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## **Deadline for the next issue is 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

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

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## MUTTERINGS FROM THE FARMYARD

*As we live in a predominantly agricultural area I'm delighted to present this latest 'muttering' by Farmer Bob*

As I sit to write this harvest has started but has stopped again as a result of a breakdown of the weather and of various bits of machinery. It is all rather frustrating but at least the dried peas are in the shed and a few weeks of benign weather should see the rest of the wheat and the onions safely gathered in. For the whole of my career in farming we have been, first and foremost, food producers. This was the main aim of the 1947 Agriculture Act and was reinforced by the European Common Agriculture Policy. After the traumas of two world wars, Food Security from increased levels of domestic production was understood to be an essential part of Government policy.

That, however, is all changing and the signals coming from the Government in Westminster are for a completely different emphasis for British Agriculture. Unfortunately, these signals have yet to be turned into a concrete policy and we are left trying to plan and invest for the next five, ten, or even twenty years on the basis of our best guess. Food production remains in the background but any thought of food security will presumably have to wait for the next political or climate crisis.

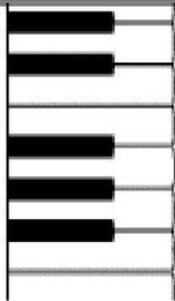
In the meantime we will work within the requirements of the multitude of acronyms that are currently proposed, (ELMS, SFI, LNR, LR etc). We will devote an increased area of land to environmental schemes in our new Environmental Stewardship Scheme which will start in January. We will also increase our efforts to protect soils and water quality by moving towards Regenerative Farming. This will require a

**ELMS**—Environmental Land Management schemes—

There are 3 new schemes that will reward environmental land management:

- Sustainable Farming Incentive—SFI
- Local Nature Recovery—LNR

Landscape Recovery—LR



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**Georgina Sims**

move to more mixed farming with the reintroduction of animals. It also encourages minimum tillage of soils to reduce carbon losses. This is fine for some crops (but requires a huge investment in machinery) but in this part of the Country where we are able to grow high quality vegetable crops, we will still need to plough much more than they would like in order to give those crops the clean start that they need.

Governments will continue to support domestic agriculture throughout the world. In England and Wales at least, the emphasis will change to providing environmental and other public benefits. The fact remains that our countryside cannot thrive without actual food production being profitable. Rural wages need to improve to encourage more young people to live and work in the countryside. Some of the migrant workers that we have lost over the last few years will be replaced by robotic harvesting. However, we must be able to pay people enough to make it worthwhile to work in the fields picking delicate fruit and vegetables. Unfortunately, this will mean that some food prices will have to rise. If we want a secure supply of food produced to high environmental and animal welfare standards while doing our bit towards zero carbon, that is the price we may all have to pay.

*Farmer Bob*

*From the DEFRA website*

The three schemes mentioned earlier are intended to support the rural economy while achieving the goals of the [25 Year Environment Plan](#) and a commitment to net zero emissions by 2050.

Through these schemes, farmers and other land managers may enter into agreements to be paid for delivering the following:

- clean and plentiful water
- clean air
- thriving plants and wildlife
- protection from environmental hazards

## FELTWELLBEING

**Feltwellbeing** is now open  
every **Thursday from 10.00 till 12.00**  
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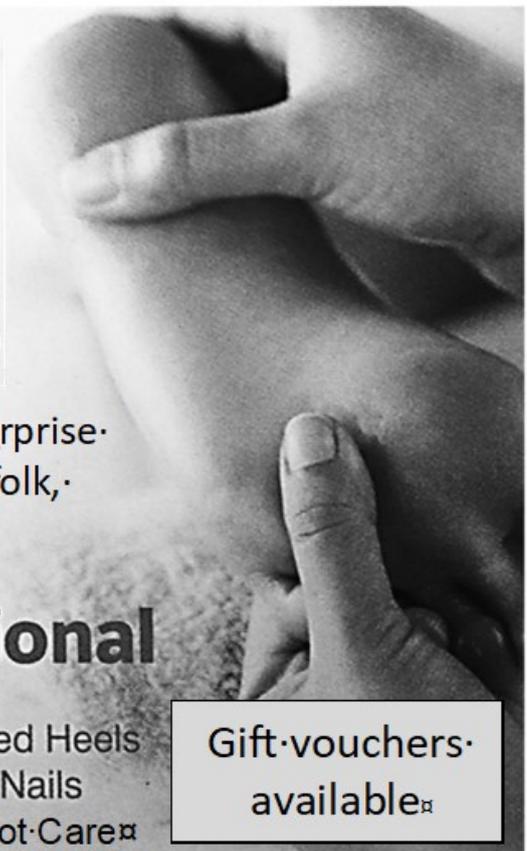
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### **Sustainable Farming Incentive—SFI**

The Sustainable Farming Incentive scheme will pay farmers to manage their land in an environmentally sustainable way.

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### **Local Nature Recovery—LNR**

The Local Nature Recovery scheme will pay for actions that support local nature recovery and meet local environmental priorities.

The scheme will encourage collaboration between farmers, helping them work together to improve their local environment.

The scheme will begin piloting in 2022, and launch in 2024.

### **Landscape Recovery—LR**

The Landscape Recovery scheme will support landscape and ecosystem recovery through long-term projects, such as:

- restoring wilder landscapes in places where it's appropriate
- large-scale tree planting
- peatland and salt marsh restoration

The scheme will begin piloting around 10 projects in 2022, and launch in 2024.

*And as Bob says, "there's not a mention of actually growing any food!"*

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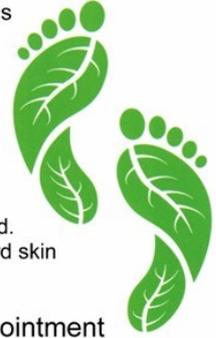
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*This is part eight of the serialisation of the Feltwell section from Francis Blomefield's, 'Hundred of Grimeshou: Feltwell', in An Essay Towards A Topographical History of the County of Norfolk: Volume 2 London, 1805), pp. 187-200.*

*This is freely available online at <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/topographical-hist-norfolk/vol2/pp187-200>.*

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Here is a little fair kept yearly on the 20th of November.

The tenths of this town were 10*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.* ob.

### ST NICHOLAS CHURCH.

*The annual tax paid by the villagers based on a valuation of certain personal property, usually described by the vague word 'movables'.*

Stands at the west end of the town, and is a small pile of flint and pebbles, in length about 36 feet, and in breadth, together with the north and south isles, about 48, and covered with lead.

On the south wall of the nave are letters wrought in stone, in memory of *John Do*, and *Thomas Den*, benefactors to that work.

The chancel is in length about 27 feet, and about 17 in breadth, and is covered with thatch; the communion-table is railed in, and has an ascent of two steps.

Against the end of the nave is a little tower, round at bottom, and octangular at top, in which hang five small bells. This church was repaired, and in a good measure re-edified, in 1494: on 6th *May* in that year, an indulgence was granted for that purpose, which, with the bells in the tower, was lately destroyed by a sudden fire.

We learn from the *Norwich Domesday Book*, that the rector then had a house and 40 acres of land, and that the patronage of the church was in the see of *Ely*.

## **Rectors.**

Mr. *Richard de Lynde* occurs rector about 1290.

1298, *Bartholomew de Flixton*, rector.

1312, 15 May, Mr. *John de Diggs*. Collated by the Bishop of *Ely*, who is still patron.

1331, *John Diggs*, rector, was non-resident, being chaplain to the Bishop of *Carlisle*.

1337, 13 Sept. *Adam de Lynham*.

1342, 9 May, *John de Worth*.

1342, 19 June, *John de Keynsham*, on the resignation of *Worth*. He was rector of *Obeleigh*, in the diocese of *Bath and Wells*, and exchanged with *Worth*.

*William Thingrell*, rector in 1353, changed with *Henry Motelot* for *Troia* in *Llandaff* diocese.

1384 and 1399, *Thomas Blakelake* occurs rector.

*Thomas Morton*. He died rector.

1416, 21 Sept. *Tho. Reynold*, on *Morton's* death.

1420, 15 June, *Rob. Crowe*, on *Reynold's* resignation.

1449, 11 Aug. *John Newhouse*, on *Crowe's* death.

1452, 13 Feb. *Thomas Farneham*, on *Newhouse's* resignation.

1465, 15 Nov. *John Davy*, on *Farneham's* death.

1487, 10 Apr. *Joh. Wyot*. He was master of *Morton* college.

1525, 22 Nov. *Robert Okynge*, LL. B. on *Wyot's* death.

1554, 23 June, *William Jerves*. The Queen.

1561, *John Crane*, S.T.B.

*Thomas Heithe*.

1585, 15 Apr. *Thomas Thorne*, on *Heithe's* resignation. The Queen. In his answer to King *James's* queries, he observes, that there were in 1603, 114 communicants in this parish. He was rector of

*Hemingston, and Cleydon in Suffolk.*

*Richard Davenport.* He was ejected before 1650, by the Long Parliament, but lived to be restored.

1664, 25 Oct. *Nathaniel Coga, A. M.* on the resignation of *Davenport.* He was fellow and master of *Pembroke-Hall* in *Cambridge*, and was buried in the college chapel. The Bishop of Ely.

1694, 14 Apr. *Nathaniel Naylor, on Coga's death. Ditto.*

1701, 5 Aug. *Thomas Rawlins, A. M.* on the cession of *Naylor.* He had been vicar of *Chatteris* in *Cambridgeshire. Ditto.*

1732, 23 Sept. The Rev. Mr. *James Virtue, A.M.* on *Rawlins's* death. *Ditto.* He had been rector of *West-Halton* in *Lincolnshire*, and of *Catfield* in *Norfolk*, and holds this with *Glemsford* in *Suffolk.*

This rectory is valued at 19*l.* in the King's Books. (£19)

Here is a house and 12 acres of glebe.

