slept up there. We used to go there as boys to look for the whisky he brewed for himself, but all we found was snakes. He had to walk two miles there and two back. Later on he had an old tricycle. MAURICE PRYER (NOV 1995)

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*This month's War Hero is:*

### Abbreviations used.

CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves Commission

SDGW – Soldiers Died in the Great War

IRC – International Red Cross

MIC – Medal Index Card

### **W. JOHNSON, 1ST BEDFORD REGT**

*(Brother of Reginal Johnson from last month's issue)*

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

SDGW records that Private Walter Johnson was Killed in Action on the 8th October 1917 whilst serving in France & Flanders with the 1st Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment. He was born and resident Feltwell, Norfolk, and enlisted Norwich.

That soldier on CWGC is:-

Private JOHNSON, WALTER

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The Medal Index Card for Private 28102 Walter Johnson, Bedfordshire Regiment, is held at the National Archive under reference WO 372/11/19440

He qualified for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Army Register of Soldiers Effects records that he was Killed in Action in Belgium on the 8th October 1917. The balance of his pay

was sent in February 1918 to his sole legatee, his mother Sarah. Her sons' War Gratuity was also paid to her in November 1919.

The Government Probate Service holds a Soldiers Will for 28102 W. Johnson who died on the 8th October 1917.

### **1892 – Birth**

The birth of a Walter Johnson was registered with the Civil Authorities in the Thetford District in the April to June quarter, (Q2), of 1892. His mothers' maiden name was "Ketteringham".

The baptism of a Walter Johnson, born 2nd May 1892, took place in the Parish of St Mary and St Nicholas, Feltwell, on the 19th June 1892. Parents were Isaac, a Labourer, and Sarah. The family live in the parish.

### **1901 & 1911 Census of England and Wales**

*See brother Reginald's ("Reggie") entry in last month's issue for details of the family on these censuses.*

### **On the day**

From the Battalion War Diary, (as annotated on the Bedford Regiment website)

*4 Oct 1917 [The Third Battle of Ypres - The Battle of Broodseinde] 13th Bde attacked N. of YPRES MENIN Rd on a Front of 1500 yds to include POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. Attack commenced at dawn 1/R.W.Kent took their objective on Right but 2nd K.O.S.B. were held up in Front of POLDERHOEK CHATEAU. 7 p.m. Cmdg Officer was called to Bde H.Q. & Battn was ordered to move forward & dig in N. of YPRES-MENIN Rd towards VELDERHOEK [sic] & be in close support to 1/R.W.Kents. This was completed by Dawn.*

*5 Oct 1917 - Front Line near Veldhoek Battn relieved 1/R.W.Kents in Front line from J.21.d.8.9 on Road to junction of THICK COPSE & the SCHERRIABEEK*

*6-8 Oct 1917 A defensive system was made & a continuous Front line dug with Supports. C & B coys were in Front line with A & D in reserve in O.B.L. Communication trenches were dug back from Front*

*line to O.B.L. Battn H.Q. situated in Buildings & PILLBOXES at J.21.d.05.30.*

*9 Oct 1917 [The Third Battle of Ypres - The Battle of Poelcapelle] 15th Bde attacked POLDERHOEK CHATEAU with 1/Norfolks & 16/R. War R. The attack failed & they withdrew to their jumping off positions about 250 yds W. of CHATEAU*

*10 Oct 1917 - Ridge Wood Battn was relieved by 7th Bttn K.R.R. Corps relief complete by 11.30 pm Battn withdrew to RIDGE WOOD. From the 4th to 10th The Battn was subjected to Heavy shelling. Total casualties - 4 officers Killed, 6 wounded, 35 [Other Ranks] Killed, 97 wounded, 4 missing. Officers Casualties were 2/Lts. H.H.REYNOLDS [Harold Henry REYNOLDS] H.W.FLEMING [Harold Winning FLEMING], J.COTCHIN [Joseph COTCHIN], P.N.J.CHRISTIE [Paul Norman Jones CHRISTIE] killed. Capt H.A.W. Pearse [Hugh Armine Wodehouse PEARSE, MC], 2/Lts LAUGHTON [Joseph Thornton LAUGHTON], E.F.K. GRAHAM [Edgar Francis Kirkham GRAHAM, MM], F. FLAVELL [Frank FLAVELL], S. NORRISH [Samuel NORRISH, MC], E.I.F.NAILER [Edgar Ivan Fitzroy NAILER] wounded. A/R.S.M. FREER [6521 Walter FREER] wounded. The Battn captured 4 M.Gs. & Killed over 100 Germans by sniping & Rifle Grenades. Map Reference for above GHELUVELT 1/10,000.*

*9th October 1917 – Gheluvelt*

*5th Div - 15 Bde*

*Only 15 Bde attacked in 5th Div. 13 Bde was in the line but did not move. 1st Bn, Norfolk Regt and 16th Warwicks went over the bags and were instantly stopped by fire from Polderhoek Chateau and it's pillboxes. Anyone who survived the fire was stopped by the mud. A night attack was scheduled but was cancelled so 5th Div gained not a yard of ground.*

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## **Lakenheath Fen**

### **The first signs of Autumn at RSPB Lakenheath Fen**

One of the best things about working on a nature reserve is watching it constantly change through the seasons, and September is no exception. These changes are what has helped a lot to keep me sane during lockdown, furlough and in dealing with the changes COVID-19 has caused to the way that we work here. I hope you are all finding ways to enjoy daily life too, despite it being very different to how we were this time last year!

