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## MEMORIES OF OUR FRIEND GRAHAM JORDAN

Many people in Feltwell will remember Graham as a generous, kind, friendly, caring guy who always had time for a chat and to buy a beer for a fellow drinker either at The Wellington or The Social Club.

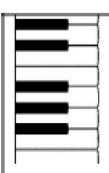


Graham had a career in the Royal

Pioneer Corps for over 20 years, serving in a number of locations including Northern Ireland, The Gulf and ski training in Norway. When he retired from the Army he returned to his family home in Feltwell and worked on the Base for AAFES.

His friend Taff remembers Graham from their time together in Northern Ireland. When Taff retired from the Army, fate took a hand and he was surprised to find when he moved to Feltwell that Graham was a close neighbour. Their enduring bond and friendship helped see them both through the last year of Covid restrictions when they formed a 'bubble' and shared a beer most afternoons.

Graham was an avid rugby fan and had played for the Army during his service career. He also enjoyed playing cricket in his younger days and continued to play both golf and bowls in later life. During one of Graham's golfing trips with his friend Nigel the pair headed off to Scotland. Graham will be well remembered for celebrating his Birthday multiple times a year whenever the opportunity arose. On this trip his enthusiasm for the celebrations cost him dearly when some fellow guests in the hotel realised that for several nights of the same week Graham had announced it was his Birthday and other guests had kindly bought him a drink. On the final night of his announcements the locals all enjoyed a celebratory 'wee dram' but landed Graham with the hefty Bar bill.



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This experience did nothing to dampen his spirits though, even on the last occasion he visited The Wellington he was heard mentioning his Birthday despite it being mid summer and his actual Birthday being in October!

Graham's funeral was held at the Mintlyn Crematorium in Kings

Lynn where his coffin was adorned with a wreath from his friends at The Social Club. Sadly, due to Covid restrictions the number of mourners was strictly limited, this meant that although a number of his Army colleagues travelled from far and wide to attend, many local people who would ordinarily have paid their respects were unable to do so in person. Graham's friends want to thank Chris and Chris at The Wellington Pub who provided a plated

buffet in a Covid safe environment where people could gather to reminisce and honour Graham. A collection of photographs and cards on which mourners were able to write condolence messages were on view. In addition a floral tribute from Taff in the shape of Graham's Royal Pioneer Corp Cap Badge was displayed. This was later laid on Graham's parents grave in St Nicholas churchyard.

Graham was an avid supporter of the charity 'Help For Heroes' so a 'Put a Pint in for Graham' donation scheme was launched in his memory at The Wellington & The Social Club. This raised a total of £740, which reflected just how much so many people respected and cared for their friend Graham, who had a heart of gold.



Footnote

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.

#### **FELTWELLBEING**

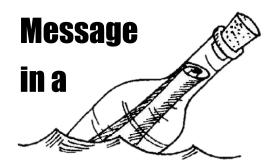
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We adhere to all government guidelines and you will be required to wear a mask unless you are exempt. Tables and chairs are all set out socially distanced and a one way system is in operation. Hand sanitisers are in place on entry and in the hall. The hall is cleaned before and after every meeting. Everyone welcome.

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We look forward to seeing you there.





## It's Been a Funny Ol' Year!" Part 3

By

Simon Enderby



Aaaaahhhhh! Just when we thought we had managed to pull through and keep everything together we once again faced more uncertainties and further home-schooling!

"2<sup>nd</sup> times a charm," so they say but it's fair to say not for kids and home-schooling!

Suffice to say the kids were getting pretty tired of the stay home, maths and English worksheets and to be honest with you our patience as home-schooling 'full-time -work-from-home" parents was also getting thinner by the day.



Just before our 5<sup>th</sup> lockdown birthday of the year a friend of ours gifted us some baby leaf insect nymphs for the boys to raise and our menagerie expanded even further.

2020 wore on and the first proper rainy season began here in Borneo since the late 90's. What followed was Rain, Rain, Rain, and yet more Rain and so maybe staying indoors was all for the best.

2020 plodded on, lockdown extended and rains continually pouring down. It wasn't until the very beginning of December that the rain and lockdown lifted and I was off straight back to Mabul island on Sabah's east coast to look for and film one of the coral reefs most

colourful and charismatic characters - the Peacock Mantis Shrimp for a UK based production company. The shoot went extremely well, weather, ocean and animals all played ball and we made it back home just in time for a quiet family Christmas.

2021 kicked off with incredible excitement, Trump was out, several COVID vaccines were developed, certified safe and their roll out was imminent, everyone had high expectations of 2021. We had film projects lined up and were raring to go. Then the rains came as well as the 3rd Malaysian lockdown which meant home-schooling once more....arrrrggghhhh!!!

It was time for a new home lockdown project and of course it had to involve some kind of creature and this time it came down to breeding Siamese Fighting Fish or Betta as they are also known! The boys and I got stuck in and modified containers and fish tanks ready to set up the breeding and brood chambers and it wasn't long before we had our first batch of tiny fish fry which then needed a fresh supply of live fish food daily. Our once social and busy home bar was transformed into a baby brine shrimp hatchery and fighting fish fry nursery and excitement levels grew along with the number of fish in our house once more. When we start a project with our boys we try to make sure they see it all the way through and give it their best to be successful but as with the success with stick insect and leaf insect breeding we now had an abundance of baby fighting fish but I have to admit it was fascinating watching them grow up and develop their colours. Long story short it wasn't long until we had to find homes not only for the leaf insects (which now numbered over 70!) as well as the now grown fighting fish.