*Glebe is an area of land within an ecclesiastical parish used to support a parish priest. The land may be owned by the church, or its profits may be reserved to the church.*

## HELP US GET FELTWELL LOOKING LOVELY AGAIN!

Feltwell Parish Council has received a number of complaints about the state of the village at the moment. We have contacted the borough council to tidy up weeds sprayed a few weeks ago but we would also appreciate it if as residents, you could cut back any greenery (hedges, bushes, trees etc) protruding from your property over footpaths or roads to within your boundary line as this will greatly assist in our aim to achieve a lovely, tidy village in which we are all proud to live.

A big heartfelt thank you!

FELTWELL PARISH COUNCIL



We would very much like you to submit a **FOOTNOTE** of your own. 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).

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[Scam Alert - Investment Scams and fake cryptocurrency exchanges](#)

[Scam Alert – Fake Facebook pages](#)

[Cold Calling Alert – Telephone cold calls regarding ‘loft insulation’](#)

[Scam Alert – Fake text messages from DPD](#)

[Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls appearing to come from numbers similar to your own number](#)

[Scam Alert – Emails claiming to be from ‘DVLA’](#)

[Scam Alert – Fake text messages from Hermes \(\*again!\*\)](#)

[Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to be from NHS](#)

[Scam Alert – Fake competitions on Facebook](#)

[Scam Alert – Scammers posing as your email or phone contacts to request money](#)

### **Alerts from the Food Standards Agency:**

[Allergy Alert - Booths recalls Booths Four Spicy Vegetable Samosas because of undeclared soya](#)

[Allergy Alert - Tesco recalls Tesco White Fondant Icing because of undeclared almonds \(nuts\)](#)

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## **Fake Facebook pages**

Please think twice before sharing competitions on Facebook. There are several fake pages and one recently doing the rounds claims to be associated with Center Parcs UK offering free holidays.

The page has been set up by scammers for 'like-farming', using your interaction to harvest personal data.

Before liking a page or sharing a post, especially a big business like Center Parcs, check if it has a blue tick. This means the page has been verified by Facebook. You can also look at the page transparency to see when it was created. The real Center Parcs Facebook page was created in August 2010. This fake page was created on 19 October 2020.

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

If you come across a fake page on Facebook, report it by going to the page and tap \*\*\* from the top right and select "Give feedback or report this Page". Select "Scams and Fake Pages".

Fake promotions or competitions on Facebook typically urge users to either engage with a Facebook post (e.g. share and comment) to win a prize or click a link to claim a prize. Or possibly both.

Our recommendation is to **never** interact with these types of Facebook posts.

The Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) have an online service where consumers can report any fake adverts they find on online platforms such as newspaper websites, paid-for search engines or social media. [Report an online scam via the ASA website.](#)

This reporting mechanism aims to respond 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.



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<b>FREE screenings at 7pm on Mondays</b>	
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13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<p align="center"><b>Good Morning Vietnam</b></p> <p>Cert: 15 116mins 1988 Robin Williams, Forest Whitaker Williams shakes up 1965 Saigon as irreverent, non-conformist deejay Adrian Cronauer. Imported by the army for an early a.m. radio show, Cronauer blasts the formerly staid, sanitized airwaves with a constant barrage of rapid-fire humour and the hippest tunes from back home. The G.I.s love him—but the top brass don't..</p>
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<p align="center"><b>Rainman</b></p> <p>Cert: 15 128mins 1988 Dustin Hoffman, Tom Cruise Heartless Charlie Babbitt (Cruise) expects a vast inheritance after his estranged father dies. But Raymond (Hoffman), his institutionalized older brother, someone he's been totally unaware of, is willed the entire fortune instead. Raymond is an 'autistic savant' limited in some areas but a genius in others. An Oscar winner.</p>
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<p align="center"><b>Ocean's Twelve</b></p> <p>Cert: 12 120mins 2004 George Cloony, Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts Danny Ocean and pals return in a sequel to the cool caper that saw them pull off a \$160-million heist. But that doesn't go very far when everyone is spending like sailors on leave. And not when Vegas big-shot Terry Benedict is out to recover his money. It's time to pull off another stunner of a plan.</p>
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<p align="center"><b>Watch out for other big name movies coming in October.</b></p>

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## ST MARY'S EASTER QUIZ SHEET 2021

Following the success of the first St Mary's Quiz sheet a second was devised by quiz setter Jackie Reeve and put on sale to the public Easter 2021. The winners of this quiz were Mr and Mrs Collom with 88/100. Second place went to D and M from Brandon with 86/100.

Several people have asked for the answers to the Easter 2021 quiz so here they are for the questions from the **CRIME BUSTERS** section.

We need the character's name e.g. **SIMPLY THE BEST = THE A TEAM**  
Answers on page 21.

1	ICE CREAM	11	A KNIGHT WITH A SPECIAL BOND
2	WAS HE THERE WITHOUT A MEANS OF PROPULSION	12	ONE OF THE JERSEY BOYS
3	21ST JUNE HOMICIDES	13	ARE THEY GOING TO SCARBOROUGH FAIR
4	BOOTLACE	14	NOT BELGIUM—FRENCH
5	PLENTY OF MONKEY BUSINESS HERE	15	FOLLICALLY CHALLENGED SUCKER
6	PARRY	16	FRANK AND BETTY'S DAUGHTER MARRIED CYRIL— THAT'S LIFE
7	THIS CRUSTACEA IS PIE IN THE SKY	17	THIS 'TEC HAD A RINKT DINK CO-STAR
8	...--...	18	RAVE ABOUT THIS SLEUTH
9	HOUSEBUILDERS	19	PLAIN JANE THIS SPINSTER
10	NOT FRENCH— BELGIUM	20	THIS SLEUTH CERTAINLY HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD



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*Frederick James has some ideas.*

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“ave you ever caught a big 'un? Ya know, a real big un?”

“Nah, not so's I'd remember. Wot's big any road? Big huge? Or big ginormous?”

“Don't know really, now ya askin'. Well, sort of bigger than we get from 'ere, I suppose. Like fishin' in t'sea, or a river, instead at this pond.”

“Well, for a start, I hates sea fishin'! T'fish is all smelly like, an' all that up and down turns ya stummick over, good an' proper. Ya ends up throwin' up, an' that's no joke, believe me!”

“Don't think I'd fancy that none, neither. So what about river fishin'? At least ya ain't goin' up an' down, sittin' on t'river bank, are ya? Wot d'ya reckon ta river fishin'?”

“Done river fishin' with my old man. OK, I guess, but it ain't as peaceful as 'ere by t'village pond. Too much goin' on, there is, river fishin'. Chuckin' ya line in, pullin' it back out, then chuckin' it in again. Different bait for different fish. Different hooks an' all! Too much goin' on, in my opinion. I likes it quiet, like 'ere. A bent pin on t'end of ya line, with a worm on t'end wigglin' about is all ya need!”

“Yeah, but we 'ardly ever catch owt, do we? We just sits 'ere, and stares inta t'water, chattin'! Wouldn't it be nice to catch summat, even tiddlers?”

“What more do ya want? A fine sunny day, a bucket of worms an' your line in t'water, an a pal ta share it all with. There's more ta life than catchin' fish, ya know. Leave that to t'professionals, is wot I say, an leave us ta enjoy t'peace an quiet 'ere by t'pond. There's many a folk would want ta be pond fishin' like us, I'll 'ave ya know! It don't fuss me none if t'jam jar 'as nowt in it at t'end of t'day.

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With our lines in t'water, it looks like we's doin' summat, when we ain't. We's just chattin' about nowt nor summat.”

“I suppose you's right. Mind you, you always is right, come ta think of it. I wish I were clever like you. You always makes sense, whatever I asks ya. Still, d'ya think that one day we could try river fishin', just to see wot it's like, sort of?”

“Well, I suppose it wouldn't hurt, seein' as how you's so keen to find out. Tell ya wot, hush up for a bit, an I'll give it some thought.

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**Sudoku Puzzle**

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

Answer on page 79

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# *Your Good Health*

by Dr Ian Nisbet

## **Can anyone recommend a customer-facing, customer-friendly Bank?**

Between us, Head office and I have five Premier accounts with HSBC, all of which started as Midland Bank accounts forty or fifty years ago. In those days, our accounts were with the Thetford branch and we could telephone the bank at any time of the working day to discuss matters. It always seemed to be the same girl whom answered, she knew who we were and rapidly solved any problems. We could always pop into the bank if we were passing and we were always welcomed with courtesy. The Manager even took Deannie and me out to lunch one day. As the kids all got older and went away to university, they all became impecunious most of the time and were forever telephoning the girl in the bank to request

an extra fiver or so to tide them over. I think she became quite fond of them all and always helped out. All the kids have been very successful in their careers and now, thirty or forty years later, as a result of the girl's kindness, they all still have accounts at the HSBC branch in Thetford which is now, I hear, defunct.