As the weather cools down and the days shorten, it gets interesting on the Washland, or Hockwold Washes- many wading birds such as curlew, common sandpiper, green sandpiper and ruff will be using the rich feeding grounds to fuel up and rest safely part way through their migration further south. The mud surrounding the water is full of worms, flies, crustaceans and small fish which are rich in protein and fat - just what these birds need after a busy breeding season! They will also be joined by increasing numbers of ducks, especially shoveler, wigeon, gadwall and mallard, so it can get quite busy up there. The best way to enjoy these birds is to walk along the public footpath that is the northern border of the reserve, or to sit and take it all in from the Washland Viewpoint near the Visitor Centre.

If you come for a walk soon, it will be hard to miss the snowy whitegiant puffballs that grow almost anywhere, though they are most common under the poplar trees in Brandon Fen or in the lush damp grassland around the Visitor Centre and the Photography Station. The cooler, damper weather of autumn triggers a lot of fungi to rise up out of the soil to produce their fruiting bodies (releasing spores, a fungi's equivalent of seeds) in the form of mushrooms, brackets, or balls as with puffballs.



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The insect life on the reserve will also be changing - we will be catching moths typical of autumn in the light trap overnight, such as



frosted orange (right in the photo), burnished brass moth (left in the photo, greenish) and pink-barred sawfly. Migrant insects, such as silver Y moths and painted lady butterflies, also reach their peak in late summer and early autumn, so you

may see these on sunny, warmer days. Willow emerald damselflies are a species that is late to emerge but one worth waiting for- they are a gorgeous, metallic green and very graceful, having a habit of perching with wings slightly raised on a bare nettle twig. The best places to look for these are, conveniently, around the Visitor Centre but especially in the nettles to the right of the bird feeders at the Visitor Centre.

It won't be long either before we see the first redwing, fieldfare or whooper swans on the reserve either! We hope to see you on the reserve soon - although our Visitor Centre is still closed, we do have a Welcome Point which is stationed outside, where you can find out about our latest sightings. We also have an accessible toilet open now and our Car Park is open from dawn until dusk.

With best wishes for the weeks ahead- stay safe!

Heidi Jones (Visitor Experience Officer, RSPB Lakenheath Fen)

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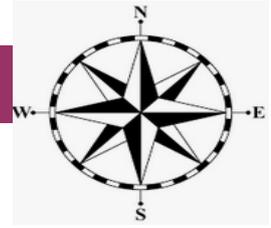
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As a writer, it eventually becomes very difficult to come up with new ideas to put into print without repeating yourself in the process. Also, even as a hobbyist writer, you have to be always aware of the possibility of transgressing the boundaries of plagiarism in pursuit of your story. There may be some who would be flattered to have their work copied by those less talented, but on the other hand there will be others who would not take kindly to having someone claiming their writing as their own.

I have been writing for the past four years as a hobbyist, but always aware of the consequences of plagiarism foremost in my mind. The vast majority of my work is entirely fictional, inspired by personal experiences past and present. Technical content is created from my imagination of parallels in the engineering world. Any political comment is my own personal reaction to events as I see them.

In general, my intention is to enable my reader to laugh, to cry, be happy and even sad on occasion, but most importantly, to enter my world and believe.

It has been suggested, however, that I might consider a change of direction which might widen the range of the subject matter of my work.

Some subjects are taboo, of course. For instance, I would never consider breaking a code of confidence where personal details and private matters are of any significant concern.

Nor would I reveal details of any other confidences becoming known to me in the course of my research into any subject matter that may subsequently appear in any of my articles.

However, it has been suggested to me that in our ever-enlightened world there is an increasing interest in the subject of sex, personal relationships and in the subject of pornography in particular. Not

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wanting to miss the opportunity to introduce the subject in a measured and interesting manner, I have therefore agreed that it might be a good idea to explore the possibilities that could be achieved. Also, the opportunity for a possible increase in my readership and the associated and justified acclaim cannot be ignored.

In the attached document, having put some thought into my approach, I have written a few words on the subject of pornography today.

I hope you find my words both interesting and enlightening.

Frederick James

*Fred's article can be found over the page.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

There is an independent Covid Symptom Study running in parallel with the ONS survey and sharing its results with the NHS. There are over 4 million people feeding information into this survey each day, I'm one of them, and all of its findings are shared publicly on its website and via its App. It's called the COVID Symptom Survey, and all the data is analysed daily by King's College, London. Currently, they are running a survey to see if diet and lifestyle impact COVID symptoms and severity, takes about 15 minutes to complete. From the data entered by users they have been able to accurately predict the hotspots of Greater Manchester, Blackburn with Darwen, Calderdale and Kirklees.