Time trickled by until finally in March the rains cleared, the lockdown was lifted and we could get back to filming our 3-time postponed new SZ.TV series Borneo Ocean Diaries with local actress and presenter Alex Alexander. For those that have already explored our free online channel www.scubazoo.tv you may have already watched Alex and her previous adventures through the Borneo Jungle Diaries 2 series. If not then please feel free to head

online .and check them out. The first episodes of our new series follow Alex as she learns to dive before heading off with the Marine biologists that make up the Marine Research Foundation. MRF was founded by and run by Dr Nicholas Pilcher whom I came out and worked alongside here in Malaysia over 25 years ago - it's funny how life revisits itself as the years go by! The filming went smoothly, the weather played ball, Alex got stuck in and we all had some great adventures on and beneath the ocean as well as looking into the threats the ocean and its marine life faces.

Luckily, we completed all of our filming on time at last and are now (at time of writing this) half way through the post production of the series as we are once again facing a 4<sup>th</sup> Malaysian lockdown, yet more home-schooling and curtailment of all other filming projects. We launched Borneo Ocean Diaries on May 23<sup>rd</sup> with the series trailer in conjunction with celebrating World Turtle Day and released a new Borneo Ocean Diaries episode each Monday thereafter starting May 31<sup>st</sup>. With 8 episodes in total there's plenty to keep you and your children entertained.

Unfortunately, like many others, we are now faced with a very uncertain future as we limp along business wise and try and revive the film industry which is still greatly hampered by slow vaccination programmes, travel bans and increasing numbers of COVID variants and several explosions in infections worldwide.

Who knows what's in store but we are grateful for our health, family and friends and will push on regardless - as I said at the start, "It's been a funny ol'

year!"

This concludes
Simon's latest
message in a bottle.
I would encourage
those who can to
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#### FELTWELL IN THE HUNDRED OF GRIMESHOU

This is part seven 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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#### BISHOP OF ELY'S MANOR—PART 7.

Besides the manors above-mentioned, Fotheringhay college in Northamptonshire had considerable lands here, part of which King Edward VI. by letters patents dated 8th June, in his seventh year, (1478) granted license to Sir Richard Lee to alienate a moiety of Redmore, being a moiety of 164 acres lying in Feltwell, Helgay, and Southrey, in Norfolk, and Lakenheath in Suffolk, with the rights of fishery in those towns, and the moiety of all that lode called Barlode, and the moiety of 25 acres of marsh called Norlands, to Nich. Bacon, Esq.; and in 38th of Queen Elizabeth (1598), Sir Robert Wingfield died seized of this moiety.

The other part was also held by Sir Richard Lee, and conveyed by him, in the first of Queen Mary (1554) to Sir Ambrose Jermyn of Rushbrook in Suffolk; and on 1st Dec. 25th Elizabeth (1583), Sir Robert Jermyn had license to alienate it to Henry Warner, Esq.; and on an inquisition taken 16th Oct. 21st

Letters patent (always in the plural) are a type of legal instrument in the form of a published written order issued by a monarch, president, or other head of state, generally granting an office, right, monopoly, title, or status to a person or corporation.

Moiety title is a legal term describing a portion other than a whole of ownership of property.

**Lode—**a man-made waterway (believed to be Roman in origin)

Alienate— (in this sense) transfer ownership of (property rights) to another person or group.

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The monks also of *Castle-Acre* had lands in this village: In 1265, Simon Bishop of Norwich confirmed to Castle-Acre priory, two parts of the tithes of the demeans of Will. de Spyncile. Adam de Cochefeld, by deed without date, about the reign of Henry III (1216-1272). gave to the Prior, &c. of Castle-Acre, for the health of his own soul, and that of Lucy his wife, and Aveline his mother, one toft in Feltwell, and all the land of *Habbe*, and a meadow thereto belonging, and also 23 acres of land of his demean. Witnesses, Rand. Marascall, Haymo Clerk of Feldewelde, &c. And Alice de Kokefeld, for the health of her soul, that of the Earl Warren, and of her lord, Adam de Kokefeld, William de Crichetot, her brother, and Alan, her son, gave to the Prior, &c. of Castle-Acre, the yearly rent of 7s. out of lands which Roger, son of Aluric, held, together with the said Roger, and this with the consent of Adam her son, whom she appoints her heir, to inherit the said village after her death. Witnesses, Will. Fitz-Gilbert, Will. FitzPhilip, Ralph de Acra, Roger de Monte-Canisio, &c.

In 7th *Richard* I. (1196) a fine was levied between *Adam*, son of *Archard*, and the monks of *Acre*, of 40 acres of land, conveyed to them; and this Priory was taxed in 1428, for their temporalities here, at 29s. 8d.

Tithes - were originally a tax which required one tenth of all agricultural produce to be paid annually to support the local church and clergy. After the Reformation much land passed from the Church to lay owners who inherited entitlement to receive tithes, along with the land.

Demesne—In the feudal system, the demesne was all the land which was retained by a lord of the manor for his own use and support, under his own management.

Demeans as used in the text is either an alternative spelling or a spelling mistake, I believe.

Toft—a site for a dwelling and its outbuildings also an entire holding comprising a homestead and additional land

**Temporalities**— are the secular properties and possessions of the church.

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Everything is perfect Except our family dear We used to go to visit But now too far I fear.

Our daughter lives in Bristol And all our grandchildren too But we rarely see them For the best what can we do?

> But a miracle has happened Our nephew and his wife Has just moved four doors away And completely changed our life.

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"'Ere, d'ya wanna know a secret?"

"Depends what it is!"

"Waddayamean, it depends what it is? A secret's a secret, ain't it?"

"Not as simple as that, it ain't! There's good secrets and there's bad secrets. An' there's nice secrets an' there's nasty secrets, see! There's even happy secrets and sad secrets 'an all!"

"Well, I just 'eard this one, an' that's a fact, so I ain't sure wot sort it is. Maybe if I tells it to you, you could tell me if it's a good 'un, a bad un, a nice 'un, or a nasty 'un, eh? Or even a happy 'un, or a sad' un?