Those heady days of helpful banks seem to have come to an end! Last week, Management wanted to change the title of one of her accounts to put it in joint names (a lot easier to deal with when one of us falls off the twig) so we rang the Central 'phone number of HSBC and asked for the telephone number of the Stourbridge branch which we now use and have always been dealt with by a really friendly Bulgarian lady whom we sought out behind her counter. "Oh, we are not

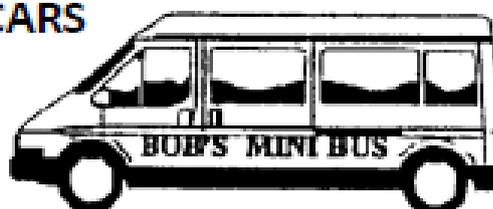
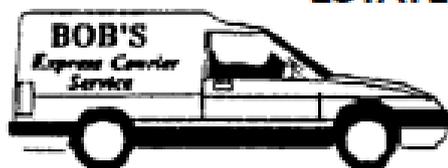
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allowed to divulge branch telephone numbers but I may be able to help you". Deannie told her what she wanted to do and the response was, "That will take one and a half hour over the 'phone". Stuff that, we thought, we'll go into the Stourbridge branch and get them to sort it out. "You can't do that as the branch is currently closed for refurbishment". We waited until the reopening date and I said jokingly to Deannie, "I bet refurbishment equals the removal of the counters." Sure enough, we wandered in to see a vast array of new paying in and cash withdrawal machines, a couple of very unhappy HSBC girls wandering around. A manager who seemed to be from another planet and could see no problem, several confused customers ranting and roaring and, guess what – no counters! Our friendly Bulgarian was really upset at having to deal with angry customers, all of whom had previously been like friends and family to her. After waiting for the best part of an hour for someone to come and attend

to us, I stormed out, announcing loudly that I was looking for another bank. The staff grabbed Deannie and started to pour oil. "We all have to learn to live with new systems" and, unsaid "that includes you". Eventually, we got the account name changed, were taught how to pay money into a machine and then we asked them to take £25 in old pound coins. "Oh, we can't take those here as we don't have a coin counting machine. However, you could take them to Halesowen HSBC (5 miles) as their counters will be open for another two months before "refurbishment". After that, you could take them to Kingswinford (7 miles) where their counters will not be taken away for another 12 months or so".

I really don't know how to deal with this situation as it seems to me that the HSBC is changing its working practices and ready availability into an organisation which will operate solely for its own amusement. I talked to the kids – "Well, Dad, youngsters these days don't ever contact their bank. They do all their

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banking online using their telephones so counters are a waste of money". This sounds really dangerous to me and, whilst I do some online banking on my home computer, I would never dream of letting my mobile 'phone anywhere near it. My response that the bank was irritating the elderly, many of whom have significant funds in the bank, fell flat. So, if anyone knows of a customer friendly bank, please let me know. ([ian@drnisbet.co.uk](mailto:ian@drnisbet.co.uk)). In any event, it would be good to hear from you as we do miss you all terribly. Enough of that, let's have a joke!

*A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!" After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?" "No, Miss, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself."*

*Two Eskimos sitting, paddling along in a kayak, when one felt a little chilly so he made a little pile of sticks and lit a fire in the*

*craft. His friend shouted at him to put it out, but the warning was ignored. Unsurprisingly, the kayak sank quite quickly and finding themselves in the cold water, the second Eskimo whacked his idiot mate over the head with a now redundant paddle. "Ouch!" said the previously warm Eskimo, "what did you do that for?" "Because, you idiot," said the second Eskimo, "Don't you know that you can't have your kayak and heat it too?" Oh Dear!*

*Jacob was sitting in the hall of the school, bored out of his mind. Suddenly the teacher walked by and he asked her: "How do you put an elephant in the fridge?" The teacher, amused, said "I don't know, how?" Jacob then said "You open the door and put it in there!" Then Jacob asked the teacher another question "How do you put a giraffe in the fridge?" The teacher then replied "Oh I know this one, you open the door and put it in there?" Jacob said "No, you open the door, take the elephant out, and then you put it in there." Then he asked another question: "All the*

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animals went to the tiger's birthday party, except one animal, which one was it?" The teacher a bit confused and said "The tiger?" Then the student said "No, the giraffe because he's still in the fridge." Then he asked her just one more question: "If there is a river full of crocodiles and you wanted to get across it, how would you?" The teacher then says: "Well, you would walk over the bridge." Then Jacob says "No, you would swim across because all the crocodiles are at the tiger's birthday party!" She laughs and walks away. The old ones are the best.

A Kung Fu pupil asks his teacher, "Master, why does my ability not improve? I'm always defeated." And the master, pensive and forever patient, answers: "My dear pupil, have you seen the gulls flying by the setting sun and their wings seeming like flames?" "Yes, my master, I have." "And a waterfall, spilling mightily over the stones without taking anything out of its proper place?" "Yes, my master, I have witnessed it." "And the moon, when it touches the calm water

to reflect all its enormous beauty?" "Yes, my master, I watch it every night." "That is the problem. You keep watching all this stuff instead of training."

Little Johnny's Chemistry teacher wanted to teach his class a lesson about the evils of liquor, so he set up an experiment that involved a glass of water, a glass of whiskey, and two worms. "Now, class. Observe what happens to the two worms," said the professor putting the first worm in the glass of water. The worm in the water moved about, twisting and seemingly unharmed. He then dropped the second worm in the whiskey glass. It writhed for a moment, then quickly sank to the bottom and died. "Now kids, what lesson can we derive from this experiment?" he asked. Little Johnny raised his hand and wisely responded, "Drink whiskey and you won't get worms!"

Ah well, enjoy the rest of the Summer as best you can.

All good wishes

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## Growing Up In Feltwell in the 1950s & 60s

BY ROBERT WALDEN

### 6. Diversions

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1959 there was a partial eclipse of the sun. Mr Feltwell had explained all about it the day before and how to look at the sun safely. So, on the day, I took to school a rather jagged piece of old picture frame glass which I had edged for safety's sake with a bead of plasticine (mine – not the school's – and also my own idea) plus half a candle. Mr Feltwell was a steady smoker (not averse to asking one of us to pop out to Wright's shop for 10 Senior Service) and always carried a lighter. He soon blacked up the glass with candle soot by briskly moving the glass over the hot flame and we followed the progress of the eclipse through the lunch hour and afternoon play break and by early afternoon the sun was about a third covered. RAF boy Michael did approach me at one point and asked what I had put on the glass to make it black and he smeared his hand across it to ascertain for himself before I could tell him not to touch but the damage was not sufficient to stop us looking. Mr Feltwell even broke off from refereeing a football game at one point to check on progress one last time. And there were no cut fingers.

When the Thor rockets came to Feltwell in September 1958 the news made the front page of the national tabloids. RAF boy Richard insisted it was his father who featured in a much used shot although unfortunately he did not have his face to camera. The rockets were painted white, were 65ft tall and 8ft in diameter and apparently were designed to reach Moscow from UK launch sites at speeds of 10,000 mph. Feltwell had 3 although I think only one was ever standing vertically on display (i.e. in readiness) at any one time. There had been no warning they were on their way that I can recall and it just so happened that the convoy escorting the first one appeared on Lodge Road as we stood in a group one evening at Cross Hill around Lister's shop; a popular place for us 8- and 9-year-olds to hang out. As it was passing by towards Oak Street and the Wilton Rd, Jim recalls PC Gotts was on duty and gruffly tried to send us home with "Alright off you go home now – there's nothing to see

here, nothing to see here..."!! The low-loader carrying it had steering front and back and escorted by police motor cyclists, moved at little more than walking pace. It was probably draped in tarpaulins, perhaps with an RAF roundel, but the lasting memory it seems is of the lone "driver" of the rear wheels. Fascinating! Street lights then were single tungsten bulbs with shallow lampshades which hung and swung from single wires strung over the road and these had to be raised for the convoy's passage. The sight from the top of Wilton Rd of a tall, white rocket standing upright soon barely raised a second glance. Sometimes at night muffled warnings or instructions broadcast over loud speakers from the well-lit base could be heard even at Munson's Place.

In April 1961 Russia's Yuri Gargarin became the first man to enter outer space and a year later the USA's John Glenn orbited Earth 3 times. The "space race" was on. Telstar enabled US TV pictures to be seen live in Europe. President Khrushchev led the Soviet Union and the so called Cold War was at its height, as was the "Ban the Bomb" campaign. I think many adults who had only recently endured the horror and uncertainty of war, were quite relaxed and perhaps even reassured by the rockets' presence whereas a younger generation possibly felt the worry of a potential nuclear war to a far greater extent. Of the many protest songs spawned at this time, Tim Rose's *Come Away Melinda* probably best sums up for me, peoples' fears. If you are interested, search "Tim Rose Gareth Owen" on YouTube.

In early summer 1961 there was a major military exercise over two days and nights on the old Methwold aerodrome. I don't think it won much attention from the adult population but that aerodrome was quite a frequent haunt for us boys and word got round after the events of the first night. Our usual point of access to race along the old runways (or merely to cycle a shorter route into Methwold) was from the access road from Lodge Rd but that was blocked and guarded for this event and so on the second evening we assembled with our bikes at the far end of the Old Methwold Road where there was a decent gap in the hedge for us to cycle through and for much

of the evening we stayed close to it. Parachutists were dropped by (I think) Hercules & Dakotas in what was easily the biggest live display of such an event I have ever seen. I am fairly sure that besides many hundreds of personnel, there were Landrovers and Field Guns tumbling out of the planes too. (Perhaps somewhere records still exist?). As the men landed on the open, flat terrain they set off smoke flares in red, blue, yellow and green to which small groups congregated. We chatted briefly with some men who were lying close by with faces blackened and talking rapidly to each other while sparing a few words and smiles for us. One pulled out a giant, unstarted 2/6d (12.5p) bar of Cadbury's chocolate from his tunic and presented it to me. It was the sort of thing I only saw on birthdays but had become almost liquid from his body heat. I was overjoyed, not least because it was almost impossible to share!

