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FROM THE CLASSROOM

Robins Class Summary - Spring Term 2023

These are the youngest children in the school

Robins Class have already made it through half of their first year at school with countless achievements to show for their efforts. The children are settled, making friends and learning how to learn and play peacefully alongside one another through effective communication and consideration of our differences. All pupils are reading words using their knowledge of phonics and have begun their journey as writers too. We have been counting up to and beyond 16 and focus on a new number each week. The pupils' mental maths skills are already developing through finding and reciting ways of making 5 and 6. Since starting at school the Robins have been challenged to learn a new weekly song by heart, bringing their total amount of learnt songs to around 17 - quite an achievement! They sing beautifully together and will continue to add to their repertoire as the year continues. In the coming weeks and months the pupils will learn new sounds in phonics, building on their reading skills and their love of books. We will make the most of the improving weather by utilising our outdoor spaces to help with developing physical and mathematical skills and knowledge as well as the pupils' understanding of the world.

This half term, in English, **Kingfishers** have been learning about portal stories. This type of story takes you on a journey through a mysterious portal (like a magical door) to a different place or time. We started by looking at the story *Elf Road* by Pie Corbett and identified the language features and the structure of the text. We then magpied ideas from this to write our warm task. Below is an example of one of the warm tasks (shared writing completed together) that we produced. We will then apply our learning to develop our own portal stories independently. We hope you like it.

Chloe had always been adventurous. One dark evening, she was walking down Squirrel Avenue when she saw an ancient oak door that looked like it had not been opened in centuries. The door was embedded in a tree and unusually on the side of it was a lamp post that was never lit up. In the centre of the door was a diamond handle shaped like an acorn. Bravely, she turned it and the mysterious door opened. It made an ear-splintering crack. Inside, was a pitch-black hole.

On an enormous log, someone had set out an incredible feast with crunchy walnuts, smooth berries and juicy apples. Thousands of miniature squirrels were serving glasses of crystal clear water in acorn cups, insects on plates made from leaves and nuts as big as tennis balls. Their terrific, tangerine tails wiggled and wobbled as they rushed to serve the feast.

In the middle of the log, was a marvellous, magnificent, majestic nut carved from diamond. Under it was a folded piece of paper and it warned her “Whatever you do, don’t touch the squirrels.”

She jogged down the corridor, past some poisonous mushrooms that let out a horrible stench and at the end was a baby squirrel. “Help me!” the squirrel cried, limping across the hall. Chloe picked up the squirrel in order to see if it was ok. That very moment, Chloe gasped because she remembered what she had been told. Five seconds later, she heard millions of mocking voices, booming like thunder. Chloe shivered and sprinted from the echoing sound. She ran down the corridor, past the great log, with the squirrels zooming behind her. Just in time, she found the door back to her own world.

Amazingly, two very strange things happened when Chloe got home. She discovered that she had accidentally picked up an enchanted golden apple from the table. She planted the apple pips and they grew into a proud orchard with diamond bark and golden fruit. Secondly, Chloe never saw the door again, even though she walked up and down Squirrel Avenue many times. Chloe’s friends said that she was always lost in her daydreams. She dreamed of silly squirrels, amazing feasts and enchanted golden apples. Sadly, the other world had disappeared. Well at least she never found her way back.

By MT



Feltwell in Bloom

Spring has sprung.

It is wonderful to see the plants and trees 'waking up'

after the extremely frosty, dry winter we have had. By now the daffodils Feltwell in Bloom (FiB) planted at the entrances to the village, are growing and if not yet in bloom, they will soon be cheering us up with their bright colours.

FiB are advancing with their plans for a wild flower area and will begin work on this in late April/early May. We are also aiming to place more new planters around the village this year. We hope you have already noticed last years' contributions. If you are able to offer time to water the planters during the summer, we would appreciate your help. If you have an interest in gardening and would like to join our small but friendly group, please call Rita on 07785345614, everyone is welcome.

During the coming year we hope that you will visit us on our stall at the Motor Show in May and the village fete in June. Thank you to those who have donated monies to help us purchase stock for this year, we are very grateful. As we get closer to the planting season, if you have a few spare plants, we would welcome those also.

If you are interested in the **Open Gardens 2023** activity, please register your interest with me now on 07785345614.

FRONT COVER PHOTOGRAPH



Our front cover photo this month shows Mr Barrie Reeves winding the village clock at St Mary's, a job he's been doing for 40 years but which initially, was *just for now*. Thank you, Barrie. The clock is kept accurate by means of old penny pieces.

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Readers may recall that I challenged local author Frederick James to write a series of poems based on the seasons. Here is...

SPRING

21st March----- 20th June
Aries, Taurus and Gemini.

The days of Winter, cold and grey,
Can't last for ever, or so they say,
And all around the signs are clear
That Spring's new life is ever near.

*

The snow has gone, and in its place
The rising sun now shows her face,
And warms the earth, to waken all
Who've spent long months in byre and stall.

*

The frosts are gone, and in their place
New life begins to show its face.
The fields are green, as from below
The tender shoots of crops now show.

*

The forest wakes, where can be seen
The bursting buds and hints of green,
As once again, just as before,
Each tree prepares a show once more.

*

Within the shade the trees provide
The homes of nesting birds will hide,
Until the time we all will see,
As one by one, the chicks fly free.

*

New life begins, and all around
It can be seen, in sight and sound,
As Spring prepares us, day by day
For Summer's warmth, not far away.



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PHOTO ID – HELP FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT ONLINE ACCESS

To help people meet the new requirements for presenting photo ID when voting at the local elections in May, the borough council is putting measures in place, including drop-in sessions for people without internet access.

Most people won't need to do anything because the list of acceptable forms of ID is long and even out-of-date ID will be accepted – they just need to remember to take their ID with them.

People who don't have a photo ID at all can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate and the council can help with this.

All you need to do is make sure you bring your National Insurance number or other documents that can prove your identity.

You can apply for a certificate by post, or an alternative option is to apply for a postal vote, which does not require a photo at all.

Acceptable forms of photo ID include:

UK-issued driving licence or passport (*Passports are acceptable if they have been issued in the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, a Commonwealth country or an EEA state (which is all EU countries plus Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein).*)

Bus pass, Blue badge, PASS proof of age card

As long as the photo still looks like you and your name on the ID is the same as that on the electoral register, it doesn't matter if the ID is out of date.

The council has arranged drop-in sessions at its offices in King's Court in Chapel St, King's Lynn, as follows:

every Tuesday, 2pm-5pm, and every Wednesday 9am-12noon from Tuesday 28 February to 25 April (which is the closing date for VAC applications).

Further sessions are being arranged in Hunstanton and Downham Market, full details of these will be released in the next fortnight.

The county's libraries are also able to offer some help with the process, including free access to public computers and WiFi, at any time that the library is open. They can also give people one-to-one support to go through the process by appointment.

At libraries voters will need to take their National Insurance number and, importantly, their own device that can be used to take and upload a photograph, even if they are going to the library for support. If visiting a library for help voters should check local opening times and make an appointment if one-to-one help is needed.

If you do not have internet access, call 01553 616200 for a paper form to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate or to request a postal vote.

WHAT DAY IS IT ?

Author Frederick James muses on the nature of time.

“What time is it?”

How many times have you asked, or been asked that question? How many times have you relied on your wristwatch, your mobile phone, or even the 'smart speaker' everyone seems to have on the kitchen work-top. Oh, Alexa - what would we do without you?

More importantly, how often does the question, “What day is it?” cross your mind, along with, “What year is it?”, “Where am I?” and “Who are you?”

I can hear you now. “First signs of dementia! No doubt about it! The old fool is losing his marbles! You can see it in his eyes, all dazed-like. In another world, he is. No doubt about it!”

It's all down to time, and how we perceive it, really. Can we imagine a time when there were no watches, no calendars, and definitely no smart phones. What would they have done then? Life went on without them though, didn't it? Night followed day, day followed night. Couldn't ask Alexa then, could they?