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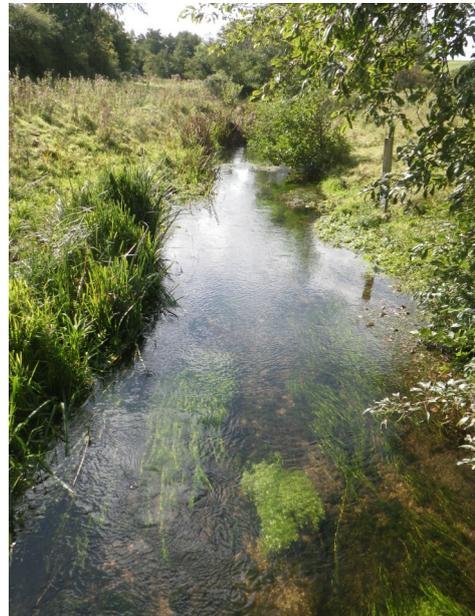
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## Word Search

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

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This month our word search is on **EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.**

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

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Solution on page 58

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## A DRAGONFLY EXPERIENCE

I have had a small pond at the end of my garden for about 25 years. I put it there as a nature pond, no fish, they're in my front garden pond.

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I recently removed excess duck weed and in doing so I noticed dried dragonfly nymph skins on some of the pond plants just above the water level. The following day I looked and was amazed to see a number of large dragonflies hanging next to their empty nymph cases. See photos.

The next day was even better. As I knelt by the pond I felt something on my hand when I looked there was a dragonfly with its wings beating, I believe warming it's flight muscles before taking to the air. I managed to extract my phone from my pocket with my left hand and take some photos and a short video which you will be able to view if reading this article on line. An amazing experience.

The pond is only 6ft by 7 ft and 18 inches deep. I think the



dragonflies are Southern Hawkers.

I would encourage anyone to have a pond to help nature, as long as it is in a safe place for children.

Ian Webb

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Photos taken from Mr P. Garland's "Feltwell: Yesterday and Today" presentation first shown in 2018 and provided by Mr C. Cock. Modern photos taken August 2018 by Mr C. Brown.



Looking East along the Beck. In the days when horses were many and cars few. The two-storey house, middle, is Gladstone Villa.



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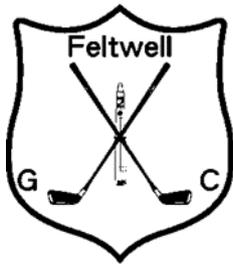
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The take-up of the Junior Golf Camps over the summer holidays has been amazing, resulting in us adding more dates to the schedule. They all had such a fun time and we will be posting some photos on social media very soon.

Ladies, why not join our **Get into Golf** Campaign (WhyIGolf)? Whether you are new to the game or returning after a break, we hold Ladies Sessions starting from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September, from 10–11am or you can contact Jo on 07855 821116 and she would be more than happy to fix a time that suits you. Follow this up with coffee and biscuits and a natter in the clubhouse (social distancing must be observed at all times) – Price £8/person and all equipment can be provided.

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The Clubhouse is now open, albeit with some changes, in line with the latest Covid 19 guidelines. You will need to pre-book your table by phoning Robert on 07376 182419 and numbers are restricted to allow the required distance between tables. There will be table service only for both drinks and food. Robert will still be continuing to run his Home Delivery service as we do know this is a life line for some locals who still can't get out during this time. Check on our or Robert's Facebook Page for the 'Menu of the Day' - to order your meal phone 07376 182419. Changes/relaxations of the restrictions will be notified on both Feltwell Golf Club and Robert's Facebook pages.

Hopefully this finds you all safe and well and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible up at Feltwell Golf Club now we are able to play golf again. Take care and stay safe.

Follow us on  and to  be sure to keep up to date with what's going on here at Feltwell Golf Club.

**Remember you are never too young or too old to start playing golf and we look forward to seeing you soon at FELTWELL GOLF CLUB**

Denise Whiting (Feltwell Golf Club)



I bought an old Marconi radio in a car boot sale. The bloke said I could have it for a quid, cos the volume was stuck on max. I couldn't turn that one down!

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## Hospital Happenings *by Tony Bennett*



*Monthly Ramblings about West Suffolk Hospital.*

**News: August 2020**

We now have only 3 patients in with Covid, one of them at least is long term, our patient who was admitted in March.

Various outpatient clinics are starting to re-open in line with government guidelines and this is bringing its own set of problems. Social distancing is almost impossible, people passing in corridors cannot maintain the required distance and especially so if a bed or trolley goes by. The canteens are seeing more customers and the queues are getting longer and longer so a good tip is to bring your own food with you.

As a result, waiting lists are increasing for scans etc. but don't let that stop you seeking medical advice if needed – we will prioritise urgent cases. Our capacity has dropped by about half as we can no longer fill the waiting area and cleaning between scans is taking longer of course.

### **New Boss:**

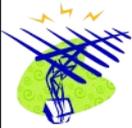
Last month we said farewell to our Radiology Services Manager, Nigel Beeton, who has worked at WSH for over 30 years and over 40 in the NHS. He will continue to assist with the new hospital project.

We welcome, in his place, Kelly Fuller, a diagnostic radiographer from Addenbrookes in her first full management role. It's a big job to take on and we wish her well.

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## Case of the Month:

This month we had a rare case of claustrophobia during a scan. The new camera, which was installed almost a year ago now, sets itself down to within a quarter of an inch of the patient's nose. I usually explain this thus: "Just when you think it won't stop, it does." This seems to work for most people and my colleagues both say something similar. It gives us great pictures to have the machine so close but in recognising that some may be uncomfortable with this we always seek to ascertain if someone is claustrophobic.