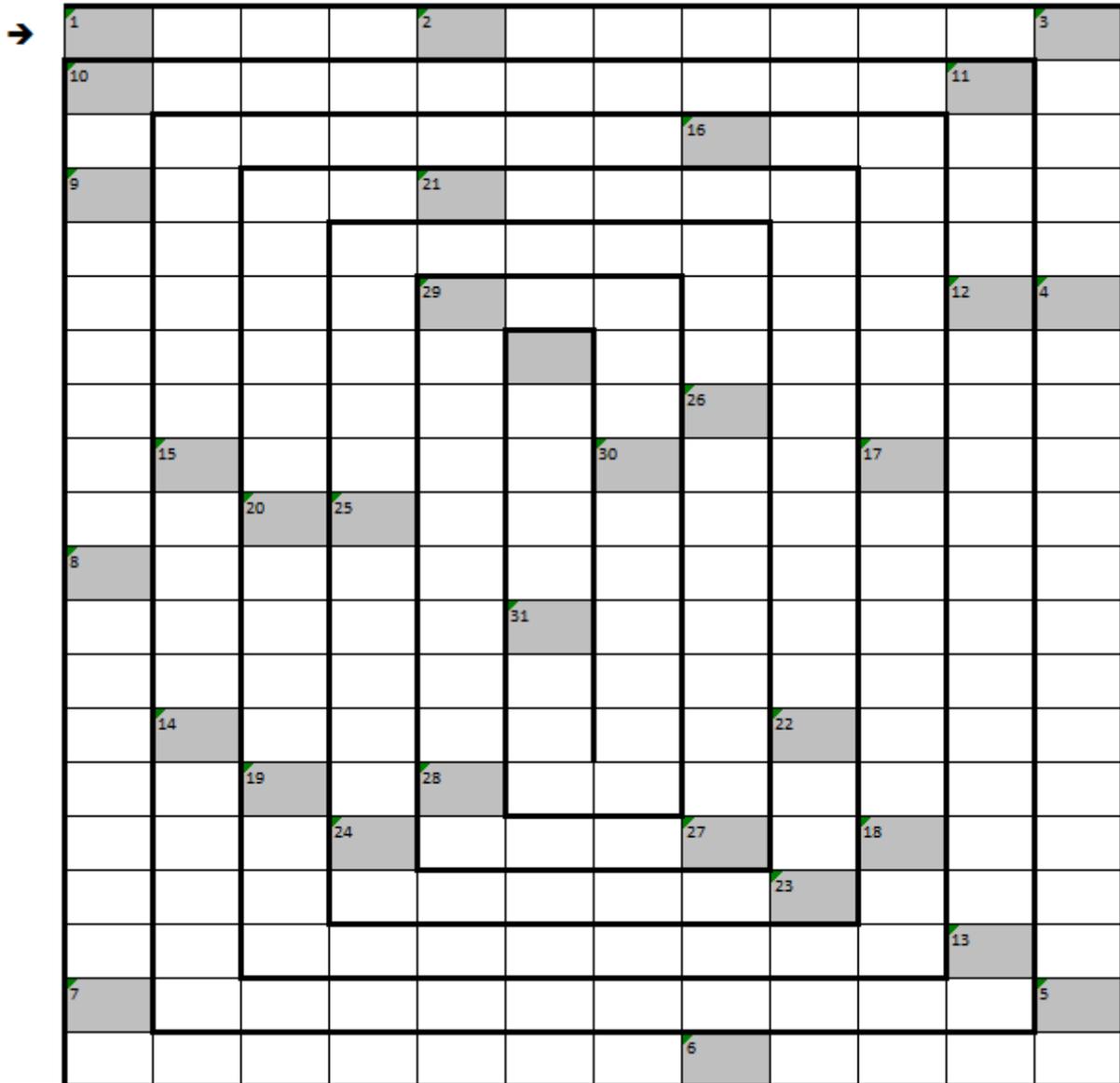
When the soldiers vacated our area, I retrieved a flare canister which had been thrown but had not gone off and after stowing it carefully in my saddle bag, half a dozen of us departed to the Old Beck Canal at the bottom of the garden at Cambridge House and which was quite dry then. Even after resorting to several hard, if ill-advised wallops with my father's hammer, we failed miserably to set the thing off, before dad appeared to find out what on earth was going on. He had been in the army and immediately recognised it and with not a little concern exclaimed: "But this is already primed and ready to go off!" I was ordered indoors and my friends went home to bed.

In next morning's assembly the headmaster ordered me to go to his office and to fetch "the object" that was on his desk. I carried the smoke bomb in one hand: "Be careful with that thing" he bellowed and holding it up before the entire school, said: "This is a live bomb and just one little knock could fill this entire hall with a thick, suffocating cloud of gas!" The school produced in unison, a long, stretched "ummmmmmm!" as I returned to my place and sat down cross-legged. William tapped my shoulder from behind and whispered: "that don't say much for your dad's hammer Robert."

## WORD TRAIL NO. 8

*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 Song: Michale Buble: Anyone to love: 'Another night, another .....' (5)
- 2 Small dry sticks used to start a fire (8)
- 3 Astrological sign for 'The Twins' (6)
- 4 Done at random or without careful judgement (14)

- 5 Comestible ( 10)
- 6 It does not shed its leaves in winter (9)
- 7 Country bordered by Honduras and Costa Rica (9)
- 8 American state that is bordered Oklahoma and Texas to one side (9)
- 9 Old U.S. TV show 'Third rock from the ...' (3)
- 10 What bird did not sing in Barclay Square (11)
- 11 To join up (5)
- 12 Weil's Disease is the acute and severe form of this disease (13)
- 13 Gene Kelly made this song famous in 1952 (7-2-3-4)
- 14 As young as sexually attractive lady (6)
- 15 Related to the Shelduck, this pale brown and grey bird has distinctive dark brown eye patches (8-5)
- 16 Muslim - 'Feast of Sacrifice' (3-2-4)
- 17 Legendary heroes who sailed with Jason (8)
- 18 Experiment 'til you find an answer (5-3-5)
- 19 Strong and unlikely to break or fail (6)
- 20 Come about, happen (9)
- 21 A king in 1016 also known as Ironside (6-3-6)
- 22 Excavates (4)
- 23 Saunters (7)
- 24 Marine fowl (7)
- 25 Crane fly (coll) (5-4-4)
- 26 Blasphemous behaviour (9)
- 27 Beginning of an era in history (5)
- 28 A dish of many mixed ingredients (10)
- 29 Egyptian goddess linked with the sky, sun, sexuality and motherhood (6)
- 30 A long sliding creature that can make a noise with its tail ( 11)
- 31 A yellow secretion also known as Cerumen (6)

*This month's Word Trail solution can be found on page 62.*

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## REPORTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE

Each season brings its own challenges with regards to the types of crimes we see and summer is no different. We have already seen reports of criminal damage most can be described as 'low level' but all involve a victim. Recent damage has included to churches, farm equipment, allotments, community centres, heritage sites, play parks and also around our waterways.

If you see anyone causing damage or anything that looks suspicious, please get in touch with us. If a crime is in progress, always call 999.

We have also seen the continued trend of power tools being stolen from sheds and insecure gardens, so please consider where you're leaving your tools: is it secure enough? Also, consider marking your equipment and making it obvious you have marked it as this makes it less attractive to thieves and easier to identify as stolen later down the line. Also keep a note of all serial numbers as these can be really important.

## WILDLIFE MATTERS

I'm pleased to report that we haven't seen any major wildlife type issues reported to police this month. As the crops start to be cut and we move towards September, we will likely see an increase in hare coursing/deer poaching. Our approach remains the same: please make sure you report all incidents via 999 as they happen please.

Myself and PC Alex Lovelock, the West Rural Beat Manager, attended the national Hare Coursing Conference hosted by Lincolnshire Constabulary. It was a great opportunity to share best practice from other forces and look at the very best ways of tackling this sort of criminality that has a huge impact on our rural communities. With 24 forces signed up to work together alongside the National Wildlife Crime Unit (NWCU) in tackling hare coursing, we are taking positive step forward and have never seen such collaboration. We were also joined by DEFRA and RSPCA at the conference, and we will attend another meeting with our seven neighbouring forces in the middle of August to discuss a singular joined-up approach to continuing to crack down on this sort of activity and the harm it causes.

In a previous newsletter we mentioned the story of the seal which was rescued and taken to the RSPCA East Winch with a 7cm infected wound around its neck due to a plastic ring. It was a real reminder to take our rubbish home and not leave it to cause serious harm. There were real concerns at the time about whether the seal would make a recovery or not – I'm pleased to tell you she has since recovered and has been released back into the wild after so much expert care.

## **APPLE SNAILS—BACK IN THE AQUARIUM TRADE**

This topic comes up every now and again and recently I was asked about 'Apple Snails' sometimes known as Mystery Snails or by their scientific name *Pomacea*. Anyone that knows me will know I have a large collection of aquariums and I am a very keen hobbyist. Invasive species can cause issues to our native species and cause real harm, so it is appropriate they are legislated correctly. With any pet/animal keeping, we all have a responsibility to not only provide high welfare standards for our pets but also not to release any of these animals into our wildlife intentionally or unintentionally. Please do not flush fish, etc, down toilets as this is not only incredibly cruel but also these fish should not be in our waterways.

Going back to the Mystery Snails, they were previously considered

an invasive species under EU law after after an incident in Spain in 2012 when they got out of hand in the wild and destroyed native wildlife. Due to the lower temperatures seen in the UK and because they would struggle to survive in our native waters, DEFRA has decided to remove them from the list of regulated pests. Therefore, it is likely in the coming months that we will see them returning to our pet shops/online trade fully legally. These snails should not be released into our waterways and should be kept to aquariums. It is also worth noting that it remains illegal to sell them into Northern Ireland due to them being covered by EU laws in regard to invasive species.