Still, they did know when it was time for bed, and time to get up again, because the darkness told them it was night, and the cockerel and the rising sun announced the start of another day. Their stomachs told them when it was time to eat, and they got signs from within when it was time for other bodily functions. All in all, time was a basic presence in their lives, but not in the way we look at it today. Marking the passage of time was not a necessary thing to do all those years ago, and yet, in some way, time has been governing our lives from the very start.

The early cave-man scratched a mark on his cave-wall as the sun rose on another day, the prisoner did the same on his cell wall, satisfying man's apparent need to mark the passage of time, but did they know what time was then? The cave man could record the regular passing of day and night and the shadow of his cell bars marked the length of the prisoner's incarceration, but did they know what time was then?

As time passed, (can't avoid using the word) man sought a means by which he could measure the passage of time, record it and use it to his advantage. If you could measure and record time, you could control it, couldn't you?

So let's have a closer look at this invisible enigma. Since the beginning of time, (see, using it again,) man has been, and is still unable to actually control time. He can measure it, he can record it, but he cannot control it! The first two he can apply to every aspect of his life, but he cannot control it!

There is an advert running on the TV at the moment which shows a scientist, as he prepares to set the hands on the very first clock. He asks his assistant, "What time is it?", and is told to 'just make it up!' Maybe that is how the first horologist decided how and when his first clock should start, and we've been listening to them ticking ever since? Or have we? The advent of the modern era has removed the faithful tick-tock of the old and now outdated analogue time-pieces from our lives, and replaced them with the eerie silence of digitalia. How many times have we lifted our watch to an ear to make sure it is actually working?

Anyway, as I was saying. We are surmising as to how the first time-piece may have come about, but how did they know how much sand to put in an egg-timer? That would have taken a lot of experimentation, I'm guessing! And a lot of inedible boiled eggs in the master's eggcup!

And who decided that there would be sixty seconds in a minute? Sixty minutes in an hour and strangest of all, twenty-four hours in a day? All in the time it took for the sun to rise and set and rise again, in between the scratches on that cave-man's wall? And what about seven days in a week? Who decided that we would all go to church on Sunday, that wash-day would be every Monday, and Friday would be the day for our fish-and-chip supper?

We did! Of course we did, but how did we decide that a week would be seven days long and that we would enjoy fish and chips on every seventh day? Maybe we arranged everything day by day, and finally decided that six days was long enough to go without our weekly treat. And so those seven, event-packed days became known as a week. A week in which we smugly decided that we had it hacked, and that time was our servant and we were its master.

Being the master of our own destiny is not the same as being the master of time itself. Time goes on, unaffected by our smart watches, mantle clocks or even those atomic time-pieces in the finest laboratories across the Globe They just record it's passing in a way that suits our earthly purposes, but we aren't controlling it. Luckily for us, time is never-

ending, and its regular rhythm doesn't vary by even the smallest measure our scientists claim to have achieved, because it doesn't have a rhythm. It just is!

Time is what we think and claim it is. Every second, every minute, and every hour that make up our every day are purely and simply our way of managing our way of life, and enable us to feel that we are in control. We use our concept of time to tell us when the sixty seconds that comprise a minute have elapsed, and that sixty of those minutes then represent an hour. The passing of twenty-four of those hours will then announce the start of every new second, minute, hour and another day. Today is yesterday's tomorrow, will be yesterday tomorrow, and our idea of time will go on, enabling us to know what has passed before, and what is to follow, as every second, minute, hour and day pass by.

Question: If every time-piece on Earth stopped, would we be back with that very first horologist, in his dusty workshop, 'making it up'?

“Oh, by the way, I've been meaning to ask,
What day is it ?”

The history of measuring time is fascinating. For instance, the modern seven-day week can be traced back to the Babylonians, who used it within their calendar. Other ancient cultures had different week lengths, including ten in Egypt and an eight-day week for Etruscans. The ancient Greeks kept time differently from the way we do today, they divided the time from sunrise to sunset into 12 "seasonal hours" (their actual duration depending on the season!). Medieval astronomers divided the hour into 60 minutes, each of 60 seconds but derived this from Babylonian astronomy, where the corresponding terms denoted the time required for the Sun's apparent motion through the ecliptic to describe one minute or second of arc, respectively. In present terms, the Babylonian degree of time was thus four minutes long, the "minute" of time was thus four seconds long and the "second" $1/15$ of a second.) Confused? I am. But what about decimal time I hear you ask? Well, during the French Revolution, a general decimalisation of measures was enacted, including decimal time between 1794 and 1800. Under its provisions, the French hour was $1/10$ of the day and divided formally into 100 decimal minutes and informally into 10 tenths.

With thanks to Wikipedia

However you measure it, you can't control time, only how you spend it.



A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

A semi-regular column featuring historical news reports relating to the village.

No newspaper named. December 1912

DEATH OF MISS CATHERINE MARSH AT FELTWELL.

We regretfully record the death of Criss Catherine Marsh, occurred at Feltwell Rectory on Thursday, 12th inst., in her 95th year. The deceased lady had been confined to death bed since last December, but although she lived to such a ripe age, she was conscious until almost the last.

She came to Feltwell with the Rev. H. T. O'Rorke some 33 years ago, being an aunt of Mrs. O'Rorke. Her benefactions in the Parish had for years been extensive, especially at Christmas and during the winter, and many will keenly feel her loss.

Miss Marsh is perhaps best known for her book, "Memorials of Captain Hedley Vicars". This biography of a Christian soldier was first published in 1856, and had an enormous circulation.

She also wrote biographies of her father and of Major Vandaleur, R. A., and a biographical sketch, entitled "The Master of Blantyre". In 1899 she was elected an honorary life governor of the Bible Society.

Miss Marsh was born at Colchester in 1818, the youngest child of the Rev. William Marsh, D.D., a well-known Evangelical clergyman, who was then Vicar of St. Peter's, Colchester. In 1829 (says "The Times"), Dr. Marsh removed to the large and poor Parish of St. Thomas, Birmingham, and there his daughter began her work among artisans. It was when the Crystal Palace was being re-built on its present site that she began to take a special interest in navvies, and the present Navy Mission is the direct result of her efforts.

Her book, "English Hearts and English Hands", was written with the object of drawing attention to the needs of the navy.

On the outbreak of the Crimean War Miss Marsh exerted herself to supply Bibles and Testaments to the troops, and again at the time of the Franco-Prussian War an appeal from her brought a generous response to

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a special fund of the Bible Society for circulating copies of the Scriptures in French and German.

At the time of the South African War too, she heartily assisted the efforts of the Bible Society to furnish each British soldier with a copy of some portion of Scripture.

During the cholera visitation in 1866 Miss Marsh spent her days at the London Hospital ministering to the sufferers. Her experiences showed her the need for more Convalescent Homes. She obtained from Sir Powell Buxton the use for this purpose of some cottages on his estate in Essex, and the benefit to the inmates was so plain that she established permanent Convalescent Home at Brighton, since removed to Worthing.

The flag was hoisted half-mast at Feltwell Church, and on Sunday memorial services were held. The Rev. H. P. Young (Assistant Curate) preached on each occasion. The Rev. Colin F. A. Campbell, at the conclusion of the evening service, played Chopin's "Funeral March", the congregation standing. Appropriate hymns and special psalms were sung. The mortal remains were enclosed in an oak coffin, fitted with brass fittings and shield, which was engraved...

"CATHERINE MARSH, born September 15th, 1818, died December 12th. 1912."

Early on Tuesday morning the coffin was conveyed to Lakenheath Railway Station in a hearse, and thence by rail to Waltham Abbey for interment at Upshire Church.

At 12.30 a memorial service was held at St. James, Piccadilly, London. The Dean of Westminster, the Dean of Canterbury, Prebendary Webb-Peploe, the Rev. Hon. Robert Grimston, the Rev. J. E. T. Evitt, and the Rev. H. W. L. O'Rorke (great nephew) officiated.