"Ya see, there's the rub about secrets. They 'as to be kept secret, like, or else they ain't secrets no more. Now if you tells me your secret, it won't be a secret, will it? An' another thing. You 'as to know if they's secrets that should be told in t'first place. Some secrets is best left not told, if ya get's my drift. Tellin' some secrets can get yer in a whole heap a trouble! I 'eard as how those who let on secrets during t'war ended up in prison, or even worse!"

"Waddaya mean, worse? Wot's worse 'an going ta prison?"

"Seein' as how you've asked me, I'll tell ya straight. Some of those who told secrets then ended up getting topped! All legal, like, by t'government 'angman! That's 'ow they was dealt with then!"

"Would they do that now, d'ya think? If I told you my secret, d'ya think as how t'government 'angman ad come after me? My mum an' dad wouldn't like that!"

"No, an' I reckon you'd be none too pleased neither!"



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"So, what do you reckon? D'ya wanna know my secret, or don't ya? I doesn't wanna get topped for tellin' ya, but you could keep it a secret after I've told ya, couldn't ya?"

"Tell ya wot. You whisper it in my ear, an' I'll give it some thought!"

#### **ST MARY'S QUIZ SHEET 2020**

Several people have asked for the answers to the quiz so here they are for the questions from the **ENDING IN 'Y'** section. Answers on page 29.

Work out the two-word answers from the clue, where each word ends in a 'Y'. The first one is done for you.

| 1  | A BIT ON THE SIDE<br>(Rumpy Pumpy) | 11 | VERY SMALL                             |
|----|------------------------------------|----|--|
| 2  | UPSIDE DOWN                        | 12 | LARRY HAD AT LEAST ONE                 |
| 3  | CHOCOLATE BAR                      | 13 | ISN'T SHE SCRUMPTIOUS                  |
| 4  | PUPPET ON A STRING                 | 14 | PART OF THAT BIKINI BUT<br>WHICH PART  |
| 5  | FAMOUS FEMALE BAKER                | 15 | TICKET TO RIDE                         |
| 6  | HIC!                               | 16 | SAID TO LEAVE YOU OUT OF<br>THIS WORLD |
| 7  | NOT PUFF                           | 17 | HANG BACK                              |
| 8  | STRONG LITTLE<br>GENTLEMAN         | 18 | ALL AT SEA—THIS CREW                   |
| 9  | ASCENDING ARACHNID                 | 19 | RIGHT SAID FRED                        |
| 10 | POOK'S FAVOURITE                   | 20 | VENT'S GIRL                            |

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#### by Dr Ian Nisbet

#### THE TALE OF A SOGGY GARDEN AND A CONFUSION OF METRIC AND IMPERIAL MEASURES

Having moved from Norfolk bone dry, wind directly from the Urals and a free-draining garden built on a layer of chalk 2 feet down - to Worcestershire, it came as a shock to discover that we seemed to be in a "rain zone" where it would rain incessantly for days, possibly weeks on end. The locals tell me that this is normal for the area and that I should get used to grey skies. As a result, the top quarter of my garden resembled a quagmire for a lot of the year. The clay soil throughout the garden is rock hard, requiring my 5-foot-long chisel bar to be thrown into the clay and wiggled about before I can plant anything. However. after a prolonged downpour, the affected area has a squelchy lawn and the clay border is like

quicksand – you sink up to your knees and it pulls your boot off! We had a particularly wet April ands May and I had had Perhaps the water enough. table had risen? No, apparently it is 6 metres down. The garden slopes down away from the house and the soggy part of my garden is 5ft higher than the bottom of the garden which is bone dry and rock hard. As the house was a "new build" and as we have dug out many large lumps of concrete and metal from farm implements, perhaps the builders had buried the concrete floor of a stable block or similar. ` At this stage, dear reader, you might wish to pour a strong coffee and maybe even dig out an old cigarette to smoke as serious concentration is required for the next four paragraphs. All measures are approximate.

I spoke to the father of the man

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who lives opposite; he has a civil engineering company and deals in metric measurements; I still think in feet and inches. I asked him what would he involved installing in perforated drain to solve the Dead problem. easy, apparently. I must dig a 25 metre (82 ft) trench all around the edge of the lawn from the top to the bottom of the garden. The trench should be 300mm (1ft) wide, with a gradual fall from 45cm (18 inches) at the top of the garden to 1metre (3ft 3 inches) deep at the bottom of the garden and install a perforated plastic pipe of 100mm (4 inches) diameter with feeders connecting the drains from the flower bed into the main pipe. The entire trench should be lined with semi-permeable membrane which could be folded over the top of the drain at the end of proceedings, then filled with 100mm (4") of pea shingle with the perforated drain laid on Next, the sides of the drain beside the pipe are to be filled with pea shingle and a further 100mm (4") of pea shingle piled on top of the drain. Fold the membrane over the top of the gravel (to prevent soil getting into the assembly) and back fill the trench with top soil.

OK, no problem! I found a firm in Bideford on Avon who make the plastic perforated pipe in 25 metre (82ft) lengths. Management and I set off in our trusty Grand Espace and, much to the surprise of the warehouse man, we chucked the massive roll of pipe and all the joining fittings in the back (he had assumed that I had brought a van) and topped it off with a 2,500mm long (8ft) roll of membrane. Lunch in the local pub and back to the drawing board. How much pea shingle to order? I spent a long time working out the volume of pea shingle required (2 cubic metres or 70 cubic ft) and I ordered 2 one-ton bulk bags. At the same time, I ordered a ton of topsoil.

Digging the trench through solid clay was a nightmare. Getting rid of the spoil (dug out clay) involved many trips to the local recycling centre. Joining the different bits of pipe was another problem but,



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eventually, the job was done. All the gravel and topsoil were used up. I rotavated the borders and planted over 700 plants I had been growing on over the winter.

Since then, we have had lots of rain and I am delighted to say that the top garden is no longer soggy and the flower beds at the bottom of the garden are nice and moist. SUCCESS!