## WHAT HAPPENED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IN AUGUST

thought it would be good idea to start a new feature within the newsletter to give everyone from all walks of life an idea what is happening in the countryside and on our farms.

So many farmers will, at this time of year, be working very long hours to bring in the ripening crops in our fields. They will by now have brought in most of the winter barley (weather dependant) which was planted last autumn. The highest quality will go for malting to produce beer and other spirits with the remainder going for animal feed. The straw will often be baled up and stored for livestock bedding. Barley straw is often preferred to wheat straw as it is softer.

Once the first barley has been brought in, the farmers will move on to the oil seed rape crop which was the fields of yellow we saw over the later spring months. The tiny black seeds from this crop are collected and the oil processed from these seeds will be used in a whole variety of things, the straw/stalks of this crop are generally chopped by a combine harvester and cultivated back into the field to provide nutrients for the next crop. You will occasionally see it baled up and this is used to burn in electricity stations. This will then naturally progress into the spring barley and wheat crops as the month progresses as the weather continues.

On livestock farms, the later summer months often provide a quieter time, with most sheep having been sheared and all animals

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generally out on pastures or turned out on to the marshes. By law, livestock must be checked daily wherever they are kept and no doubt there will always be the ones that will need extra care and attention... so it's never a day off for a livestock farmer. Many farms nowadays are not solely livestock and many will be working hard on the harvest too.

Looking to wildlife, the Swifts' brief summer visit came to an end as the month of August began. They are only in the UK for a very brief period to breed before they return to the warmer climate of Africa. Towards the end of the month, the Swallows and House Martins will be following. Some of our native species like the Woodpigeon, Blackbirds, Sparrows and some other commonly seen birds will be attempting to rear possibly their second or even third clutch of chicks. While food is generally plentiful at this time of year, providing a water bath/table for birds is a great thing to do in your garden and quietly watch as they play and bathe and drink the water. Also, if you're lucky enough to see a Robin this time of year, the red breast they are famed for should be much brighter now as they have moulted.

Elsewhere the wild berries in the hedgerows start to ripen which again provides another rich source of food for our wildlife, including badgers and other small mammals alongside birds. The sunnier days also provide perfect conditions for our dragonflies to be around ponds and rivers. Also, with flowers still in full bloom the bees will be busy collecting the pollen to turn into the honey, such an amazing tiny creature. Whilst it's never too late to place a flower in your garden this year what about planning for next year? Could you turn a small part of your garden over into a wild flower mix which is bee-friendly? Bee populations remain under serious threat and there have been many campaigns recently encouraging us to all do our small bit...now is the time to start thinking what you can do next year. It's never too late to get involved in this national conservation project and make a real difference, no matter how small.



# Feltwellians Around The World



## Phil Hunnisett

Phil first contacted me back in 2011 about researching James Dunne, his wife's great uncle and a 464 squadron Wireless Operator who died when his plane was hit by flak and fell into the Channel. He contacted me again recently to tell me that he had found copies of some of the photographs in the RAF Feltwell section of the village website on the new(?) [International Bomber Command Centre Digital Archive](#) which is based at the University of Lincoln.

I immediately browsed to the Archive (registration not required, thankfully) and typed Feltwell into the search box. To say that I was

surprised to see over 120 hits returned is an understatement. I haven't viewed them all but was struck by the number of items that relate directly to some of the photographs in the village website's RAF Feltwell section. The highlight of my first cursory exploration of the Archive was finding a 20-minute recording of an interview with **Mrs Francis Elizabeth Secker** from August 2017 about her memories of RAF Feltwell during WW2. Absolutely fascinating. This is a site I will definitely be revisiting.



James Dunne

## 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.

### FLAG—FELTWEEL LOCAL ACTION GROUP

This group has never really stopped since its inception in March 2020. Members have changed and some of the needs have changed in the village. We still have a food help scheme based at St Mary's Church.

I have a group of six volunteers who have offered to shop for people in the village or collect prescriptions.

One of the most common difficulties in this modern world is communication. Many people have internet and social media, but by quirk of fate, the people who most need help do not have computers, mobile phones, internet or social media. Hopefully they will read this magazine but if you have a neighbour who is lonely, shielding, isolating, has no transport, or is unable to shop for some other reason, please ask if they need help. If you cannot help them please ask them to contact me and I will activate the shopping/help team.

I can be contacted on mobile 07712578721 or by email [mikegw15@gmail.com](mailto:mikegw15@gmail.com)

Mike Wilkinson

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In April 2020 I had to cancel F3 owing to the pandemic but, I'm pleased to announce that on **Monday 6th September WE ARE BACK**. During lockdown the Wellington installed a new sound system and it sounds brilliant. A full list of films for September can be found elsewhere in this issue starting with ***The Last King of Scotland***, Cert:15, featuring a powerhouse performance by Forest Whitaker. The sound is great, the screen is big, **ALL** screenings are **FREE** and take place on Monday evenings at 7pm in the restaurant. See you at the Welly!

## FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB

When you read this the outdoor bowls season will be all but over, but what lovely evenings we have had and those who did not join us do not know what they have missed.

We have had Graham Jordans bowls and equipment donated to the club which was very welcome and thanks goes to the family for giving them.

As reported in the last issue we have had 3 friendly games, one away to Southery which we lost by 8 shots, one home game with Southery which we won by ten shots, and one game with Weeting unfortunately rained off, the only second wet evening this season.

We have a further 3 or 4 friendlies arranged with Littleport and Hockwold. I will give the results in the next issue.

The work party has been very busy trimming the banks and staining the fence, thanks to John, Neil, Maderlin and Peter.

The indoor bowling season appears to be on track to commence in September, have had a notification requesting if we wish to be a returning member and if entering a team.

If I have managed to interest you why not consider joining us next year, we will look forward to seeing you.

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## BACK TO SCHOOL LOGISTICAL

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Maths	Science	PE	English	History	Art	Geography	Music
Adam												
Leanne												
Bailey												
Matilda												
History												
Art												
Geography												
Music												
Maths												
Science												
PE												
English												

This Logistical puzzle  
was designed by  
Chris at the  
Wellington.

Can you match the high school students to their school year and the subjects they studied on their first day back.

1. Leanne, Bailey, the student who had History and the student who had Geography are all different people.
2. Leanne is 3 years older than Matilda.
3. The Year 9 and 10 pupils didn't study Science, History or Geography.
4. The Music student, who is older than Bailey, also studied English.
5. Adam enjoyed his History lesson. He didn't enjoy PE.

*Answer on page 52*



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## ***FELTWELL METHODIST CHURCH***

### **Sunday morning fellowship 11 am**

We welcome anyone and everyone to share our moments of peace in this hectic world. Families can sit together, and other visitors have safely distanced seating. We will continue to wear masks and after a short time of devotions we have a chat & refreshments.

**NEXT ELEVENZES – 1 September** and may continue on **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10am**, Masks will still be worn. Hopefully the weather will be warm and dry enough for us to sit outside on the grass.

**Covid is still with us so we will continue to be cautious. Please remember your mask and sanitise your hands in case we have to serve inside.** When you come in follow the arrows and sit down and you will be waited on.

Did **you** come to our monthly coffee mornings way back at the ‘turn of the century’? Then you may know these people.



However, Jill Dennis, one of our group has passed away after several months in poor health. We remember her with affection and keep husband Geoff in our prayers.

## **CRAFT GROUP MEETS .....**

**MONDAY 6 September at 2pm every week.**

A new era of craft beckons with new members, new ideas and new challenges. *No longer knit & natter*, so what can you share with us?

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN – WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**

We are pleased to share with you all the installation of a 50,000,000 year old slate bench and table to celebrate the life and work and contribution Peter & Sybil Cooper have made to the life of this chapel and the village.

Come and take a stroll around our garden, starting with the **‘Meadow Snake Path’** and finish with a sit down on our new (old) bench. *How many different grasses and wild flowers can you see?* We have meadow to tend, weeding to do to help the runner beans, lettuce, spring onions and more, oh, and we’ve picked some lovely beetroot. Someone’s had the raspberries. This harvest will help local people who want fresh, organic fruit and veg on their meal tables. And you may have noticed we are starting to clear out the years of Ivy growth.

## **THE CRUNCH!!!**

- 1 We could really do with some help with all this, especially if we’re going to be part of “Anglia in Bloom” in 2022.
- 2 We invite you to break your loneliness and join us for a chat, sharing knowledge, and a bit of light exercise and a cuppa. A bit of weeding, pruning, dead-heading or hoeing, whatever you feel comfortable doing.
- 3 Something that would really help would be some willing daily waterers. The rain has been very welcome but with the weather very warm (hopefully) our flowers and vegetables and especially our pots feel the heat too and are often **gasping for water!**

- 3 So if you are passing and can spare 5 minutes, please pick up a watering can from our water butts and save a life!  
Thank you.