Some patients try to brave it out, some find it worse than they thought and a number don't say and just hope it'll be ok. In this case the patient denied claustrophobia, only admitting it afterwards! This machine does take a few moments to get someone out but it seems like forever for both patient and staff. Our patient this week really went for it, shouting and waving his arms about. If there are two of us present, one will always rush to

## Sudoku Puzzle

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

Solution overleaf

			<b>2</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>7</b>				<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>			
		<b>1</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>6</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>3</b>		
			<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>				<b>4</b>
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the patient while the other stops the scan but when singlehanded it's best to stop the scan before going in, resulting in a delay of only 10-15 seconds, but that's a long time if you are scared.

The patient was fine once out but my plea is that if you are a bit claustrophobic please say so in advance!

### A Message from the Editors

Readers will by now be aware that we publish the magazine online on the village website towards the end of the month in which it is issued. The web address is :

[http://feltwell.net/magazines/mag\\_index.htm](http://feltwell.net/magazines/mag_index.htm)

All issues are in Acrobat format for easy viewing. What you may not have realised is that all the links in the online version are active and, of course, it is in full colour.

### Sudoku Solution

4	9	8	<b>2</b>	1	6	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	3
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<b>7</b>	3	5	4	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	6	1	2
3	5	<b>1</b>	8	7	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	6	<b>9</b>
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## Some Feltwell Heraldry

### Tim Cockerill

*My first contact with Tim came via his wife when she wrote, "Tim is*



*particularly interested as he is writing (a monograph) about Bishop Sparke and his family. As you know E.B. (Edward Bowyer Sparke) built the Rectory and you also have (on your website) a photo showing the Sparke Arms. Have you by any chance any other info or pics or photos*

*relating specifically to the Sparkes though assume the rectory still looked the same in the Rev. O'Rorke's day."*

*Some days later it emerged through additional emails that Tim is one of the authors of the scholarly work 'Heraldry in Norfolk Churches, Volume 12: Fincham and Feltwell Deanery.' In one particular email I pointed out the Sparkes page on the website, in case he hadn't seen it. The content came from John Sparks. Here is what John wrote and following it are Tim's comments/corrections.*

The Sparke arms are a shield with a diagonal white band from upper left corner to lower right corner with markings that look like arrows, the background of the shield is chequered, the helmet crest is of a crown with a rampant spotted leopard with fire issuing from ears and mouth.

"The first half of the shield has the Sparke of Plymouth markings the other two quarters are of families connected, more than likely his mothers. The family originated in and around Chester it seems. A little history on the family - it is documented that a family member of the reverend, the son of John Sparke of Plymouth, was the first

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man to discover the potato and tobacco. He was a close friend of Sir Walter Raleigh and of Sir Frances Drake. He told his friends of his discovery and, on his next voyage, Sir Walter Raleigh brought back the potato and tobacco hence was credited with their discovery. A further story on that is amusing: Sir Walter brought back the samples and planted the potato in his garden, when the crop grew he ate the green leaf. Finding it foul to the taste he abandoned the crop. The next year digging his garden he found the potato tubers thus realising his mistake. John Sparke was a lieutenant on the *Jesus of Lubeck*, a ship belonging to the Queen, and captained by the son of Sir John Hawkins. John Sparke wrote about their travels and kept journals of all he saw on his voyages, the plants and animals, also the people. He was the man who gave us the saying, 'crying crocodile tears' after he witnessed a crocodile enticing its prey and many more sayings we now use every day. His work was published some years ago." *Photo from Don Gray*

*From Tim...*

I had a look at the piece about "the Sparke family crest," which I think is on the Feltwell website, written by John Sparks which I am afraid is incorrect for the following reasons:

1. The photo is of the Sparke coat of arms not their crest which is quite different. *This refers to the title I put on the page so I'll own up to this error, it's not John's.*
2. The non-heraldic description is not right. The shield on the left is the one used by Canon Sparke of Feltwell, although he was never entitled to use it, this family having never been granted arms by the College of Arms. It is correctly described as, "chequy or and vert a bend ermine." He is impaling the arms of his wife (the right-hand shield), so not "the other two quarters are of families connected, more than likely his mother." In fact it shows the arms of his wife's family of Newcome of Hockwold Hall, Hockwold-cum-Wilton, "Argent a lion's head erased sable between three crescents gules" in the 1st and 4th quarters and Clough, "Sable a fess wavy ermine between three leopards heads caboshed argent," in the second and

third quarters. As you may know Mrs Sparke's father, the Revd William Newcome married Catherine, daughter of the Revd. C. Clough of Feltwell Hall.

3. This Sparke family came from neither Plymouth nor Chester. More like they came from Suffolk (where Bishop Sparke of Ely was born in 1759) or Louth in Lincs, where several of the Bishop's children were baptised.

4. So, no connection with the West Country and nothing to do with the stories in the last 13 lines of the text by John Sparks.

5. Are you sure that East Hall was built by Canon Sparke's widow after her husband died in 1879 for the Upchers? White's 1845 Norfolk Directory refers to it as a manor, which implies an older house, but perhaps it was remodelled later?

Hope this is helpful.