Among those present were:-Lord Radstock, the Hon. Granville Waldegrave, the Earl & Countess of Chesterfield, Lady Maud Keith Falconer, Lady Mary Glyn, Lady Alice Bligh, Lady Kathleen Browlow, Lady Agnes Anderson, the Hon. Richard Strutt, the Hon. C. H. Strutt, the Hon. T. H. W. Pelham, Col. Sir Swinton Jacob, Lady Emelyn Lawrence, Colonel Marshall (nephew), and Mrs. Marshall, Major-General Saward, Colonel Morton, Col. Farrar, Col. Lowery, the Rev. S. S. Parrow, Miss Medland (Lady Superintendent) and Miss Larner (representing Miss Marsh's

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Your Good Health

by Dr Ian Nisbet

I am writing the first part of this article on March 7th, just before travelling to Methwold to finalise the preparations for Deannie's Memorial Service on Saturday, March 11th. We are threatened with deep frosts and snow over the next few days and I am concerned that travelling might be difficult, not only for me but also for my great friends Revd Ken and Wendy Waters who are flying over from Cyprus so Ken can take the service. I shall write the final part of the article just after I return home on March 12th, just in time for the magazine deadlines.

As I shall be away from Hagley for 5 days and freezing temperatures are expected, I have taken the precaution of moving all my tender plants from their cold frames on the patio and I have installed them all in the kitchen for

safekeeping. Until recently, I could have had problems convincing Head Office that it was OK to convert the kitchen into a greenhouse but all is well. I had a word with Deannie (I talk to her a lot) and I told her that I am developing the garden in her memory, reminding her how much she loved all the plants, especially the perennials which are coming to life at present. I explained to her that, as I have no greenhouse now, it was necessary to bring the tender new plants to safety indoors and I told her that, if she had a problem with this, she should let me know. I have heard nothing so I am assuming tacit consent. Of course, if I go downstairs in the morning and the plants are all over the kitchen floor, I may need to have a re-think!

Management's ashes are sitting on the kitchen island in her

scatter tube. When we first went to the undertaker, I looked at all the urns available for the ashes. They were horrible and were only suitable for a Turkish brothel – not that I would know about the inside of such a place. I then spotted a tall, orange tube, covered in sunflowers. Now, Deannie's favourite colour was orange, she wore lots of orange clothes and the family theme for her funeral and the memorial service was bright clothes with orange for the ladies and girls, and orange ties for the men and boys. As many of you will be aware, the programmes I designed for both services contained a photo of Deannie in a French sunflower field. So, I was delighted and bought the orange tube immediately. It will be used to store Deannie until I fall off my twig and our ashes will then be mixed together and buried somewhere as yet to be decided, quite possibly, Methwold which has always been dear to both of us.

Well, here I am on Sunday evening, March 12th, home from Methwold. When I left

Hagley on March 8th, I could not bear to leave Deannie behind, in her tube, so I took her with me. When we returned to Hagley, the plants were still on the island and not all over the floor, so she is obviously OK with the arrangement and I shall keep them where they are until the weather settles.

The snow and frost during the days before the service abated and the day of the Memorial Service was enhanced by beautiful blue skies and lots of sun. The service went really well. Attended by 172 people, patients and friends, we had a really celebratory service, led by our dear friend, Ken Waters, who, with his wife Wendy, had flown successfully (bad weather) from Cyprus to officiate. He was brilliant, as always, spoke kind words about Deannie, and we had readings from grandchildren, talks from Deannie's son and daughter and Nick Guyer kindly read my eulogy to Deannie. Chris Young made the organ sing and the hymns were all rousing and sung with gusto by those present. All in all, it was a

brilliant send off for my beautiful wife. The collections at the funeral service and the Methwold service totalled £1,855 from really generous attendees and we were able to split that amount equally between her charities, The Salvation Army, Cystic Fibrosis Trust and Smile Train.

I really enjoyed meeting so many of my old patients and catching up with the local news. Whenever I talk to another doctor, and there are lots on this estate, I tell them how much I miss all my patients since we moved away. Without fail, they are flabbergasted to hear of my affection for my patients, regarded by me as friends, as they never had such a relationship with their

patients. Their loss!!

Oh Dear, my friends and readers we have to accept that “Management” and “Head Office” so beloved in our articles over the past 30 years or so, is now just a memory to be treasured. I am in floods of tears as I write this and I hope you will all remember her with great affection.

I have been storing up jokes during this sad time and they will break forth in next month’s article. Unfortunately, they will have to be politically correct as the old days when we could be a bit risqué are over. However, they are quite funny so we should be OK.

All good wishes and love to you all from Ian Nisbet



A Message from St Mary’s

It is happening. The link up with the sewers is imminent, the toilet pod and



kitchen should be built in April and May and the floor lowered by the end of July. We apologise once more about the state of the churchyard, but very soon it should be back to normal. Thanks for your patience. Be assured that the minute the work is completed we will shout loud and long and you will be able to use the building without the need to cross your legs!

Convalescent Home at Worthing), Mr. & Mrs. Ashley O'Rorke, Miss Wingfield Digby, Mrs. R. M. Hawkins, the Rev. W. J. Jones. (Metropolitan Secretary representing the British & Foreign Bible Society.

The Navy Mission was represented by Mr. W. D. Nichols, (treasurer) and Mr. H. J. Ward (secretary). The queen sent a letter of sympathy, enclosing a signed photograph of herself as a Christmas card which she had already done up to send to Miss Marsh. The Rev. W. H. L. O'Rorke read a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury dated the 13th. (the letter was printed in the press report).

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We are acutely aware of the rise in the cost of living which is why we have absorbed the increased cost of printing this magazine and kept its cover price fixed for the coming year at least.

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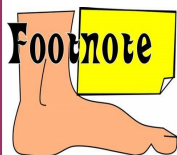
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LATEST CONSUMER ALERTS AND TRADING STANDARDS NEWS

Telephone cold calls claiming to be 'bank security'

We are warning Norfolk residents to continue to be aware of telephone cold calls claiming to be 'bank security'.

During the call, the cold caller will make claims of issues with the call recipients' bank account, these can include 'fraudulent activity', 'attempted cash withdrawals' and even 'theft by bank employees'.

The cold caller will then use several techniques to convince the call recipient to hand over their bank details, transfer money to a 'new or safe account' or withdraw cash to be passed to a courier.

Residents are reminded that your bank or the police will **never** ask you to withdraw money, transfer account balances or purchase items.

WhatsApp 'family member' scam messages

We are continuing to receive reports from Norfolk residents of WhatsApp messages where scammers attempt to impersonate family members in an attempt to steal money.

The message will often start "Hello Mum" or "Hello Dad" and will say that they are texting from a new mobile number as their phone was lost or damaged. They will then ask for money to purchase a new one or claim that they need money urgently to pay a bill.

The scammer will then provide bank details for the payment to be made to, with some coming back with further demands for money.

If you receive a suspicious message (even if you think you know who it is from), calling or requesting a voice note is the fastest and simplest way to check someone is who they say they are.

- **Stop:** Take time before you respond. Make sure your WhatsApp two-step verification is switched on to protect your account, that you are happy with your privacy settings
- **Think:** Does this request make sense? Are they asking for money? Remember that scammers prey on people's kindness, trust, and willingness to help
- **Call:** Verify that it really is your friend or family member by calling them directly or asking them to share a voice note. Only when you are 100% sure the request is from someone you know and trust, should you consider it



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Also remember to **never** share your account's activation code (that's the 6-digit code you receive via SMS).

Information Alert – Websites offering CSCS Cards

We are warning construction workers in Norfolk to be aware of websites claiming to be offering Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) cards but charging higher fees than the official application service

Complaints have been received from those who have used third party companies to apply for their CSCS cards. These companies are unaffiliated to CSCS and simply use the official CSCS application service on their client's behalf, while charging an admin fee.

While many third-party sites provide the services advertised and are entirely legal, some charge significantly more than the official application fee.

There is only one official service which is via the [CSCS website](#). A CSCS card costs £36 and in most cases applications will be processed and cards issued within 48 hours.

If a website is attempting to charge more than £36 for a CSCS card or £22.50 for the separate CITB health, safety and environment test you may want to visit the official CSCS site instead.

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This is a live link to the [Action Fraud website](#) in the online issue.