**We will be there on Wednesday mornings from 10am  
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We can be contacted on facebook or mobile 07712578721 or by email [mikegw15@gmail.com](mailto:mikegw15@gmail.com) Mike & Brigette Wilkinson

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## YESTERDAY'S MEMORIES

It was in 1922 , when I was 14 years old, that I went to work for Barley Page Porter. I had just left school and asked him if I could be of any assistance. The shop was in the building which is now the Wine Lodge (*The Wellington*). He took me on at 4/- (shillings) a week: the hours were 8-7 p.m., 1 o'clock on Wednesdays, 10pm on Saturdays, after which I'd go to dance! You can't imagine it these days, can you? He also owned several cottages, and kept the one next door, which is now the pet shop, as a store, mainly for flour and animal feeds. We sold everything from a pin to an elephant, or so it seemed. There were five more storerooms upstairs, full of tea kettles, saucepans, chamber pots, everything you could possibly need. We sold shoes, trousers, jackets, and he measured for suits. There were only two real shops in the village, Barley Porter's and Broadwater's (*Londis*). There was nothing pre-packed then, and we spent a whole day a week weighing and packing tea, flour, rice, butter, margarine, everything. There was quite a large staff, about seven of us in all. There were two women on the drapery and millinery counter; they actually made all the hats that were sold, and everyone wore hats, especially to church. The window had to be dressed every two weeks, you filled it up to display the stock, it was an advertisement really. There were two roundsmen with hawkers' licences, who could sell off the van as well as deliver and take orders. You can imagine what the farmers' butter looked like when it had started off at 10 in the morning and had been on the van till 6 at night! The days the roundsmen didn't go out they served in the shop.

Mr Hugh Vincent (June 1993)

### BACK TO SCHOOL LOGISTICAL SOLUTION

Adam	Year 8	PE	History
Leanne	Year 10	English	Music
Bailey	Year 9	Maths	Art
Matilda	Year 7	Science	Geography

## FELTWELL'S WW1 WAR HEROES No.35

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

This month's War Hero is:

### Abbreviations used.

CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves Commission

SDGW – Soldiers Died in the Great War

IRC – International Red Cross

MIC – Medal Index Card

### **F.W. UPCRAFT, QUEENS ROYAL W.S.**

There is a family headstone in the churchyard of St. Nicholas, Feltwell, with the following inscription.

In loving memory of  
CHARLOTTE ANN the beloved  
wife of LEVI UPCRAFT  
who died 30th Nov, 1930(?)  
Aged 67 years

Also their son,  
FREDERICK WALTER, Killed in  
Action in France, 3rd Sept.  
1916. Aged 25 years.

Also of LEVI, her beloved  
husband. Died 1st July 1938  
Aged 75 years.



On the Feltwell War Memorial  
he is recorded as *F.W. Upcraft, Queens Royal W.S.*

On the Church Roll of Honour in St Mary he is also recorded as F.W.  
Upcraft.

Private UPCRAFT, FREDERICK WALTER  
Service Number: G/9151



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Died: 04/09/1916  
Aged: 25  
Unit: "A" Coy. 2nd Bn.

The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment)

Son of Mr. L. and Mrs. C. A. Upcraft, of Oak St., Feltwell, Norfolk.

Commemorated at CWGC THIEPVAL MEMORIAL

SDGW records that Private Frederick Walter **Upcraft** was Killed in Action on the 4th September 1916 whilst serving in France & Flanders with the 2nd Battalion Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment). He was born and resident Feltwell, Norfolk, and enlisted Norwich.

(Note date discrepancy on CWGC and SDGW from that shown on the headstone).

The Medal Index Card for Private G/9151 Frederick W. Upcraft, The Queen's Regiment, is held at the National Archive under reference WO 372/20/127558

He qualified for the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. The related Medal Roll shows in only serving with the 2nd Battalion Royal West Surreys.

The Government Probate Service holds a Soldiers Will for 9151 Frederick Walter Upcraft who died on the 4th September 1916.

The Army Register of Soldiers Effects records that Frederick was killed in action on the 4th September 1916. The balance of his pay was sent to his sole legatee, his mother Charlotte A., in January 1917. His War Gratuity was also subsequently sent to Charlotte in August 1919.

### **1890/91 – Birth and baptism**

The birth of a Frederick Walter Upcraft was registered with the Civil Authorities in the Thetford District in the January to March quarter, (Q1), of 1891. The, as now, you had 42 days after the event to register the birth with the Civil Authorities without facing prosecution and a fine. A child registered at the start of January

could therefore have been born as early as the middle of the preceding November.

The baptism of a Frederick Walter Upcraft, no date of birth recorded, took place in the Parish of St Mary and St Nicholas, Feltwell on the 25th February 1891. His parents were Levi, a Shoemaker, and Charlotte. The family live in the parish.

The most likely marriage of his parents took place in the Mildenhall District of Suffolk in the October to December quarter, (Q4) of 1889. This was when a Levi Upcraft married a Charlotte Ann Fyson

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

The 3-month-old 'Fredrick' W. Upcraft, born Feltwell, was recorded living in a dwelling at Feltwell. This was the household of his parents, Levi, (aged 28, a Shoemaker, born Feltwell) and Charlotte A, (aged 28 born Cavenham, Suffolk). There is only the three of them in the household.

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

The Upcraft family were now recorded living on Oak Street, Feltwell. Along with father Levi, (38, Shoemaker & Postman) and mother Charlotte Ann, (38) are children **Frederick Walter, (10)**, Arthur Charles, (9) and Florence Lucy, (3) – all born Feltwell.

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

The Upcraft family were still living on Oak Street. Parents Levi, (48, Shoemaker) and Charlotte Ann, (48), have been married for 21 years and have had 4 children, of which 3 were then still alive, Still single and living with them are '**Fredrick' Walter, (20), a Farm Labourer, ,** Arthur Charles, (17, Shoemaker) and Florence Lucy, (13).

Until September 1911 the quarterly index published by the General Registrars Office did not show information about the mothers' maiden name. A check of the General Registrars Office Index of Birth for England and Wales 1911 – 1983 shows no likely additional children of Levi and Charlotte.

## **On the day**

From the edition of the EDP dated September 21 1916.

*Mr. and Mrs. L. Upcraft, of Feltwell, received on Tuesday official notification that their son, Private Frederick Walter Upcraft, Royal West Kent Regt., was killed in action on September 4th.*

## **Note Unit discrepancy**

At first glance the Battalion War Diary for the 2nd Battalion, The Queens Own (Royal West Surreys), holds no likely explanation for Fredericks' death or that he was even serving with them. These are entries for the day of his death and the day before.

*3rd September 1916*

*3.40 a.m. 1st R.W. Fus. had taken over the line; although one Coy 2nd Qns, ("C") remains in the line until 8.30 a.m. owing to a mistake in not being informed when the relieving Regt. were in position.*

*Off. 25. O.R. 724. 2 Lieut. J. INNES.*

*Bn. moved to F.20.a via MONTAUBAN & went into camp here =*

*4th September 1916.*

*Bn. resting all day. Off.25 O.R.725. Rejoined 1.*

The daily counts would seem to indicate that it's unlikely a casualty would slip through. That leads to another possibility – the 2nd Battalion appear to have been in action on the 30th September during which time they suffered

Officers – 1 Killed, 4 Wounded, 1 Missing

Other Ranks – 28 Killed, 74 Wounded, 11 Missing

They were relieved from the front line and went into a rest area on the 3rd. The 4th was the first day a proper count could have been taken rather than a tally of various returns. Frederick could then have been recorded as Missing at that point and subsequently that date has become his official date of death.

Note – this is (informed) speculation and there could be many other explanations.

# **Warren Energy Community Fund 2021**

## **Our Ambitions**

The Warren Energy Community Fund has been created to support local projects and groups local to the biogas facility.

We aim to be a positive force in the local community providing economic, social and environmental benefits to the local community in which we operate.

We also aim to work closely with local residents and stakeholders to ensure that local community benefits are seen directly as a result of our support.

## **Our Support**

Each year the fund will be open to applications for financial support from eligible organisations within a chosen radius of the biogas facility. A fund of £5,000 per annum will be available for selected projects/organisations who meet the funding requirements. This community fund will be available every year over the operational life of the plant, with new projects and groups being selected each year.

## **Key Questions**

### ***What is the area of benefit?***

Any project/organisation within the locality of the site. (*The site is at Methwold—Ed*)

### ***Who can apply?***

Locally led and run community organisations or projects

Local schools and colleges

Locally led and run charities

### ***How to apply***

Via application form available from the Parish Clerk and return by email to [community.funds@futurebiogas.com](mailto:community.funds@futurebiogas.com) or by post to Warren Energy Community Fund, 10-12 Frederick Sanger Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 7YD

## PING, PING, YOU'RE DEAD!

First there was the Black Death in 1346, and later the Spanish Flu in 1918, followed by the Asian Flu epidemic in 1957. And now we are trying to cope with yet another epidemic with its origins in the the Far East. Covid-19 has only been with us for two years, but it seems a life-time as each nation does its best to try and control its devastating effect on our lives.

Scientists across the World have done wonders by producing serums in double-quick time, despite the consternation of the doubters creating mis-trust in our minds about the reliability of the chemical concoction that is saving so many lives.

In 1346, and again in 1918, there were no such wonder drugs as those we have protecting us now. There was no choice but to lie down and hope that the end would come quickly, and put an end to the suffering.

Even in 1957, the Asian Flu virus was so virulent, that the drugs available at the time did little to stem its devastating effects, and many thousands fell victim to its progress across the World.

And now, as we are beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel, we are becoming victim to yet another virus, only this one is electronic in origin. We can't blame the Chinese for this one! Not unless they are the ones who wrote the programme that is having almost as much effect on us as Covid-19, that is!

I am talking, of course, about Ping!, the latest scourge to hit the digital world around us! I have to admit that I am a technophobe, and am usually of the opinion that 'what you don't know (about) can't hurt you', but this is a different kettle of fish all together, and no mistake! I haven't got a clue how this thing works, and it has all got to be down to technological wizardry, but what I do know is that it is having a devastating effect on every aspect of our lives. It is crippling industry in all its forms. Transport is reaching a point of stagnation from lack of drivers. The health service is now manned by staff running on empty, and food is rotting in the fields for lack of pickers. Our supermarkets are starting to feel the pinch of denuded shelves, and I could go on.