A drunk ice fisherman drilled a hole in the ice and peered into it. As he did so, a loud voice from above said, "There are no fish down there." So, the drunk fisherman walked several yards away and drilled another hole. As he peered into it he again heard a voice say, "There's no fish down there." So, he walked about 20 yards away and drilled another hole. Once again, the voice said, "There's no fish down there." The fisherman looked up to the sky and asks, "God, is that you?" "No, you idiot," said the voice. "It's the rink manager."

Two senior ladies were out for a Sunday drive in a huge car. Neither of them could really see too much over the dashboard.

When thev came to an intersection, the light was red yet they kept on cruising through. The passenger thought to herself, "I feel like I'm losing it, but I swear we just drove through a red light." A few minutes later, they drove through another red light. The passenger was almost certain that the light had been red but was still slightly concerned that she might be going mad, so she decided to give the driver one last chance. As they were the approaching next intersection, the passenger paid a great deal of attention. This time the lights were certainly red, yet just as before they just "Susan!" the sped past. passenger yelled. "Do you know we just ran 3 red lights in a We could have been row? "Oh, am I driving?" killed!" came the reply.

A college student wrote a letter home: 'Dear folks, I feel miserable because I have to keep writing for money. I feel ashamed and unhappy. I have to ask for another hundred, but every cell in my body rebels. I beg on bended knee that you forgive me. Your son, Marvin



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Best wishes to you all.

Ian Nisbet

## ST MARY'S QUIZ SHEET 2020 WORDS ENDING IN 'Y'

| 1 | RUMPY PUMPY        | 9  | INCY WINCY         | 17 | DILLY DALLY  |
|---|--------------------|----|--------------------|----|--------------|
| 2 | TOPSY TURVY        | 10 | <b>RUNNY HONEY</b> | 18 | WAVY NAVY    |
| 3 | <b>CURLY WURLY</b> | 11 | TEENY WEENY        | 19 | DEEPLY DIPPY |
| 4 | ANDY PANDY         | 12 | GAY DAY            | 20 | DAISY MAY    |
| 5 | MARY BERRY         | 13 | YUMMY MUMMY        |    |              |
| 6 | CHERRY BRANDY      | 14 | ITSY BITSY         |    |              |
| 7 | FLAKY PASTRY       | 15 | AWAY DAY           |    |              |

#### Sudoku Puzzle

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

Answer on page 76

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



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## Growing Up In Feltwell in the 1950s & 60s By Robert Walden

#### **5 Excursions**

In 1960 when we were 10 the headmaster Mr Charlesworth twice took us swimming in the river at Hockwold. Two of the older girls – possibly Wendy or Susan - led the line of bicycles up the Wilton Rd with Mr Charlesworth bringing up the rear. This was all perfectly safe because we had all passed our Cycling Proficiency Test that year and in any case, there was little if any traffic. Having cycled to the stinging-nettled river bank some 6 or 7 girls were ordered to "Change over there!" and roughly the same number of boys told to go in the opposite direction to change. Charlesworth wore 1930sstyle wool trunks with shoulder straps and would allow pupils in the water to rest face down on his outstretched palms while murmuring "I've got you my child, I've got you" as he gave instructions on how to swim. Of course I cannot say with complete certainty that Mr Charlesworth could swim at all. Some of the RAF kids could swim perfectly well anyway and I remember one deliberately disappearing below the water for what seemed an eternity. He terrified me. I didn't swim my first strokes until years later. In the 1960s the nearest proper swimming pool was in Cambridge while Thetford made do with a simple cut out area in the River Little Ouse.

I think Mr Charlesworth enjoyed taking risks. I suppose primary school teaching can become a little dull when your hair (well what is left of it) has turned silver. Anyway, one day we were told that we were going up the church tower. I cannot be sure of numbers but I guess there was no more than a dozen of us but certainly at least 8. Looking back, the risk of walking across the Beck to the church with no hi-vis vests and no other adult was nothing compared with the ascent itself. For those readers who have never clambered up to the tower, it is a bit of a tight squeeze and quite dark though I seem to recall little window openings as we stepped up to the bell chamber. Children back then were not ever so obedient like they are now and every now and then Mr Charlesworth bellowed "silence!" so that he could make himself heard. He wanted to tell us that the outside

walls of the tower were quite unsafe and unstable and in order to avoid falling from off the top of the tower we must keep at least 2 feet away from the parapet walls and on no account to lean on them. All this while we were still below in the bell chamber. More information is sent to our brains through our eyes than by all the other senses combined - "a picture is worth a thousand words". So as he was busy talking I was much more interested in the rough, dusty wooden structure and the huge bell just beside me than in his new rules that he was trying to convey. Because he was the only adult in charge, he stayed in the chamber helping each pupil onto the ladder and to be ready to catch anyone who fell. Once on the roof they could deal on their own with the temptations of testing the strength of old walls or the effects of gravity. Relatively little information is sent to our brains by sound. There are exceptions of course: If someone shouts "Fire" they are likely to grab your attention, even if you are not blindfolded. Similarly, if it is rather gloomy with little to see – as it was in the bell chamber, and there is a loud noise, you are likely to be aware of it. And as the church clock struck 2pm we were aware of it! The noise as the hammer hit the bell was LOUD! It was quite deafening and rather frightening. The tower seemed to shake and several of the pupils (not all of them girls) screamed. Shirley, the very pretty RAF girl was nowhere near and I had only a splintery wooden upright to cling to while Charlesworth called out: "It's alright, you're OK; you're OK!" Actually we were; if literally very shaken. Fortunately St Mary's church clock very sensibly struck only twice at 2 o'clock. We all made it up to the top for a splendid view (the walled gardens of the now demolished Hall were a secret unlocked) and I remember waving to Hopkins (an RAF boy) on the school field who had seen us putting our heads above the parapet. And we all made it down safely too.