Sudoku Puzzle

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

Answer on page 65

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



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HOW TIME FLIES BY HARRY GILL

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The years go rushing by
When we are old and grey
Time really seems to fly

It feels like a week
Now passes like a day
But there's nothing we can do
To make the hours stay

Time has changed through the years
It's not like when I was young
Then the hours went so slow
Like an anchor had been flung

We old hope to reach old age
But what will be will be
But keeping fit with exercise
Is the best way that I see

Ninety four is an age
I never thought I'd reach
But I want more years yet
And clinging like a leech

Perhaps with a bit of luck
I may reach the ton
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To see that battle won



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WARNING AFTER THIEVES TARGET CARS IN DRIVEWAYS

Police have issued a warning after catalytic converter thieves targeted more than a dozen cars parked mainly in driveways across Norfolk.

Over one weekend 13 such crimes were reported prompting the force to re-issue advice around how to minimise your chances of being targeted.

The most recent incidents were across north Norfolk with the vehicles targeted being Toyota, Lexus, Honda, and BMW models.

Generally, police suggest parking near a wall or fence to make access to the emission control devices more difficult and within CCTV or doorbell camera range, if possible.

People can also look at getting a catloc device fitted which makes it far harder for thieves in a hurry to detach the unit. Vehicle owners can also get their catalytic converter protectively marked from some car garages.

Officers say the thieves sometimes pose as people who are doing maintenance working on a vehicle.

In the most recent series, they have noted:

- A team of three is often used – one lookout, one driver, and one cutting person
- Thefts occur in residential streets
- A distraction can be used, e.g. loud music
- A person carrying it away would need two hands

As well as taking measures to protect your vehicle, prompt reporting is also key to catching the criminals.

Anyone spotting any suspicious activity is advised not to make an approach and to call 999 immediately.

Suspicious activity could include:

- People 'scouting' the area
- A car being jacked up
- The loud sound of metal being cut.

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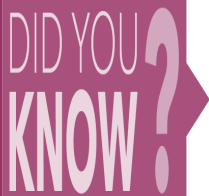
GARDENING LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington. *The solution is on p72*

	Beetroot	Carrots	Tomatoes	Potatoes	Plant Pots	Raised Bed	Borders	Community Garden	Poppies	Marigolds	Sweet Peas	Sunflowers
Alison												
Linda												
Nathaniel												
Felix												
Poppies												
Marigolds												
Sweet Peas												
Sunflowers												
Plant Pots												
Raised Beds												
Borders												
Community Garden												

Match the four Gardeners to their vegetables, plants and planting locations

1. Alison didn't plant Sunflowers alongside her Potatoes.
2. The Marigolds were planted in Raised Beds.
3. Nathaniel planted Carrots, he didn't plant Poppies.
4. Linda planted at the Community Garden.
5. The Tomatoes and the Sweet Peas were planted at the same place.
6. The Sunflowers will really brighten up the Community Garden.
7. The person planting in Plant Pots planted Sweet Peas.



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It was barely two weeks when I was notified that our planned speaker for March had, unexpectedly, been posted somewhere by the USAF for a period of four months. And to think that they didn't have the politeness to ask me if it

would be an inconvenience. There then followed a desperate race to find a replacement speaker. Fortunately one of our members, Anthony Moore, volunteered to step in, for which I am extremely grateful. Anthony choose to speak about his four decades of police service and with just a handful of notes and a few PowerPoint slides he kept us informed and entertained throughout.

At the heart of his talk was a cartoon that his colleagues had presented him with when he retired, in which many of the events of his time in the police force where incorporated as visual elements.

He began by briefly talking about his induction as a Special Constable working at New Scotland Yard followed by a three month stint at Hendon training college followed by a period of supervision with regular two-day postings back at Hendon for the next two years. Five days off a month. Back then people were stopped and searched based upon a Constable's intuition, a process that Teresa May stopped arguing that it was an imposition on personal liberty. Nowadays, entry to the police force is via one of six different routes based upon experience and qualification and you can join at various levels and directly into specific roles. Anthony spent some time as an Intake Manager at Hendon and even taught Law part-time at Brunel university.

Whilst acting as Station Officer at City Road police station, a young boy walked in carrying a carrier bag saying that he had found something whilst digging new drained canal. When asked what it was the boy upended the bag and out fell a grenade that proceeded to bounce across the counter top. Having been in military service he immediately recognised that it was in a seriously dangerous condition. He put it into a sand bucket, said the reserve officer, "Just going outside, hope to be back," and went out into the small yard

behind the station which held the bike sheds and a small skip for the horse manure. He rang the army bomb disposal only to be told, "Next Wednesday" despite insisting that it could blow at any moment. When Wednesday arrived the bomb disposal men decided to blow it up. Unfortunately, having heard the bang, a neighbour came to see what was going on just in time to get showered by manure!

During a stint as Acting Chief Inspector an escaped leopard was reported. The BBC requested an interview, Anthony volunteered and told the reporter all about the arrangements that were in place—helicopters in the air, mounted branch were out and extra patrols on the ground etc. The interviewer then asked the ridiculous question, "When are you going to find this animal to which Anthony replied, "Next Wednesday at 3pm." "Why do you say that?" "Well, every time we get a report it's grown by 10% and I've worked out that by then we'll be able to see it over the tops of houses." Needless to say, he did get in trouble for those comments.

Whilst Duty Officer at Harrow, he received a call to RAF Stanmore Park for a suspect package. When he arrived it was suggested that it might be a plastic bag left by the local camera club. He quickly assessed the area deciding that it was not really a high risk site for a terrorist attack. The IRA had no reason to attack the RAF nor an old peoples home which was just to the side of the area as was a graveyard, all of which had, by now, been cordoned off. He tentatively approached the bag, becoming more frightened with each step, cut the top open with a jack knife only to find a Semtex bomb inside. With great self-control he walked away and told the station commander that it was a bomb at which time it exploded destroying some coaches standing nearby. It is believed that the bomb was intended to go onto a coach taking typists to nearby RAF Bently Priory but the culprits had got disturbed and scarpered.

During a more sobering period of his talk he talked about the time he was attacked at Notting Hill Carnival, receiving a fractured skull and internal bleeding, of how false accusations had been against

him and the time he rescued a baby from its father who had a court order against him, shouldn't have been at the house, and was threatening to put the baby through the window. Anthony had grabbed the baby, was protecting it with his body like he was holding a rugby ball, when the father swung him around and the baby banged its head against the wall. And the time he talked a woman down off an 11inch ledge, eight floors above the ground whilst being terrified, despite the view being marvellous.

Anthony was responsible for starting the volunteer cadets whilst at Harrow and organised the national cadet competitions which, unfortunately, came to end a year after Anthony was taken out of the role.

A short Q and A followed the talk whilst breakfast was being served and members showed their appreciation, not only of the quality of his talk but also because he had stepped-up at the last minute, in the usual fashion.

If any reader feels that they would like to give a presentation to the Breakfast Club on a subject of their choosing, be it their working life or a personal interest or an area of expertise, please contact me at the email address below.