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All because your smart mobile phone tells you that you have been close to someone who has tested positive for Covid. Of course we need to know, but not so indiscriminately, surely? For instance- If I tested positive, (heaven forbid) and then walked through a football stadium packed with thousands of fans, is the system going to 'Ping' every one of them, whether they were double-vaccinated or not, sending them all home for ten days? The media tells us that over a million people were 'Pinged' recently. That's a million less pairs of hands at work, keeping the wheels turning, is it not?

Having an empty beans tin sitting on your work-top, telling you it's time for your afternoon nap is one thing, but having your phone telling you to jack it in, and put your feet up for ten days is not on. As they would say in Yorkshire, "Which barmpot thought this one up?"

And folks wonder why I haven't got a smart phone?

Frederick James. July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021



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## September Event at RSPB Lakenheath

**Sunday 19 September:**

### **The History of Lakenheath Fen (10:00 to 12:00)**

£6 for RSPB members; £10 for non-RSPB members (reserve entry is included in the price).

This is a new event for us and one we hope will take in the fascinating history of the reserve, from when the RSPB bought the land in 1995, to the Bryant & May poplar plantations before, right back in time to the last Ice Age. It will cover the use of the Fens over time by local people and will focus on the evidence that is still here today for all to see which illustrates the past.

**For all of our events, booking is required. Booking and more information on all events can be found by visiting [rspb.org.uk/lakenheathfen](https://rspb.org.uk/lakenheathfen) and clicking on 'activities and events'. If you don't have internet access, please phone the Visitor Centre to purchase tickets on 01842 863400.**

## WORD TRAIL NO. 8—SOLUTION

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### A Message from the Editors

Readers are reminded 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 (pdf) format for easy viewing. What you may not have realised is that most of the links in the online version are active and, of course, it is in colour.

I thought I'd write a little more  
As a villager said he was sore  
And how he missed my lines of tripe  
So I said again I'd write  
But where do I start this silly game  
There's little that I can name  
That has not been tried by me  
Now at Ninety two it's hard you see  
So I had to think a little bit  
For more than an hour I had to sit  
Before something came to mind  
Which may be worth the time I find  
When I was young and still at school  
Something happened I thought was cool  
I visited my school friends home  
As each others houses we did roam  
His sister at her piano sat  
And on the keys played a cat  
Which followed her hands as she played  
I think we all were amazed  
We'd never heard of footnotes then  
So this was the time just when  
This cat played on the keys  
And seemed to like the noise to please  
Musical footnotes I thought was great  
And to visit at that time was fate  
A new experience then I found  
And through the years still hear that sound  
I hope I've covered all the need  
And others interest to feed  
A story from my early days  
The footnotes when that cat played.

Harry Gill



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# **RSPB Lakenheath Fen**

## **THE LATEST NEWS FROM RSPB LAKENHEATH FEN**

Late summer is a lovely time of year here as there is such a range of wildlife for visitors to see at the moment- some of our key bird species like bitterns, marsh harriers and cranes are quite visible, and there's also plenty of beautiful and impressive insects on the wing too. Painted lady butterflies are quite a common sight now- numbers do vary each summer as they are migratory- and their close relatives- red admirals- are having a good year too. We have a huge range of dragonflies about with the big brown hawkers possibly the commonest. Brown hawkers patrol almost anywhere, looking for smaller insects to catch and eat in flight. They are obvious by their brown wings and large size. Emperor dragonflies are common too but stay closer to water and often hunt directly over it. The females of this species are a vivid emerald-green and black, and the males have a bit of blue thrown in as well.

Our bird feeders also have a lot of young birds visiting- they seem to appreciate the helping hand of extra food during a time when they are working out how to survive alone. There's lots of blue tits and great tits which have much paler plumage than the adults, and goldfinches which have plain beige heads instead of the blood-red facial markings of the adults. In the autumn all these youngsters will moult and get their first set of adult feathers. On our Visitor Centre pond and at Mere Hide we have had several sightings of young kingfishers - you can tell them apart from the adults by their white tips to their bill - otherwise, they look just the same. Kingfishers only receive about three days parental care when they leave the nest, so it is a very steep learning curve they go through when learning to hunt for fish. We often see them diving with little



A young kingfisher.

Photo by Alan & Janet Loy, taken on 4<sup>th</sup> August.

success when they are young!

Our barn owls had a bit of a rough start to the year with jackdaws taking over the nest box in the Spring, as they often do, and barn owls are not very good at standing up for themselves against other birds that are keen to use the box.

However, jackdaws only have one brood, so by the end of June

they had finished and the 'barnies' have moved in and have chicks of their own, at last. Barn owls thankfully can breed all summer so we knew that not all was lost. Our local bird ringer, Simon Evans, has the appropriate licence to go near the nest and check on them, so helpfully keeps us updated on their progress. Tawny owls, on the other hand, tend to stick to just one brood and breed very early - we were lucky enough to see two young tawnies leaving their nest in May in Trial Wood - they were spotted perched up near their nest for a couple of days.

As covered in last month's article, we have had three pairs of cranes with us this summer, two of which have a chick each, which we are very pleased about. We have had five confirmed bittern nests, following a record high of 11 booming males earlier in Spring. The next few weeks are a fantastic time to visit us, as this time of year can be really interesting as you watch young birds and mammals grow up and try to find a life independent of their parents. If you have any questions, as always we will be happy to help, please call us on 01842 863400 or e-mail us at [lakenheath@rspb.org.uk](mailto:lakenheath@rspb.org.uk).

Hope to see you soon!

Heidi Jones (Visitor Experience Officer.)

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE NO. 24

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.



**Above:** The General Store, Commerce House, belonged to Mr Grimmer. After him Mr Howlett bought it and in 1935 it was rethatched. Unfortunately it caught fire and burnt down. The fire engine was kept nearby at Manor Farm. Note the Elm Tree in the background and the gate to the Pound.

**Below:** The shop and Elm Tree have gone, windows raised in the house.



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Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Eucharist	9.15 am 11 am	Weeting Feltwell
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Eucharist	9.15am 11am	<u>Northwold</u> Hockwold
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Harvest Festival	10 am 6 pm	Hockwold Weeting
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival	6pm	Feltwell

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Due to the continuing uncertainty of the Covid situation we will  
still ask for masks to be worn in church and for hand sanitising  
to continue. We hope you understand that this is in an attempt  
to continue to keep everyone safe.

## Hospital Happenings *by Tony Bennett*



*Monthly Ramblings about West  
Suffolk Hospital*

**News: September 2021**

There is no dramatic news to report at present. The hospital remains fairly quiet due to the policy of keeping social distancing in place. This means clinics and outpatient departments have restricted numbers in order to maintain the distancing required.

Referrals to departments like ours in nuclear medicine are down, while A&E attendances are up, possibly due to the difficulties in seeing a GP. As a result of the reduced referrals, our waiting list is very short, most of the patients referred to us are serious cases although we are gradually re-introducing the less serious scans.

### **Patient Portal:**

I have mentioned the portal before but as it develops it becomes ever more useful. You can now change or cancel appointments online and receive appointment letters in the same way. Text reminders for appointments are also available.

For those who prefer paper letters, these will come out as usual unless you stop them. For full details have a look here: <https://www.wsh.nhs.uk/Portal/Portal.aspx>

### **New Hospital:**

After the initial excitement things have gone a little quiet but work is proceeding at a rapid pace behind the scenes. Decisions have to be made to ensure the services required for the next 30 years will be in place and planning permission will need to be applied for. That is not just a rubber stamp exercise, the council could refuse permission or grant only part of the application or put conditions on the application. The needs of local residents will need to be

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considered as well as the thorny problem of access by road as there are already giant traffic jams on a regular basis.

**Case of the Month:**

This month we have problem cases. For some reason our supplier is unable to let us have the radiopharmaceutical that we use to study the function of the gall bladder. Another compound is being validated at the moment but it does not have a drug licence as yet. It is legal for doctors (in this case our licence holder) to prescribe drugs off-licence, but there is a greater responsibility to ensure that the drug is safe, effective and unlikely to react with other medications. Fortunately, we have the faculties and experience of the radiopharmacy at Addenbrookes who will do all the work for us. The result is that we have a long waiting list for the gall bladder scan called a HIDA. If you are waiting for one of those, bear with us, as soon as the drug is available we will have a big HIDA session and clear the backlog.



Due to having a new refit we are not currently open for walk ins but we do have food including frozen items, toiletry, pet food, and baby food which we can package up for anybody that is in need.

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## WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search is on **ROYAL NAVY SHIP NAMES**. Find the words from the list. They run vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backwards and forwards but always in a straight line. *The solution is on page 75.*

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 TRUMPETER  
 UNICORN  
 VICTORIOUS



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## NEWS FROM THE LEGION

Wow what an 18 months this has been, social distancing, face masks and lock downs etc. Let hope that it is all now behind us and we can get back to some sort of normality.

Like a majority we at the legion have not been able to do anything except stay in touch via the telephone, zoom and teams. Well now we have been told that we can open up our buildings (in a safe way of course) and as stated in the last news we have started coffee mornings and carpet bowls and starting in September 6th the crib will be starting up again (19.30) 7.30 pm.