*Indeed it is.*

*Here is the entry in White's: "A small fair is held at Feltwell, on Nov. 20th and 21st; and in the village are about 30 looms employed in weaving bombasin, crapes, &c., for the Norwich manufacturers. The parish is in several MANORS. Miss P. Clough has a neat seat here, and is lady of South Hall, the chief manor, anciently held by the Bishop of Ely. The Rev. Dr. Chaffy is lord of Wendlings, Spenvilles, and Duntons manors; and Christ's College, Cambridge, has the manor of East Hall or Broomhill.*

*This certainly suggests that a building existed on the site before the present one and I've suggested that Tim ask Christ's College. I can't give him a definite answer to his last question other than to refer him to the works of ARVD and Mr Orange as found on the website. Can anyone help out?*

*See page 67 for details of the book "Heraldry in Norfolk Churches, Volume 12: Fincham and Feltwell Deanery."*

*I've seen a copy and it really is a fascinating piece of work.*



This photograph is of the shield in the north transept window of St Mary's. It can be viewed in colour here: [http://feltwell.net/mellenniumfelt/images/stmarys/stmarys0076\\_r1.jpg](http://feltwell.net/mellenniumfelt/images/stmarys/stmarys0076_r1.jpg) (This link will be live when this issue goes on the website late September. Ed).

It is for Canon Edward Bowyer Sparke, Rector of Feltwell 1831-1879, who married in 1833,

Catherine Maria Newcome, the daughter of the Revd. William Newcome of Hockwold Hall. The Sparke section is on the left, Newcome on the right. For those of you into heraldry here is the description, and my attempt at translating it afterwards.

Chequy Or and Vert, a bend Ermine; impaling Newcome—Argent, a lion's head erased Sable, between three crescents Gules.

Divided into squares of gold and green (Chequered) with a broad diagonal band representing fur, blacks spots and a tail on white, side by side with Newcome — silver (representing an unpainted shield), a black lion's head with a jagged edge (where the head would join the body), between three red crescents (waxing moons on their backs horns upwards).



In the stained glass the lion's head is coloured gold with a black mane. The black around the red crescents on the Newcome side is the leading.



# Feltwellians Around The World



## Ken McLeod

I am currently researching the crew of a Wellington Bomber of 57 Squadron stationed at RAF Feltwell during the summer of 1941.

One of the crew was my great uncle Ernie Christie who unfortunately was killed in action in October that year over Holland along with all on board the stricken aircraft.

My research has revealed a fascinating insight into the lives of six young men who for a very short period lived in and around Feltwell.

I am seeking any information and in particular photos that your parishioners may be in possession of from that period that involves 57 Squadron or any of the following:

Photographs of the Sergeants Mess at RAF Feltwell that was bombed and damaged on or around the night of 17/18 June 1941.

Photographs of any Wellington Bombers, in particular displaying the Squadron code DX and the aircraft I'm interested in - X9978.

Personal information of any of the crew:

Brynmor Samuel Jones.

David Walter Jennings.

Ernest Tastard Christie.

George William Turner Jackson.

Keith John Miller.

Neville John Lewery.

I would also appreciate any information your parishioners may have on the following:

Renting rooms at 'Glenavon,' home of a Mrs White in Feltwell

summer of 1941.

Governess position with a Mrs Newport of Walton House in Fordham summer of 1941.

I appreciate that it may be a bit of a long shot, but if you could find a small slot in your newsletter to slip my enquiry into, it would be most appreciated.

Ken McLeod.

## **HERALDRY IN NORFOLK CHURCHES**

### **12: FINCHAM AND FELTWELL DEANERY**

by

Chloë Cockerill M.B.E, M.A.

Tim Cockerill F.S.A. SCOT.

Robert J.Meeds. F.H.S.

There are over 40 churches in this Deanery which is part of the Diocese of Ely, although in the county of Norfolk. All have been visited and only 7 were found to have no examples of heraldry of any kind.

The book costs £20.00 including postage and packing. It is 204x294mm in size with glossy card cover and over 130 pages with 360 colour photos and as many colour drawings of the arms.

It is only available from Chloë Cockerill, Old Mill House, Mill Hill, Weston Colville, Cambridge CB21 5NY Tel 01223 290439

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## EXERCISE LOGISTICAL

Match the person to their exercise activity and the time they started.

	Tracy	Susan	Steven	Gloria	Brian	Roy's Gym	Maria's Fit Team	Fit Life Pilates	The Yoga Cabin	Jogging
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This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.

1. Tracy exercised 1 hour after Gloria.
2. Roy's Gym didn't open until 12noon.
3. Maria's Fit Team worked out in the morning.
4. The 10am Yoga class was attended by a lady.
5. While out jogging, Tracy saw Gloria on her way home from Roy's Gym.
6. Steven was the last person to go exercising.



# *Your Good Health*

**by Dr Ian Nisbet**

Well. here we are at the middle of August, hoping that the grandchildren will be able to return to school in a couple of weeks, a major step along the road to normality. Our daughter, Charlotte, is an Executive Head, looking after four schools teaching over 2,000 pupils and she has been very busy overseeing the necessary arrangements for her schools.

This month's article is proving difficult to write as I do not have a lot on my mind at the moment.