In 1960 a group of us were taken to see Grimes Graves. The young enthusiastic male teacher was possibly Mr Froud. On arrival we walked along a gravel path to a wooden shed with arrowheads displayed on the walls, manned by one elderly gentleman We were a mixed group and as ordered, all wearing "old clothes" for the

occasion. We descended a wooden ladder into the main chamber. We had torches (some say we had candles in jam jars but I can't swear to that) and crawled along the tunnels on all fours. None of them went much further than 20ft but we ended up covered in chalk dust. There wasn't much more to see. On the return walk to the coach the girl next to me (possibly Welma) suddenly bent down and from the gravel picked up a flint arrowhead. It was obviously genuine and she showed it to the teacher. He almost exploded with astonishment and said; "This is a genuine arrowhead! Do you realise that?" The girl just smiled at the enthusiasm as he asked: "Do you mind if I keep it for now, to show to the other staff members?" She answered quite indifferently: "Oh you can keep it". I do not recall any theories as to how the arrow head came to be in all that gravel.

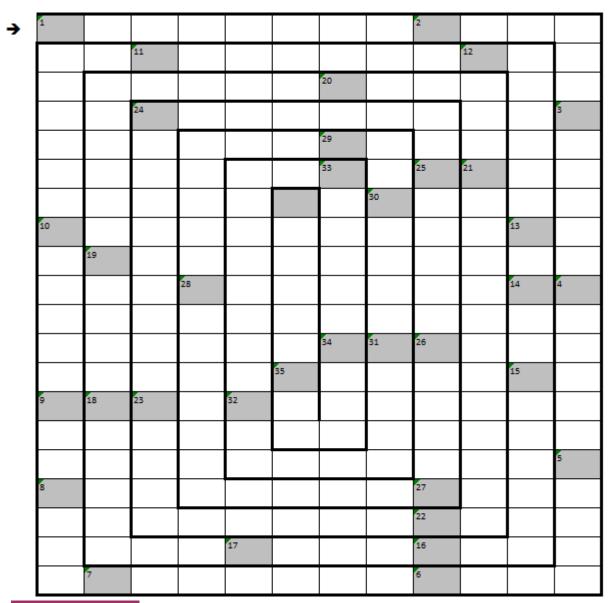
In the late 1990s I took my two young sons aged 7 and 9 yrs (wearing their oldest clothes), to Grimes Graves. I think it required the wearing of hard hats but we abandoned our visit as the actual tunnels were no longer accessible by the public: the boys would have only been able to look through iron railings at the now well-lit chalk tunnels in which their dad had once crawled. And I understand that children under 10 years are not allowed down the shaft at all now.

In the late 1950s on November 5<sup>th</sup> the RAF Camp held huge bonfire and fireworks shows which were free for all comers. As you would expect it was very well organised and spectators were kept well back behind a rope cordon. The display was always good and included massive Catherine wheels and lots of red, green and yellow "Very light" flares which lingered in the air on tiny invisible parachutes. There was often a gift for us children: one year it was sparklers but better still were hot jacket potatoes with knobs of butter and one year even hotdogs. Quite an undertaking given the several hundred attendees. One year the finale was a massive fireworked message: it said simply "GOOD NIGHT". Everyone applauded. Later we would let off our own fireworks which, while not so grand, were merry and more intimate. I was always reluctant to leave the dying embers.

#### WORD TRAIL NO. 7

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 collection of live animals for study and sometimes display (9)
- 2 Small opening found in the front door through which you can look (7)
- 3 Beach resort in Ibiza in the municipality of Santa Eularia des Riu (2-5)
- 4 Tightly curled and unopened flower, favourite of lovers (7)

- 5 Glittery stones that mimic diamonds (8)
- 6 Writer of literary works (8)
- 7 River on the border with Devon and Cormwall (5)
- 8 Wife of the Greek god Kronos (4)
- 9 A terrifying disease found in cattle and sheeo (7)
- 10 Musical instrument that is flat and hit with sticks (9)
- 11 Elementary particle that has a negative charge (8)
- 12 The reverse of positive (8)
- 13 The name of a young Eel also known as Leptocephalus (3)
- 14 Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of which Christian festival?

(4)

- 15 Who\What is the 16th State of America? (9)
- 16 Fragrant resin used as incense (5)
- 17 Large extinct herbivorous dinosaur (9)
- 18 A simple person; stupid (6)
- 19 A child\adult game where many article are hidden and must be found (8-4)
- 20 A lustrous material that ball gowns are made from (7)
- 21 Who said 'science can only flourish in a atmosphere of free speech' (6-8)
- 22 Amsterdam is the capital of? (11)
- 23 Megalithic monument (5-6)
- 24 River that runs through Iraq, Syria (9)
- 25 A star constellation (7)
- 26 When a wound is infected it becomes? (6)
- 27 Ornamental evergreen used for seasonal decortion (9-4)
- 28 Nose bleed (9)
- 29 Titaness of the underworld river and personification of hatred (4)
- 30 Covered portico used by ancient greek athletes for exercise (6)
- 31 Kriss Kringle by another name (5-6)
- 32 Adequate quantity (11)
- 33 John Lennon's wife from 1969-80 (4-3)
- 34 Pearlscent (7)
- 35 On the way (2-5)

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



#### **WATER SAFETY THIS SUMMER**

Follow these safety tips to stay safe around water and always encourage others to do the same:

Do not enter water where there are signs saying do not enter water – this could be because the water contains harmful bacteria/ algae or substances harmful to your health or because there are unseen dangers below.

Ensure you are a confident swimmer and have water safety skills

Swim at lifeguarded beaches and pools, use safety equipment and do not drink alcohol before swimming

Know how to avoid water safety hazards such as rip tides, cold water and moving water

Be aware of the dangers of open water. Temperatures can drop sharply and there may be obstacles underneath

Always wear a buoyancy aid at all times if you are canoeing/kayaking/paddle boarding, whilst on boats, while getting on and off vessels and when close to the water's edge. Wear sensible clothing and shoes for your chosen activity.