The first coffee morning run by Mary. There were 12 people in attendance; the next one will be on the 8th Sept @ 10.30. This will then happen on the second Tue of the month. The carpet bowls also attracted 12 people and looking at the number of cheese hits it may take a little while to get their eye back in. I would like to

*Continued on page 79*

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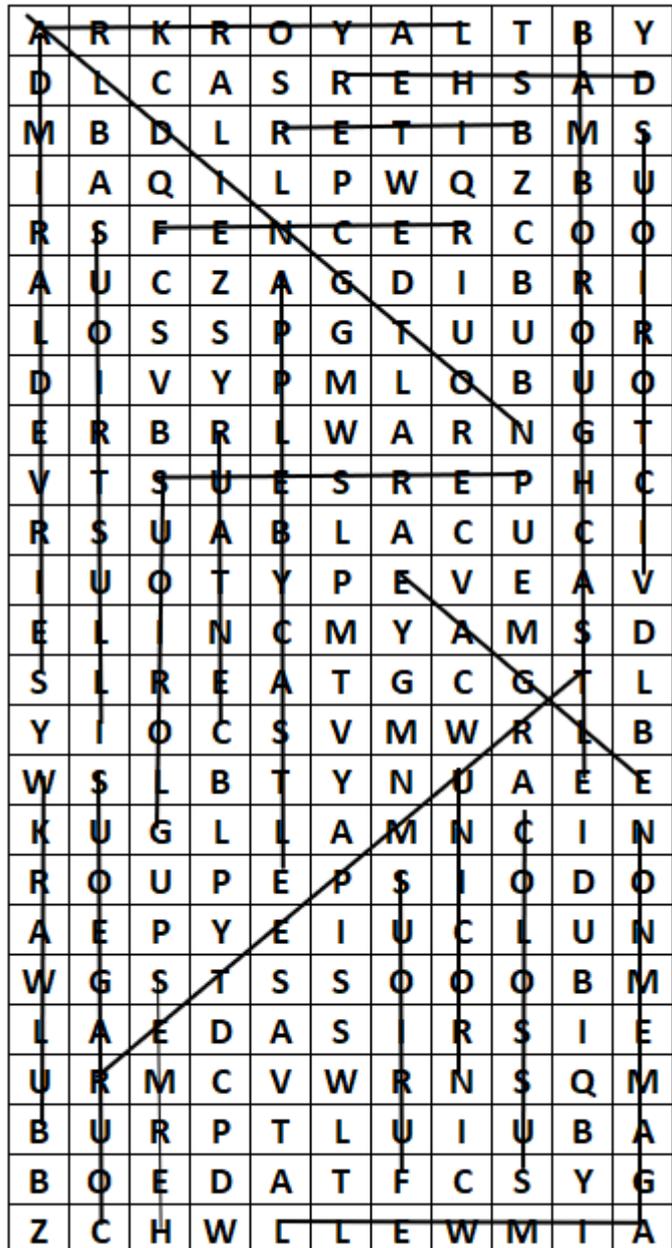
### Word Search Answer

*Submitted by Mrs J.  
Clements*

Next month's Word Search will feature **IN THE KITCHEN**

### Home Learning Tips

- Use the internet to find out which ship is the oldest?
- Research where each ship was built.
- What role does each ship perform?
- What is each ones complement?



## TWINKLE ,TWINKLE LITTLE STAR

It does appear that some early childhood experiences remain dormant in the subconscious, until - as it were - are set alight by current events. For example: the feeling of contentment after a substantial meal, or the feeling of well-being on securing a job, a smile on your face after good news from the doctor, and the warm psychological effect on meeting a partner. In their turn, all have the ability to bring inner joy and peace.

Which surprisingly brings me to the road system prevalent today in Feltwell. Three routes and the High Street, form the grid system of the village, namely Lodge Road, Wilton Road and the B road to Methwold Hythe.

My opinion is they all have the potential - if not already noted to demand full attention when at the wheel! Lodge Road, contrary to some, is not a motorway, yet speed is of the essence here, accelerators to the floor! The road to Methwold Hythe is often thought of as a one-way street, swerving to avoid collisions is par for the course, blaring horns, flashing lights and a peculiar two fingered salutation are in evidence!

Feltwell High Street is a kind of obstacle course not unlike the antics of the jolly chaps shouting and making whoopee in the old sitcom Dukes of Hazzard. Vehicles galore parked here in overwhelming numbers, and crossing the road is tantamount to dicing with the Almighty. It is advisable to cross as a group, with nominated people to ensure all round observation - at all times!

But I believe a solution is at hand (if we relate to the presumption that inner contentment allows one to think back in time and actually start anew!) And why not?

When stressed therefore why not skip back in time (mentally) to childhood, and actually recall those latent happy moments when life was simpler and thereby, face the tension of modern lives with a new belief and a new opinion of oneself?

There is no need to feel foolish about this, rather, just recall with a smile, the things you enjoyed and, in particular, the joy of music and especially childhood rhymes. It is, you will discover, impossible to harbour ill will when the mind is absorbed and occupied in blissful feelings.

With this idea in place, use music as the appropriate avenue to accommodate your benevolent thoughts and in particular, the many scary incidents you encounter on roads and streets.

Nursery rhymes and songs are excellent in this endeavour and here, I list a few - but there are countless others:

- ◆ What's the time Mr Wolf?
- ◆ In a cottage in a wood
- ◆ Baa baa black sheep
- ◆ If you're happy and you know it
- ◆ Hickory dickery dock
- ◆ 5 little ducks that I once knew
- ◆ Bingo
- ◆ Michael Finnegan
- ◆ The runaway train
- ◆ Miss Polly had a Dolly
- ◆ Polly put the kettle on
- ◆ The wheels on the bus
- ◆ Never smile at a crocodile etc, etc

So, to recap, the next time you feel angry or breathless, substitute your ill will with a simple, easy to sing tune (from the ones listed) and you will be amazed how relaxed you become.

Good luck.

B H Black, 2021

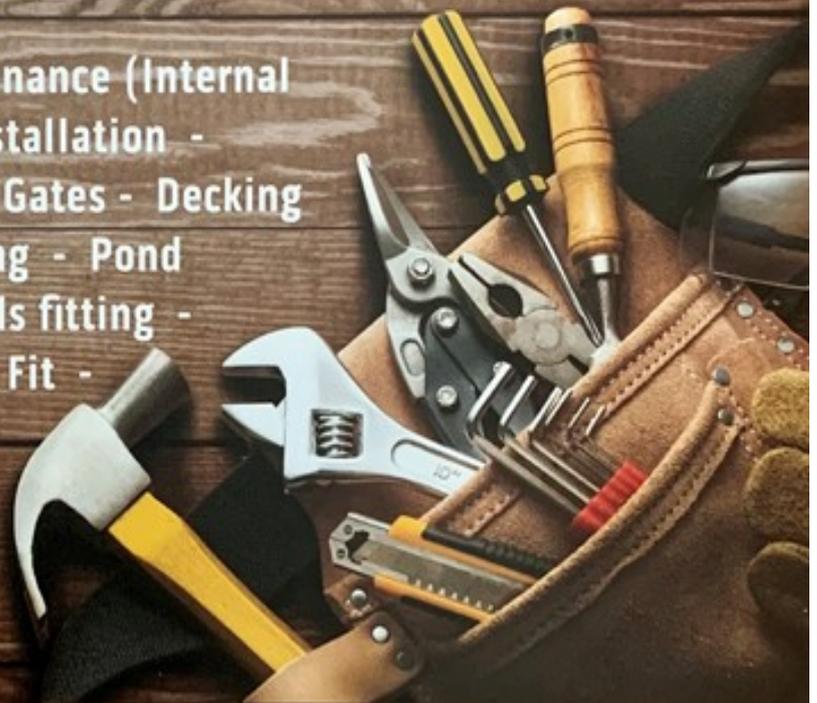


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## RBL CONTINUED.

thank both Mary and Barry for looking after the bowls as I was at a place called the NEST (near Norwich airport) giving a presentation to NCS students, which I will be doing for the next bowls (12th) then I will back to see how I fare at the indoor game!!!!!!

You will have noticed that the planter that was in the memorial garden has been moved to the (Long Lane) end of the RBL building, we have been asked to look after it as there has been a complaint about it being in the memorial garden. So we are now the custodians of the planter.

John Linkin (Chairman)

Your **Parish Councillors** are:

Mr Ian Rayner (Chair), Mr Edmund Lambert (Vice-Chair), Mrs Sue Arnold, Mrs Miranda Bane, Mr Christopher Cock, Mr Paul Cole, Mrs Helen Wilson, Mrs Bernadette McGeeney, Mrs Linda Peckham, Mr Martin Storey, Mr Jonathan Fenn.

The Parish Council website can be found at:

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The Parish Clerk, Jo Martin can be contacted by email at [feltwellparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:feltwellparishclerk@gmail.com). Or by phone on 828383.

Please note that the Parish Council did not meet in August.

## SUDOKU SOLUTION

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3	8	1	2	6	4	5	9	7
2	6	4	5	7	9	8	1	3

# *The Fish Piper*

*43 High Street, Feltwell 01842 828878*

**Your Local, Traditional, Fish & Chip Shop**

- ◆ **Telephone Orders ONLY (NO walk-ins)**
- ◆ **ONLY Line Caught Cod and Haddock**
- ◆ **10% Off for N.H.S & Blue Light Card Holders**
- ◆ **Fish Piper Loyalty Card**
- ◆ **All Fish Cooked to Order**
- ◆ **Last Orders 7:30pm**
- ◆ **Face Mask MUST be worn.**

**Please Note: We will be Closed  
28th & 29th September for  
essential maintenance**

## **Opening Times**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 4:30pm - 8:00pm**

**Friday & Saturday:**

**11:30am - 1:30pm & 4:30pm - 8:00pm**

**Advance orders welcome**

***Gluten Free Chips, Sausages  
& curry sauce available***

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