One of my gripes of the month would concern all the idiots, mostly youngsters, who have forsaken Ibiza and the South of Spain and have invaded genteel Devon and Cornwall villages, rampaging drunkenly through the streets, breaking bottles and so on, physically attacking anyone who tries to correct them, making no effort to distance themselves from others.

My biggest gripe of the month concerns the modern attitude to littering. Over the past few years, I have noticed an increasing tendency for people to drop litter, secure in the belief that someone will be paid to pick it up – in fact, the litterers see themselves as providing employment! One of them was a young lad tipping all the rubbish from his car into the gutter outside a shop in Enfield – cigarette packets, fast food wrappings and boxes, old receipts, etc etc. I had a word with him and received a torrent of abuse. It then occurred to me that he may have been in possession of a knife and I have been a lot more circumspect since then.

If you take a picnic to the beach, what is to stop you taking the litter home in the same bag? Something has gone wrong with the national mindset about litter.

The tone of this article is somewhat downbeat, probably because, yesterday, we had to destroy my beautiful lawn.

About a year ago, the newly laid lawn was growing brilliantly when, one day, like snow, the air was full of seeds attached to feather-like structures, blowing gently in the breeze. It transpires that these were meadow grass seeds, or similar, and my lawn became infested with the invasive grass. The only way to get rid of it is to kill the lawn, scarify it and then re-seed it. Yesterday, we sprayed the lawn and now we wait for it to die back.

A massive plant has appeared in my flower bed. It has grown to 4ft in height, has massive dark green leaves and is now producing green, spiky, lemon-sized "fruit". My plant identifying App has had a nervous breakdown, coming up with a different name every time I take a picture. The two favourites seem to be Garden Datura (*Datura metel*) or Field Pumpkin (*Cucurbita pepo*). We have a Webbs Garden centre three hundred yards away so I

shall take some of the plant down there for identification. I am sure I did not plant it!

*At dinner, a boy asked his father "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" Father told the boy quite sternly that this was not a suitable topic for discussion over dinner and to keep quiet. After dinner, the father asked, "Now son, what did you want to ask me?" The boy replied, "Oh, nothing. There was a bug in your soup but now it has gone".*

*An old, tired looking dog took to visiting a house every afternoon, sleeping for 4 hours then disappearing. The house owner attached a note to his collar, "This lovely dog visits me every afternoon and sleeps for 4 hours. Does anyone know where he lives?" Next day, the dog returned with a note under his collar, "He lives in a house with six children, two under the age of three. He is trying to catch up on his sleep. Please may I come with him tomorrow?"*

*Two friends, one a thief and the other a magician, went into a shop. The thief stole three bars of chocolate and bragged about*

*it to the magician. "Watch this," said the magician. They went back into the shop; the magician offered the shopkeeper some magic then asked for a chocolate bar and promptly ate it. Same again with two more bars. Eventually, the shopkeeper said, "OK, but where's the magic?" The magician replied, "Just look in my friend's right hand pocket and you will discover the magic"*

Our local cafe has re-opened. It

is a lovely little place, serving really "clean" food if you know what I mean. I had a full English breakfast with coffee and Deannie had Scrambled egg on toast with a soft drink. The total bill was £7.40 as the Chancellor of the Exchequer paid half! Well, there's a happy note with which to end the article.

Best wishes to you all

Ian Nisbet

## OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

As Editors we would like to encourage you to put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard and submit some additional content to our village magazine. We have no preference over the content, as long as it is within the law and all submissions will be considered for suitability. Perhaps you'd like to write about your experiences of Feltwell, a biography of a deceased relative, a poem, your hobby or interest, an opinion piece or even a moan or word of praise or a thank you. Please send your submission to Paul or Susan at the contact details on the inside front cover. Thank you in advance

The **Trustees of the Edmund de Moundeford Trust** wish to inform the parishioners of Feltwell of the following...

The Trustees of the Edmund de Moundeford Trust are proposing to apply for planning permission for the old WI hall on The Beck, for the conversion of the site into 4 two-bedroomed dwellings. The old hall itself will be used for 3 living spaces and a 4<sup>th</sup> one will be a new cottage in the play area with associated parking.



# ***FELTWELL METHODIST CHURCH***

## **REMINDER**

### **ART & CRAFTS EXHIBITION**

**You are all invited to a celebration of the creative spirit shown during Coronavirus “Lockdown”.**

During the time we are all social distancing and many of us are housebound, there has been much creativity. Things have been made, fine artwork has been hitting the canvas/paper and children’s imagination has been expressed in some beautiful drawings and paintings. Most of us won’t get to see any of this, so we’ve created an event to give us access to some of this. **The date cannot be decided until Lockdown has been lifted, we have enough contributions to show and everybody is safe to move around.** Hopefully that will be this year, but.....?

Now, to all you budding artists and people with a creative spirit, we’d like to inspire you to engage in your favourite pastime and show us what you have been doing to pass the time during these tough times. There is no age limit and we look forward to seeing the results of all your imagination. **It could be photos of your garden or something special, a model you’ve created, a sculpture, a painting (s), something you’ve made, or something else.** PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BY emailing [mikegw15@gmail.com](mailto:mikegw15@gmail.com). So get creating and keep it safe, waiting for the date to be announced. If you have any questions call or email Mike.