In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the coastguard And finally, please be aware of your location when they're out and about and utilise mobile phone apps such as what3words. It

provides a simple and precise way to share your location quickly and easily and is integrated into our Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. The Aweigh app, which is also free to download, provides information on tide times, sunrise and sunset and location information.

#### **THEFT OF TRACTOR GPS SYSTEMS**

We have seen a few GPS systems stolen from tractors again, something we hadn't seen this year until now.

If you have a GPS system in your tractor or agricultural machinery, please consider following these crime prevention measures:

- Remove GPS guidance receivers, aerials and antenna globes from tractors or other equipment when they're not in use and keep them in a secure locked place whenever possible
- Consider fitting security tethers or brackets to stop units being removed
- Mark your postcode on GPS units either with a UV pen, engraving tool or forensic marking system such as SelectaDNA. Using engraving tools greatly reduces the value of these system for thieves.
- Store machinery in locked buildings where possible
- When it isn't possible to store machinery securely in a building that is fitted with a lock, consider fitting a main's or battery-operated alarm to cover the perimeter of the areas where the machines are stored
- Always lock tractors and keep them in a separate secure place
- CCTV and intruder alarms will deter most thieves. Ensure you place any CCTV camera or alarm in an area that won't be triggered by animals or foliage moving in the wind, and make sure they are checked regularly to ensure they work when you need them.
- Record the serial numbers and take photographs of any machinery to help police identify stolen items. This could increase the chances of your property being recovered.

Please report any suspicious activity via 101 – don't forget to dial 999 if a crime is in progress – and encourage staff to do the same. Record the details of any unusual or unexpected visitors to the farm or workplace and forward to Police.

#### **STACK FIRES/ARSON**

While the weather might say otherwise, we are just around the corner from harvest now and many farmers have already made the first cut of hay. Please consider these steps to protect your stacks and farms and once again, please contact me if you need further advice:

- Ensure the site where bales are stored is as secure as possible
- Hay and straw should be removed from fields as soon as possible after harvesting, stored away from other buildings, in stacks of reasonable size, spaced at least 10 metres apart
- Store away from livestock
- Store away from the road if possible so as not to be an easy target to anyone passing
- Petrol, diesel and other fuels should be stored in secure areas and storage tank outlets should be padlocked.
- Fertilisers and pesticides should be kept under lock and key
- Rubbish should be disposed of safely and on a regular basis
- Electrical safety checks should be carried out and firefighting equipment should be checked frequently
- Prepare a fire routine and action plan to ensure all farm workers know what to do in the event of a fire.
- Ensure cigarettes are fully extinguished in an appropriate container.
- Where possible, regularly check and maintain open water supplies for firefighting.

#### If a fire does break out:

• Call Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service on 999 without delay

- If possible, send someone to the farm entrance to direct the fire service to the fire to help save time
- Prepare to evacuate livestock should the fire spread
- Prepare to use farm machinery to assist the fire service.

#### **TACKLING ILLEGAL FISHING**

Over the past couple of months, there have been incidents involving gates being left open allowing cattle and sheep to escape, sheep being chased by dogs, nesting birds being disturbed by dogs to people being seriously injured after they were trampled by cattle in a field.

It is so important to adhere to the basics of the Countryside Code and follow the advice on any signs.

#### Respect everyone

- Be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Do not block access to gateways or drivewaysd when parking.
- Be nice, say hello, share the space.
- Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.

#### Protect the environment

- Take your litter home—leave no trace of your visit.
- Take care with BBQs and do not light fires.
- Always keep dogs under control and in sight.
- Dog poo—bag it and bin it—any public waste bin will do.
- Care for nature—do not cause damage or disturbance.

#### **Enjoy the outdoors**

- Check your route and local conditions.
- Plan your adventure—know what to expect and what you can do.
- Enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory.



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The U3A Business Secretary writes:

Our U3A is very popular and we have over 200 members. We have over 35 learning/activity/discussion groups, all led voluntarily by members. See the list above. All groups meet in the daytime, often in member's homes, where group members contribute 50p for refreshments; for groups requiring a larger space members share the cost of the venue.

For me joining the U3A has been great, I have developed new skills and followed my interests. It has filled my spare time in interesting and enjoyable ways and the social aspect has been great and stopped me feeling isolated.

Covid 19 really affected us all and the monthly U3A meeting at Downham Market Town Hall, which always included a speaker on an interesting topic, had to stop. We have continued to have monthly speakers via zoom. Several groups had to stop. Groups are beginning to run again now and we are hoping to be back at the town hall in September. New members are always welcome. Anyone interested can email me at <a href="mailto:u3adownhammarket@gmail.com">u3adownhammarket@gmail.com</a> or phone John on 01366347526 or Fiona on 01366380363.



#### The universal nature of financial worries

Financial stress can affect anyone – for any number of reasons. It's important to talk about financial wellbeing and take advantage of the support available.

- Money worries aren't just about income and debt Financial stress can be caused by a wide range of situations
  and factors.
- With some of the biggest financial challenges we face occurring just once or twice in a lifetime, we don't always have the skills or experience to navigate them on our own.
- Financial wellbeing support is widely available, including in the workplace. The sooner worries are expressed, the easier they can be to deal with.

If there's one thing that most employees will have in common, it's the experience of worrying about money. Even those whose current situation is comfortable will almost certainly have been through periods of poor financial wellbeing in the past or may do so in future. Because financial wellbeing isn't just about how much money you have. It's also about how secure, confident and empowered you feel financially.

That's partly because financial decisions almost always have an emotional aspect, everything that might be a money worry is linked to something else in your personal life. For example, wanting to buy a house might be linked to a personal relationship or to a desire to feel secure, so it's a financial decision that isn't just about finances.

#### Incomes and life events

The pandemic has invariably had a big impact on financial wellbeing. Those in the highest income brackets were more likely than people on lower incomes to report that the pandemic was negatively impacting their working life and their working relationships,

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However, those in the lowest income bracket were more likely to report negative impacts to personal wellbeing. A separate ONS study found that 35% of UK adults who reported being unable to afford an unexpected expense of £850 experienced depressive symptoms in early 2021, compared with 13% of adults who were able to afford this expense<sup>2</sup>.