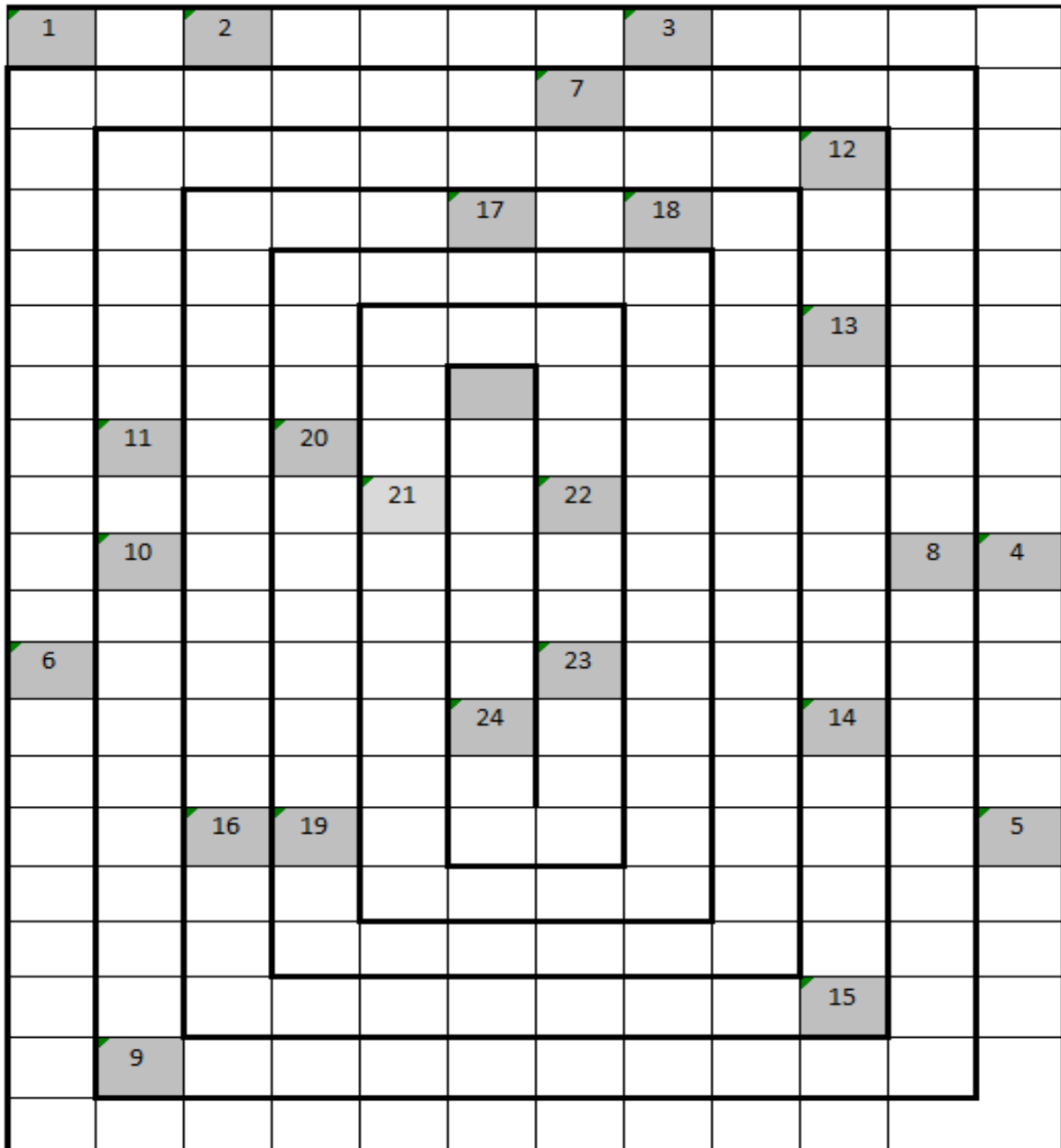
The Men's Breakfast Club usually meets on the 1st Saturday of the Month at The Wellington in Feltwell at 9am. It costs £8.00 per person to attend which includes a talk, tea or coffee and a full English breakfast which has to be tasted to be believed just how good it is.

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

Our next meeting will be on 1st April and the speaker will be David Corder.

WORD TRAIL NO. 27

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 A piece of milk soaked bread (3)
- 2 Spinach eating cartoon sailor (6)
- 3 The largest of all surviving penguin species (7- 7)
- 4 Oslo is the capital of this country (6)

- 5 MUSIC: 1966 song by Dusty Springfield (3-4-4-2-3-3-4-2)
- 6 The two main ingredients of a Hollandaise sauce (3-5-3-6)
- 7 TV/FILMS: Famous British actor known for Black Adder, Johny English & Mr Bean (5-8)
- 8 The name given to the translucent 3rd eyelid present in some animals (11-8)
- 9 Be curious (10)
- 10 What element is denoted by the chemical symbol Sn (3)
- 11 FILM: Home of Peter Pan (5-5-4)
- 12 This bird is the universal symbol of peace (4)
- 13 MEDICAL: Redness of the skin due to dermal blood vessel dilation (8)
- 14 The name of one of the longest river is also a company name (7)
- 15 This bird did not sing in Berkeley Square (11)
- 16 MUSIC: Gloria Estefan got to #27 in the charts in 1995 with this song (11-4)
- 17 A large flightless bird that is fast running (3)
- 18 What does URL stand for in the computing world (7-8-7)
- 19 Good humoured ridicule (8)
- 20 YMCA in full (5-4-9-11)
- 21 Local anaesthetic derived from Benzoic Acid (9)
- 22 Bad, harmful (4)
- 23 The Latin name for the 'Liard Constellation' (7)
- 24 The position of a celestial object along an observer's horizon (7)

This month's Word Trail solution can be found on page 76



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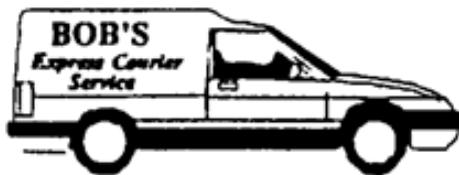
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9 – Easter Day - Mr Dudley Pickston

16 – Mrs Joella Nash

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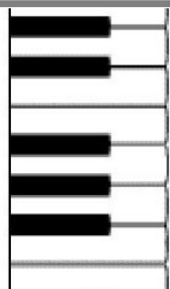
Friday 28th April

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GPS THEFTS

As I mentioned last month, we have received another report of this high value crime and I'd encourage all owners of these systems to please remove them where possible and mark them clearly with your name/farm name and postcode. Make sure you know the serial numbers of your units (these should be on the system itself or the box it came in) and consider other security options. Several retailers are now offering aftermarket anti-theft solutions and it may well be worth discussing this further with your local dealership. I'm pleased to tell you that thanks to more collaborative working with several forces across the country, one man has been arrested in Norfolk for the theft of GPS systems in Cheshire last year, and another two men were arrested in Cheshire following that arrest. This provides further evidence that these are criminals who travel and it is hard to predict where they will hit next, but with better information sharing and a national approach to tackling the issue we are making some headway. Here in Norfolk, we have been working with NAVCIS (National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service), a European Countries Consulate and their police force and several other police forces to investigate our most recent crimes. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes and although I'm unable to share further details with you at this stage, please know we are investigating every opportunity we have. But the fact remains prevention is also key so please take steps to protect your property that I've outlined above.



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WILDLIFE CRIME IN NORFOLK

Unfortunately, we have received a report this month of a tractor driving over a badger sett, causing at least one entrance or tunnel to collapse. The landowner worked with us and the contractor was identified as being responsible for the damage – the contractor admitted the damage and claimed he wasn't aware. It was decided the best course of action would be to deal with this crime with a Community Resolution and ask the offender to give back to the 'harmed'. This involved me working with the contractor, so he fully understood the Protection of Badgers Act as well as his legal obligations. He also donated money to a local wildlife charity. Regarding our other ongoing investigations, they remain live so nothing to update you on this month. I continue to work closely with the RSPB and Natural England collating evidence on a couple of these investigations. Most of these now are awaiting full scientific and forensic reports before we can progress further

CRIMINAL DAMAGE IN RURAL AREA

There has been some reckless damage to public owned property, including public toilets, churches, band stand and park equipment, over the last few weeks. This is sad to see given these are provided for public use or left open for the public to visit. I am keen to encourage anyone with information about these crimes to come forward and please do contact us if you see any suspicious behaviour.