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We will be open for the **Feltwell Village Yard Sale Saturday 5 September** with cakes, crafts, 100s of books, plants, skill games and more.

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**Monday 7 September Craft & Chat group** meet again. Many of the things they are creating will be available to buy when we take part in the Yard Sale.



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**“Old Codgers”** meet again in this socially distanced hall, on the last Saturday of the month; it will include our usual fun quiz, and sharing jokes and a bit of comedy when we all have a good laugh. Just what we need after the tough time we’re having. This is just a flavour of what we are missing and it’s an open event with no age limit and its only £3, and that includes some refreshments!

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**ELEVENZES – on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 10.00am.** Meet friends over a tea/coffee & enjoy one (or more) of our cakes and take some home.

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## A Message from the Editors

We are acutely aware that during the lockdown some of our subscribers were unable to read the magazine as they don't have access to the internet. Plus, those of you who did manage to read a copy online or downloaded, didn't get a physical copy. In the light of this we have decided to give you all two free issues. Consequently our annual subscription renewal date will move from January to March 2021.

Paul and Susan

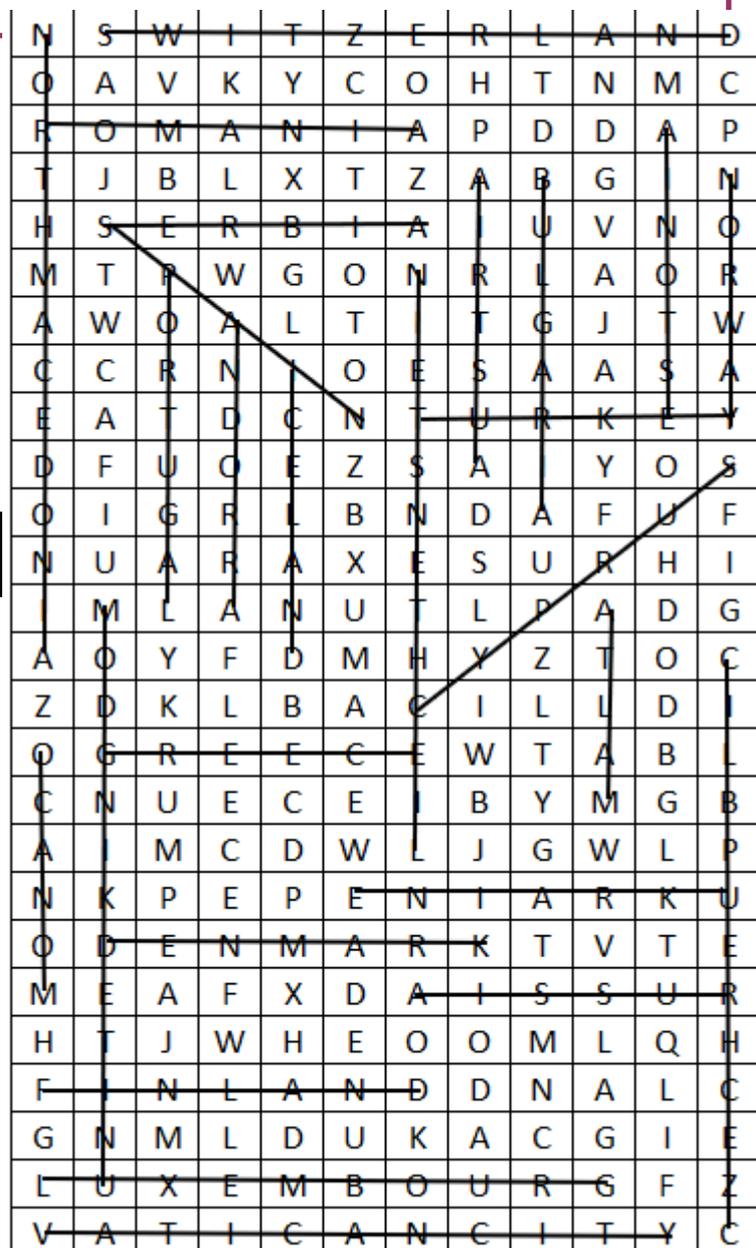
## Word Search Answer

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

## Our Local Foodbank

If you would like to donate to your local Foodbank there is a drop off point at St Mary's Church, Feltwell.

Any food stuff which does not require refrigeration and is in date is ok. Thank you for all your donations, kindness and generosity.  
Ness Fry



**Community Garden** – this garden project is moving on, for the community which will, hopefully, produce some fruit and some vegetables for those who help. Spuds appear to be doing very well and will need digging out in the next few weeks. Chives and raspberries are growing slowly. We're also making some raised beds for those who cannot bend. These will hopefully hold some salad crops, lettuce, radishes, spring onions etc. Some kind folks have given us soil with which to fill these beds. Thank you Adam & family. We are creating a 'wild flower meadow' beside the church community hall to encourage bees and other pollinators & insects. This garden will enable villagers who want to potter or who have difficulty with gardening to come and enjoy doing as much or as little as you want while enjoying fresh air. If you would like to potter with us, please get in touch with Mike (details below) or come along to the Thursday coffee mornings and Wellbeing mornings.