Trying to navigate the financial implications of a decrease in household income, perhaps due to redundancy, illness, bereavement or injury, especially if you don't have protection, is very difficult.

#### **Curveballs and complexities**

Financial wellbeing can also be undermined by family circumstances, such as where others are dependent on you. For those in the so-called 'sandwich generation', this can mean having to support elderly parents as well as their own children. This can be a huge cause of stress, especially when it comes to matters such as care for elderly parents. There's a big emotional aspect that you're having to deal with. These circumstances are often so massive that you'll only go through them once or twice, so it's not like you will have learned how to deal with it before.

That extends to the decisions made in relation to retirement, given the challenge of having to make pension savings last for as long as you need them to. The first worry is trying to define what you need, and the second is working out how and if you're going to achieve it. That's a big concern for a lot of people, as well as the worry that you might run out.

#### Someone to turn to

When you add potential financial challenges relating to debt, unstable incomes, housing costs and unexpected bills to the impact of events such as redundancy, bereavement and global pandemics, it's no wonder that financial wellbeing is such a universal concern.

It's also in the interest of employers to help their employees with those challenges. Of the 94% of employees who admit they worry about money, more than three quarters say those concerns affect them at work, with inevitable implications for their performance and productivity.

With all of these financial challenges, it's important to realise that there are people who are there to provide support, with a view to ensuring you are in the best position you can be.

For those dealing with debts, there's also a range of free support available from the likes of the Money Advice Service and the StepChange Debt Charity.

The sooner you consider any of these possible financial situations, the easier it will be to deal with it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Office for National Statistics, Personal and economic well-being in Great Britain: May 2021 (Opinions and Lifestyle Survey – sample size: 4,000 to 4,500 individuals per week achieved)



I am really very sorry for missing out a reference to Norfolk Day in the July issue. I'll try to remember to include a reminder next year. Apparently it was the 27th July, the day after my birthday. However, I was born in

Yorkshire, in the East Riding to be precise and so, with a smile on my face and a hope that you, dear reader, will forgive me, I am proud to announce that this year's Yorkshire Day is 1 August. It was celebrated by the Yorkshire Ridings Society in 1975, initially in Beverley, as "a protest movement against the local government reorganisation of 1974" and precedes Norfolk



Day by 43 years. Paul.

For an adult human, taking just one step uses up to 200 muscles.



#### **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—FELTWELL 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

Mike Wilkinson

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In April 2020 I cancelled F3 owing to the pandemic but, I'm pleased to announce that on **Monday 6th September WE ARE BACK**. During the lockdown the Wellington has installed a new sound system and it sounds brilliant. A full listing for September will be published next month but I can say that our first screening will be **The Last King of Scotland** featuring a powerhouse performance by Forest Whitaker as the Ugandan dictator Adi Amin, Cert 15. As before, **ALL** screenings are **FREE** and take place on Monday evenings at 7pm.

#### **FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB**

Well everything seems to be moving apace a bit, whether it is to the good we wait and see, but let us be ever hopeful.

By the time you read this we will have had a couple of friendly matches so will let you know how we got on in the next issue.

We have a few more friendly games arranged for August making things much more busy and more interesting.

We have had some good evenings with several visitors on holiday with friends joining us which has made it more interesting and enjoyable.

The green is looking good and playing well, our Green keeper is working very hard between the rain showers so well done to him.

Come along and give it a try you never know you may enjoy it, the evenings are lovely and you will be made most welcome. Hopefully we may be able to use the Clubroom soon and make changing more comfortable.

Look forward to meeting up with you, the green is to the side of the British Legion. There is plenty of parking off road.

Max

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#### BANK HOLIDAY BBQ LOGISTICAL

| This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington. | Katrina | Theodore | Hamish | Claire | Beer | Wine | Cider | Soda | Crisps | Chips | Coleslaw | Garden Salad |
|---|---------|----------|--------|--------|------|------|-------|------|--------|-------|----------|--------------|
| Veggie Burger   |         |          |        |        |      |      |       |      |        |       |          |              |
| Hot Dog   |         |          |        |        |      |      |       |      |        |       |          |              |
| Belly Pork  |         |          |        |        |      |      |       |      |        |       |          |              |
| Chicken Kebab   |         |          |        |        |      |      |       |      |        |       |          |              |
| Crisps  |         |          |        |        |      |      |       |      |        |       |          |              |
| Chips   |         |          |        |        |      |      |       |      |        |       |          |              |
| Coleslaw  |         |          |        |        |      |      |       |      |        |       |          |              |
| Garden Salad  |         |          |        |        |      |      |       |      |        |       |          |              |
| Beer  |         |          |        |        |      |      |       |      | -      |       |          |              |
| Wine  |         |          |        |        |      |      |       |      |        |       |          |              |
| Cider   |         |          |        |        |      |      |       |      |        |       |          |              |
| Soda  |         |          |        |        |      |      |       |      |        |       |          |              |

Four friends meet for a Bank Holiday BBQ. Match the Person to their Barbecue Food, Side Dish and Beverage.

- 1. Theodore doesn't drink alcohol or eat potatoes.
- 2. Katrina had a Hot Dog with her Beer. She doesn't like vegetables.
- 3. The person who had Crisps also drank Wine.
- 4. The Pork Belly, the Kebab, the Cider & the Garden Salad weren't served to Hamish.
- 5. Claire doesn't eat Chicken or mayonnaise.



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**NEXT ELEVENZES** – **4 August** and will 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.

Is the CRAFT GROUP starting soon? ...... 6 September looks promising. 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?

Watch this space AND our Notice Board and Feltwell Village Community Facebook page.