HARE COURSING

After a small rise in reports last month, this month has been very quiet again thankfully and we've received fewer reports than last season. We are now coming to the end of the traditional season, and I am really pleased to say reports have remained incredibly low. I believe this is partly due to our collaborative work with our six neighbouring forces so it's worked for one year, and we will continue to enforce and work with our colleagues across borders. This time next year, we may also have new legislation that will make it more difficult for this type of criminality. I continue to urge anyone who believes hare coursing is ongoing or has any information relating to hare coursing to please get in contact with us or anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers

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WHAT HAPPENED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IN MARCH

Well, I think it's safe to say it should be less breezy next month...or at least I hope it will be! The temperature should start to slowly warm up with longer days and the sun sitting higher in the sky. Snowdrops will be well in bloom alongside the yellow and purple crocuses brightening up the roadside - one day there will be nothing to see, and the next we'll see a wash of colour... crocuses can grow very quickly. Add the daffodils, which seem to pop up earlier and earlier (I have already seen several this year in sheltered areas), and we can be sure spring is on its way. Many of our native birds started to speak their minds at morning chorus, and this sound really is a sign of spring. We also started to see some of our migratory birds returning from warmer winter climates. One of the first to return was the Chiffchaff (some do overwinter in UK now) which often head south to Spain and Northern Africa during the winter. Towards the end of the month, we might have been lucky enough to see probably the most famous of our migratory birds - the Swallow - starting to appear as they returned with the warmer days and an increase in flying insects: their natural food source. Many of our winter visitors from the north, the wetland and wading birds, also remained in the county a little longer before leaving for northern areas in April. Another one to mention for the month of March is the Great Crested Newt, Sadly, these have been in decline over the last few decades mainly due to the rapid growth of urban areas. The Great Crested Newts started to come out of hibernation this month and all pond maintenance should have been completed by the end of February to prevent any harm or potential offences being committed as Great Crested Newts are a protected species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. On the farm, the drier days will see the cultivation equipment out in the fields preparing the ground for spring planted crops: spring barley, wheat, early peas, and sugar beet. You may also have seen sugar beet being harvested as this is one of very few crops in the UK that can take up to 12 months to grow. At the time of writing, the factories around the county remain open and generally do into March and possibly even April if the harvest is taking longer than normal. Livestock farmers will be starting to think about their spring turn out plans with many looking at how they can prepare their fields to get the best out of the grass growing season and repairing fencing and walls. Some early spring lambs started to appear, especially in the slightly warmer climate of the east and most of our lambs are born indoors initially so get a head start before making it into to the fields a few days later. In the north, many ewes lamb outside so the season tends to be well into April to allow for better weather.

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Andy Moore's talk last September portraying wartime events at RAF Bexwell was such a success that he was invited back to present part 2 of the Bexwell story: a catalogue of events, mementos and first-hand accounts which he has researched over a period of four decades. He began with a brief résumé of part 1 which is available on our website: www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk

Although many references were made to the diversity of wartime technology (much of which is available on the internet), Andy's contribution this time had the human touch: his own personal accounts of individuals who made such a difference to the war effort. The air force itself at Bexwell had a multinational flavour with input from many European countries: Australia, New Zealand, India and even Sierra Leone in Africa; it also boasts 3 posthumously awarded Victoria Crosses. The Irish and the Welsh built the runways with help from the local women who also provided much of the accommodation. (Aren't we blessed as a nation that our racial tolerance should have been rewarded by so much support?). The effort stretched across the whole spectrum of social class, from the humblest labourer to royalty. Andy cited an instance when the King and Queen visited the Bexwell Hall mess and their schedule was inconvenienced by a WAF who was unable to convey a royal flight plan by telephone because she had broken her teeth; apparently women's voices are better suited to relaying information by wire.

One particular character who has become a friend of Andy's since 2017 is the 102-year-old Flt/Lt Colin Bell who often drives up from Kent to visit his young friend. Douglas Bader, Guy Gibson and Bomber Harris are famous names synonymous with WW2 heroism and glory; Colin Bell should be among them. <http://www.militaryspeakers.co.uk/speakers/colin-bell-dfc/>

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Andy learnt from Colin that motivation and moral boosting among the young pilots was an ambivalent process: on the one hand moderate drinking, good food and chasing women was available and encouraged. Low moral fibre, fear and cowardice were punishable offences. Another dilemma a pilot faced was the choice of whether he should equip himself with a side arm; it was not obligatory. Some thought they would be safer with a gun after they had crash landed or baled out, others thought that having a gun was a temptation for the enemy to shoot before capturing. Whoops, I'm using too many words! Nigel Tooth



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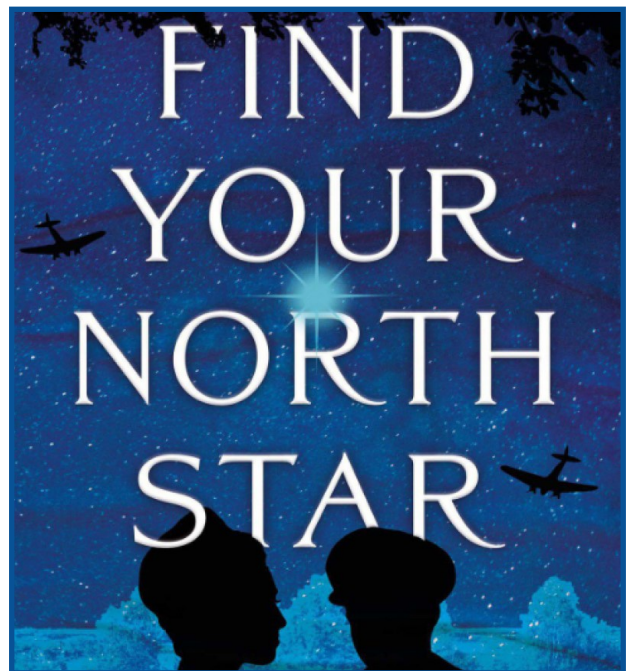
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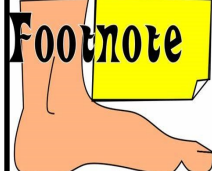
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FELTWELL'S WW2 WAR HEROES No. 9

This month we continue our new series about WW2 War Heroes

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/>.

Abbreviations used.

CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves Commission
SDGW – Soldiers Died in the Great War
IRC – International Red Cross
MIC – Medal Index Card

This month's War Hero is:

R.White. Royal Air Force V.R.

On the Church Roll of Honour he is also recorded as R.White

The Roll of Honour website believes it to be this man:-

Sergeant WHITE, GORDON ROY

Service Number: 1084519

Died: 04/07/1943

Aged: 33

Unit: 103 Sqdn. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Son of William and Florence Marion White; husband of Alice Mary White, of Reigate, Surrey.

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Source: www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/1531399/white,-gordon...

No obvious Civil Probate for this man.

Birth and family

The birth of a Gordon Roy White was registered with the Civil Authorities in the Christchurch District of Hampshire in the January to March quarter, (Q1), of 1910. His mothers' maiden name was Andrews.

The most likely marriage of his parents took place in the Thetford District of Norfolk in the January to March quarter, (Q1), of 1909,

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when a William James White was married to a Florence 'Marian' Andrews.


On the 1911 census the couple were recorded living at "Lucerne", Acland Road, Winton, Bournemouth. William James, (26) was a Clerk for a Colonial Meat Merchant and had been born Bournemouth. Florence Marian, (29) was born **Feltwell, Norfolk**. They have had just the one child so far, Gordon Roy, aged 1 and born Bournemouth.

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 other obvious children of William and Florence, although there is a child registered elsewhere in Hampshire and a Mergery E White, mothers' maiden name Andrews who was registered in the Thetford District in Q2 of 1918.

Marriage and possible children

The most likely marriage of Gordon was probably the one recorded in the Surrey South Eastern District in the April to June quarter, (Q2) of 1936. This was when a Gordon R. White married an Alice M. Edwards.

A check of the General Registrars Office Index of Births for England and Wales shows potentially two children of Gordon and Alice, although as this is a remarkably common combination of surnames there appear to be births all over the country. The two I am focusing on were both in the Surrey South Eastern District in the years after Gordon and Alices' marriage – although biologically speaking it would be hard for them both to be their children. This is because one, Graham R. White, mothers' maiden name Edwards, was registered in the January to March period, (Q1), of 1938. The other, David K L White, mothers' maiden name Edwards, was registered in the July to September quarter, (Q3), of the same year.



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1939 National Register

The 1939 National Register does not appear to have a visible match for Gordon or Alice..

On the day

Sergeant G R White was aboard Lancaster III JA672, squadron code PM-E when it took off from RAF Elsham Wolds at 22.39 on the night of the 3rd July 1943 bound for Cologne. Its subsequent fate appears to be unknown.

Other members of the crew according to the Aircrew Remembered website database were:-

Sergeant 1072872 R W Baybut

.....(Richard William, aged 32, Runnymede Memorial)

Flying Officer 115108 D C Bradshaw

.....(Dennis Charles, aged 23, Runnymede Memorial).