**Winter Talent Show** – to be held on our stage (pictured above)

We are looking for people who have something they would like to share on our stage.....poem, song, short act, dance, comedy (family), mime, musical instrument and more. If you want to be in, call Helen 01842828929, or Verena 01842550347.

**The Community Hall** - a large bright hall with a stage and sound & lighting system. Celebration red carpet, posts and red ropes for special events from weddings to birthday parties, award ceremonies, concerts, theatre and more.

Our small meeting room is closed until further notice.

**Our main church**, with its magnificent pipe organ, is ideal for infant and adult baptisms, weddings, marriage renewals ceremonies, funerals, memorial and celebration of life ceremonies. Our premises are now prepared for use according to the guidelines and instructions specified by the Government and the Methodist Church of Great Britain. For example, hand sanitisers for use on arrival, socially distanced seating etc. The church is open for private prayer on Thursday mornings and Sundays when we meet for prayer and

listen to hymns and worship songs.

If you want to talk privately to someone, want to share a problem or want someone to celebrate with you, want to come to an event or one of our groups, you can't get out but would like to..... Contact our pastoral worker Brigette Wilkinson 01366 728797 / 07799216693

For room bookings & events, to discuss weddings, marriage ceremonies, funerals, memorial services please contact Mike Wilkinson 07712578721 [mikegw15@gmail.com](mailto:mikegw15@gmail.com)

Church secretary is Jean Dennett 01842 728209



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*In the absence of a Parish report this month, owing to the fact that there was no meeting, here is a brief history of Parish Councils, (after Wikipedia.)*

In England, a **civil parish** is the lowest tier of local government. Civil parishes can trace their origin to the ancient system of administrative religious parishes. Separate civil and religious parishes were created in the 19th century.

Civil parishes predominantly cover rural areas with approximately 35% of the English population living in a civil parish.

### **Ancient parishes**

An early form of the parish system was established in England by the 11<sup>th</sup> century. These areas were originally based on the territory of one or more manors (*a unit of land, originally a feudal lordship, consisting of a lord's land and lands rented to tenants*), areas which in some cases derived their boundaries from Roman or Iron Age estates.

Initially, churches and their priests were the responsibility of the lord of the manor, but not all lords were willing to provide these, so residents of nearby manors would look to the church of the nearest manor. Later, the churches and priests became the responsibility of the Catholic Church and these arrangements were formalised, with the boundary of the parish taking the boundary of the group of manors where there was more than one manor to a parish.

Parish boundaries changed little, and after 1180 'froze' so that they could no longer be changed at all. This consistency was a result of canon law, which governed the rights and responsibilities of local churches, and made boundary changes difficult.

Until the break with Rome, parishes managed religious matters, while the manor looked after local administration and justice. Later, the church replaced the manor court as the rural administrative centre, and levied a local tax on produce known as a tithe. In the medieval period, responsibilities such as relief of the poor passed increasingly from the lord of the manor to the parish's rector, who in practice would delegate tasks among his vestry (all the ratepayers of

the parish) or the (often well-endowed) monasteries. After the dissolution of the monasteries, the power to levy a rate to fund relief of the poor was conferred on the parish authorities by the Act for the Relief of the Poor 1601.

As the number of ratepayers grew, it became increasingly difficult to convene open meetings. In some areas a select vestry took over responsibility from the entire body of ratepayers. This innovation improved efficiency, but allowed governance by a self-perpetuating elite. The administration of the parish system relied on the monopoly of the established English Church, be it RC or C of E. By the 18th century, religious membership was becoming more fractured, due in part to the progress of Methodism. The legitimacy of the parish vestry came into question, and the perceived inefficiency and corruption inherent in the system became a source for concern. For this reason, during the early 19th century the parish progressively lost its powers to *ad hoc* boards and other organisations, such as the boards of guardians given responsibility for poor relief through the Poor Law Amendment Act 1834. These replacement boards were each entitled to levy their own rate in the parish; the church rate ceased to be levied in many parishes and became voluntary from 1868.

### **Civil and religious split**

The ancient parishes diverged into two distinct, nearly overlapping, systems of parishes during the 19th century. The Poor Law Amendment Act 1866 declared all areas that levied a separate rate, namely C of E religious parishes (until then simply known as parishes), to be "civil parishes".

The Church of England parishes, which cover more than 99% of England, became officially termed "ecclesiastical parishes" and the boundaries of these soon diverged from those of the ancient parishes in order to reflect modern circumstances. Since 1921 each ecclesiastical parish has been the responsibility of its own parochial church council (PCC).

In the late 19th century, most of the ancient irregularities inherited

by the civil parish system were cleaned up. The United Kingdom Census 1911 noted that 58% of parishes in England and Wales were not identical for civil and ecclesiastical purposes.

### Reform

In 1894, civil parishes were reformed by the Local Government Act to become the smallest geographical area for local government in rural areas. The act abolished the civil (non-religious) duties of vestries, set up urban districts and rural districts, established elected civil parish councils for all rural parishes with more than 300 electors, and established annual parish meetings in rural parishes.

In 1974, the Local Government Act 1972 retained civil parishes in rural areas and low-population urban districts, but abolished them in larger urban districts, especially boroughs.

## Exercise Logistical - Answer

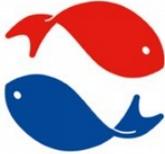
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