Sergeant 1352451 A McKechan

.....(Alexander, aged 23, Runnymede Memorial)

Pilot Officer 144215 A F J Perrott

.....(Arthur Frederick James, aged 34, Runnymede Memorial)

Flying Officer 136889 W T Shannon

.....(Wilfred Tasman, aged 22, Runnymede Memorial)

Sergeant 139114 J T Vodden

.....(John Thomas, aged 21, Runnymede Memorial)

(Ancestry apparently has a War Action report relating to a John Thomas Vodden, (1922-1943) when he was a mid-upper gunner in a Lancaster).

There is a piece here on the raid and the experiences of one man on his first operation, and also the first use by the Germans of the "Wild Boar" technique of interception over the target.

ww2today.com/3rd-july-1943-a-new-bomber-pilot-encounters-...

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www.skytamer.com/1943.html

THE CHANGING FACE OF SHOPPING IN FELTWELL—1959-1967

Readers may recall that last month we published a list of village shops from 1970-1922 as remembered by Mrs Jackie Reeves and ended that article with a request to readers to go back even further in time. In response Diane Crane has dug out a copy of...



in which are several adverts from village shops from that time. The list is as follows and I will endeavour to include a copy of each advert over the coming months.

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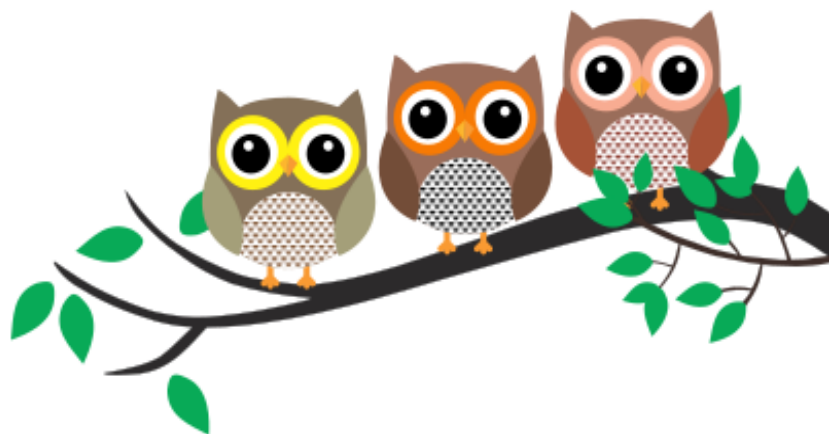
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Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

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There is ONE extra name on the list that is not found within the grid.

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The indoor bowls is now finished, as far as the outdoor bowlers are concerned, it will continue for those not wishing to bowl outdoors.

The great news is we have arranged our season generally as follows:

1. We have entered the Rosie Smith league, played on a Monday commencing around the beginning of May. This is three teams of Triples.
2. We have entered the Allen League, played on a Thursday commencing Mid June. This is three teams of, a. Pairs, b. Triples and c. Fours.
3. And there will be some friendly games.
4. The club is opening Wednesday 19th April at 5pm for a start at 5-30pm for the first 4 weeks, then 6pm as the daylight lengthens.
5. Enrolment will be opening night on Wednesday April 19th.
6. Fees for the coming year will be £30.00 subscription and £3.00 rink fees each game.
7. We will be holding a Taster day for anyone wishing to give the game a try on Saturday 6th May, commencing midday to 4pm, coffee and biscuits will be available. This a good time to come along if you are interested in having a go.

The Quiz night on April 1st will be reported on in the next issue.

Hope to see you and look forward to meeting you on our Taster day—6th May.

Max

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Easter Lilies

IN MEMORY OF
LOVED ONES

Lilies and a list of names of those to whom they are dedicated will be on display in St. Mary's Church over Easter.

If you would like to buy a lily in memory of a family member or friend, cost £3, please contact

Chris Parker - 01842 827152
or cmparker@talktalk.net

Orders to be received by Wednesday
5th April

Feltwellians Around The World



Nigel Whittingham

In an article on your website reference is made to my late father H. 'Johnnie' Whittingham and his misadventure when flying 21 Sqd Ventura AE796 on 21st August 1942.

*Extract from the article—
Sgt H. J. 'Johnnie' Whittingham
of 21 Squadron found the
Ventura tricky when he
attempted a forced landing at
Bodney on 21st August 1942. His
aircraft, AE796, landed heavily
on the airfield and had to be
written off. Sgt Whittingham
and his crew survived but
sustained injuries.*



H "Johnnie" Whittingham

I am certain that he would want me to point out that the port engine suddenly cut out at 100ft on that particular approach! Also, usually expressed in language that would not be appropriate here, he had a very low opinion of the Ventura aircraft to the last.

He went on to fly Sterlings, Lancasters and Yorks, survived being shot down (by the Americans) and earned a DFC along the way.

He was back in Feltwell in September 1944 with No 3 L.F.S. converting to Lancasters.

A warm welcome from
St Mary's to our Services.



Sun 2 nd April Palm Sun	Benefice Eucharist	9.15am	Northwold
Weds 5 th April	Tenebrae	8pm	Weeting
Thurs 6 th April Maundy Thurs	Eucharist and Watch of the Passion	7pm	Feltwell
Fri 7 th April Good Friday	Stations of the Cross Burial of the Cross	10am 7pm	Feltwell Northwold
Sat 8 th April	Easter Vigil	9pm	Northwold
Sun 9 th April Easter Day	Eucharist	9.15am	Feltwell
Sun 16 th April	Eucharist	9.15am	Feltwell
Sun 23 rd April	Eucharist	9.15am	Hockwold
Sun 30 th April	Benefice Eucharist	10am	Feltwell

Morning Prayer or Eucharist every Tuesday at Hockwold at
9.15am

Zoom Eucharist Every Wednesday 10am

Please email Chris Parker for invitation details:

grimshoebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

St Mary's is open every day from 9am - 6pm.



Coffee, Cake and Chat
from 9am every Weds morning.

Internet available and help to use it.



RSPB Lakenheath Fen

NEWS FOR EARLY SPRING 2023

The weather in recent weeks has been very variable, but the birds are singing almost constantly during the daytime and we have even spotted a few bumblebees and hoverflies on the reserve.

Despite the varying conditions, the reserve team have been kept busy with a variety of tasks to set the reserve up for the year ahead. We have been making full use of our Abstraction Licence, which enables us to take water from the river (Little Ouse) between 1 November and 31 March to top up the reserve. The idea is to make it as wet as possible, filling up the ditches and pools, because not only can we not 'top up' the reserve beyond March and throughout summer, but we tend to get very little rainfall here during the warmer months. Ideally, we want enough water to sustain the insects (such as dragonfly larvae) and fish (which support the birds) no matter how dry it gets. The summer of 2022 was incredibly dry and water levels got very low indeed.

As a result, we have been concerned about how our fish populations had fared and so in February we had a couple of ecologists visit for an 'electrofishing' survey- where a gentle electric current is passed through the water to temporarily stun the fish within, which then float to the top and they can be counted. The fish recover quickly and are unharmed by the process. It has revealed a couple of areas with almost no fish- so these will need to be monitored by us in the months to come.



Another project which is currently ongoing is the creation of a better



Events at RSPB Lakenheath Fen

Places for all events need to be booked online- please visit events.rspb.org.uk/lakenheathfen to read more and book tickets.

Easter fun at Lakenheath Fen

Saturday 1 April to Sunday 16 April (9am to 5pm)

Join in with Harrier and Bittern Nest Watches

Tuesdays 16 May, 30 May, 13 June (all 7:30am-12:30am)

Why not join a warden for the morning and help complete our bittern and marsh harrier nest watch surveys?

Price: Adults £40 for RSPB members; £50 for non-RSPB members.

Guided pond dipping at RSPB Lakenheath Fen

Saturday 15 April, Saturday 6 May, 3 June (11am to 1pm).

Come along to see what beautiful and strange creatures live below the water at our nature reserve!

Price: Adults £6 (RSPB members), £7 (non-RSPB members), Under 18's £3 (RSPB members), £4 (non-RSPB members).

Treasures of the Moth Trap

28 April, 26 May, 30 June (all 10am to 11am).

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

Adults: £3 non-RSPB members, £2 for RSPB members. Children (under 16's) go free!

Dawn Chorus guided walk

Sunday 7 May (6am-9am)

Why not celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day by joining us for an early-morning guided walk?

Price: Adults £20 (RSPB members), £16 (non-RSPB members), Under 18's £10 (RSPB members), £8 (non-RSPB members).

ramp for visitors to use to access Joist Fen Viewpoint from the main track- the old one was steep and uneven. The resurfacing project also covers the main track from the Visitor Centre all the way up to this viewpoint. This project is part of a bigger plan to use a grant from the National Lottery Fund to make the reserve more accessible. A batch of smart, professionally-made finger-posts and way-markers is in the pipeline too- watch this space!

As you may have read, on 2 February 2023 we were pleased to be able to announce the purchase of an additional 54ha of land to add to the reserve. Our Site Manager Dave is currently busy composing a planning application for how we intend to change the land to make it more suitable for wetland wildlife, such as breeding waders and cranes.

As with every year, we have hopes and plans for the reserve in 2023 and we are always trying to look forward and think of new ways to support wildlife and enable visitors to enjoy this special place. We hope to welcome plenty of visitors during our busy Spring and Summer season.

NEW! NEW! NEW!

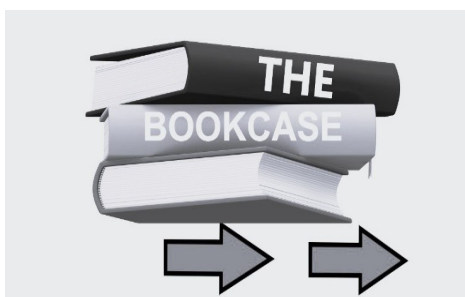
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METHWOLD SPIRITUALIST SERVICES

Friday Meetings 2023, Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start.

April 14th ANN VENN

April 28th LYNDA ROSE

May 12th JOHN ENNIS

May 26th OLIVE BYRNE

ALL ARE WELCOME AT,

**The 21 Room, St. George's Hall Complex,
16 High Street, Methwold, Norfolk IP26 4NT.**

Entrance donation £3. Evening of Clairvoyance £5 (towards costs)
(Ample parking at rear) For further information ring 01366 727160



TABLE TENNIS

Feltwell Table Tennis club is now up and running every Tuesday from 1.45 at the Methodist Hall, Feltwell.

Come and have a coffee, great company and a bit of exercise from beginners up. £3 for two hours of fun.

GARDENING LOGISTICAL SOLUTION

Alison	Potatoes	Poppies	Borders
Linda	Beetroot	Sunflowers	Community Garden
Nathaniel	Carrots	Marigolds	Raised Beds
Felix	Tomatoes	Sweet Peas	Plant Pots

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE NO. 39

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.



Salisbury House erected in the 1930s by Sam Brown. For many years it was a petrol station. This picture is from when it sold Shell.





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The cost of living crisis impacts on all of us and cost was the top reason why cat owners gave for not visiting the vet as much as they would like. Other people may be worried about calling their vet and may look for other information sources when concerned about their cat's health.

Cats are very good at hiding symptoms of pain and disease. Therefore, when a cat is presenting with subtle symptoms such as eating less, resting more or not being quite right, a veterinary check is always advisable. Early diagnosis and treatment can help you get the best plan and be cheaper in the long run.

You could always give your cat a health check at home and these are some of the things to look out for in a healthy cat. Bright eyes and a clear nose, a glossy coat with no lumps or bumps, healthy claw length, and no sores or swelling of the foot pads. However, some things might signify a chat with the vet. Abnormal behaviour for your cat, weight changes, changes in mobility, walking running, jumping and climbing stairs, especially in older cats. Cats are prone to stress-related disease, including cystitis and some infections, upset tummies, over grooming and pain. Make sure they have all the resources they need, plenty of opportunity to play, hide and scratch. Avoid obesity – a Cats Protection report in 2022 found that a third of owners and vets recognised their cats were overweight.

Flea and worm treatment is also important, as fleas can transmit illness such as tapeworm and cat scratch disease and flea allergies resulting in skin sores, and hair loss. Dental disease is one of the most common ailments in cats and can be avoided by regular tooth brushing with cat-safe toothpaste.

Claw trimming may also be necessary especially in older cats. Try to avoid the pink area with blood vessels and nerves. Vet nurse clinics are often provided with tutorial help so that you can continue this safely at home.

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

Rita Thompson.

WORD TRAIL No. 27—SOLUTION

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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:

<https://feltwellparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

The Parish Clerk, Jo Martin can be contacted by email at feltwellparishclerk@gmail.com. Or by phone on 828383.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 13th of MARCH 2023 in the British Legion, Long Lane. Nine Councillors attended, three members of the public and RAF Commander Geary

Quarterly inspection of play equipment was carried out 6/3/23 by Online Playgrounds, all issues were either very low risk or low risk. Handyman to undertake necessary repairs. Annual operational inspection to be conducted by Wicksteed in June. Wheelchair-friendly picnic bench to be purchased from NBB Plastic Recycled Furniture to replace broken bench.

Mr Storey attended Norfolk County Council and Borough Council's budget meetings and gave a brief overview. NCC's budget includes a net spending increase of £29.6m to meet rising costs and a council tax increase in line with the Government's cap of 4.99% – 2.99% for general council tax and 2% for the adult social care precept. This increase amounts to an extra £1.47/week for a Band D household. Further details are available on both websites. NCC have agreed a 'County Deal' in principle with the government that would result in £600m+ in funding for Norfolk that could unlock opportunities to deliver more jobs, housing and investment, with major powers and funding transferred from Westminster to Norfolk. This deal is in its first stage of many and a public consultation is open until 23/3/23 for Norfolk residents to have their say with a decision expected mid-December (<https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/consultation/norfolkcountydeal/>).

The painting of 30mph roundels on Wilton Road and Lodge Road has been delayed until the next financial year as emergency repairs of numerous potholes created by freezing temperatures are taking precedence.

Path outside 2 Oak Street round to Wilton Road to be sided out in April. Top of Southery Road to be resurfaced in 3-4 weeks' time. Concern was reiterated about the dangerous condition of the B1112 from Lodge Road junction up to the Cranwich

Feltwell Historical Society

Our upcoming meetings will be:

21st April - The Yanks are Coming - Linda Scoles.

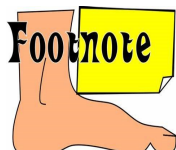
Other meetings will be advertised later.

We meet at the Methodist Chapel on the **3rd Friday** of the month.

Word Search Solution

Next month's Word Search will feature
Elements of the Periodic Table

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At what age do you accept rudeness and inefficiency as normal? And at what age does it drive you up the wall?

Sent in by Mrs Jackie Reeve

junction near Weeting which Clerk had reported via the NCC website. Clerk to report potholes along Glebe Road and poor condition of The Beck junction with Oak Street/Lodge Road. **Please note, anyone can report a road or pavement defect at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>.**

J Gooch Electrical to install new defibrillator to an outside wall of the Social Club. Grant application to be made to the Borough Council's defibrillator scheme for £1000 towards another defibrillator to be installed to an outside wall of R H Lindsays at Old Methwold Road. **A huge 'thank you' to Feltwell Social Club and R H Lindsays for housing these life-saving pieces of equipment and absorbing the electricity costs.**

Application to be submitted to Warren Energy Community Fund to fund a bench for the playing field. This fund is open until 30th April 2023, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01842 828383 or email feltwellparishclerk@gmail.com for further information.

Residents are encouraged to deposit any glass waste into the bottle bank on the playing field as the Parish Council can obtain recycling credits for every tonne collected.

The next Parish Council elections will take place on Thursday 4 May 2023. If you are thinking about standing as a candidate, all information can be found on the Borough Council website <https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/beaparishcouncillor>.

Don't forget to join Feltwell Parish Council's Facebook page for regular updates and subscribe to our website <https://feltwellparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk> where draft minutes will be published a minimum of three clear days before the next meeting.

PLEASE NOTE, the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 17th April 2023 at the British Legion at 7.00 pm (a week later than scheduled due to a Bank Holiday). All are welcome.



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