#### **COMMUNITY GARDEN – WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**

Come and take a stroll around our garden, starting with the 'Meadow Snake Path'. How many different grasses and wild flowers can you see? We have meadow to tend, weeding to do to help the runner beans, radishes, lettuce, tomatoes and more. 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!!!

We could really do with some help with all this.

- 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.
- Something that would really help would be some willing daily waterers. With the weather very warm (hopefully) our flowers and vegetables and especially our pots feel the heat too and are *often gasping* for water!
- 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, (weather permitting).

We can be contacted on facebook or mobile 07712578721 or by email <a href="mailto:mikegw15@gmail.com">mikegw15@gmail.com</a> Mike & Brigette Wilkinson

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## The Foodbank Collection Box is no longer at St Mary's Church, Feltwell.

There is still a Foodbank collection box at St George's Church, Methwold, which is open every Sunday, I will continue collecting from there and please feel free to leave donations there.

I was asked to remove the Foodbank box from St Mary's so that it did not cause confusion with an alternative food parcel system which is now going full time within

the church. I understand and welcome as many different systems to help support each other as possible and I wish them all the best.

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The voucher system at the Foodbank has its detractors and supporters. One of the things I like about it is that I imagine if I, or any of us, needed a voucher and got one from say, the Citizens Advice Bureau or a health care worker, then we might also be getting help with; illness, injury, redundancy, debt management, bereavement or family breakup or any of the things that life can throw at us. I like the idea that that three day emergency supply of Foodbank food can lead to finding a way out of difficulty in many other ways.

Your donations have helped so many people. Thank you to everyone who has donated and to everyone who has helped in any way over the last seven years.

When I've been tired or wanting to give up, when it's been raining and the last thing I wanted to do was haul groceries around, I've thought of you, of not wanting to let you down, but mostly of all the good you do for hungry children, for women and men facing the worst life can throw at them. I want to thank you for being there for all those who need you and for putting the heart back into volunteers like me. Thank you. You may never know how many people you have helped or just how great you are.

Ness Fry

I remember going to school in the Infants at five years old and

## YESTERDAY'S MEMORIES

playing with sand trays. Miss Howlett taught the very young and Miss Knights was the Head Mistress. In the 'big School'. Mr Fassnedge was the Head and he gave out punishment in the form of the cane on your hand. I had it most days for being caught talking! We were taught by Miss Win Spinks, as she was then (Readers may remember her as Mrs Playford who lived at 4 the Beck and moved to Hereford.) She taught us to dance round the Maypole in the school yard, with all the ribbons twining. She was a wonderful teacher; she was a Brown Owl too, which took place up at the YMCA on the corner opposite the Oak. All the organisations met there, the WI, the Scouts and Cubs. We went to sing hymns there on a Sunday evening too, with an orchestra of Feltwell players.

I remember the Feltwell Town Crier, Mr John Willett, who rang a bell and announced events in the village. And on Chequers Hill there used to be pot auctions, where they sold china in the evenings with flares to show off the goods. As children we used to go to the harvest field trying to catch rabbits as they came out of the corn; the farmers would give us one to take home. Once a week a man came on a bike from Brandon collecting rabbit skins for which we were paid sixpence: there was a fur factory at Brandon. My mother always belonged to the WI and it's my first love too: I've been Secretary to lots of Presidents and I love to be on the committee so that I really feel involved.

Mrs Mercy Edwards (September 1993)

#### **BANK HOLIDAY BBQ LOGISTICAL SOLUTION**

| Katrina  | Hot Dog       | Chips        | Beer  |
|----------|---------------|--------------|-------|
| Theodore | Kebab         | Coleslaw     | Soda  |
| Hamish   | Veggie Burger | Crisps       | Wine  |
| Claire   | Belly Pork    | Garden Salad | Cider |

#### FELTWELL'S WW1 WAR HEROES NO.34

All of the information in the "Feltwell's War Heroes" series can be

found at https://www.flickr.com/ photos/43688 219@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

#### A.J. SPENCER, 2/5TH SHERWOOD FSTRS.

On the Church Roll of Honour he is recorded as "A. F. Spencer" The Roll of Honour website believes it to be this man:-



Corporal SPENCER, ALBERT JOHN
Service Number: 305629

Died: 05/04/1918

Aged: 33

Unit: 2nd/5th Bn.

Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby

Regiment)

Son of the late Theodore and Jessie Spencer.

Buried at BRAINE-LE-COMTE COMMUNAL CEMETERY

SDGW records that Corporal 305629 Albert John Spencer Died of Wounds on the 5th April 1918 whilst serving in France & Flanders with the 2/5th Battalion Sherwood Foresters. No place of birth is shown, but he was resident Andover, Hants, and enlisted Mansfield, Notts.

The Medal Index Card for Corporal 305629 Albert J Spencer, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment, is held at the National Archive under reference WO 372/18/214691. He had previously been Private 2546 in the same Regiment.

He qualified for the 1915 Star, having landed in France on the 2nd



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March 1915.

He also qualified for the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. The related Medal Roll shows he had previously served as 1st/8th Notts and Derby Regiment. The Card notes that he "D/W 5/4/18".

There is a picture in the edition of the Norwich Mercury dated Saturday June 1 1918. Unfortunately, there is a typo in the caption. "Corp; A.J. Spencer, of Fletwell, wounded and a prisoner in Germany."

In the edition of the Norwich Mercury dated Saturday April 12 1919 this announcement appeared in the 'In Memoriam' section of the Personal ads.

SPENCER. – In affectionate memory of Corporal Albert John Spencer, who died of wounds in Gravelbrackel Military Hospital, Germany, April 5th 1918, late of the Sherwood Forresters Notts and Derby, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Horace Spencer, of Fincham. "In the midst of life we are in death."

The International Red Cross have a file for Corporal 305629 A.J. Spencer 2/5th Sherwood Foresters which was initially opened following the receipt of two missing persons enquiries. One was from a Mr. B. Prior, 45 Boro Rd. Birkenhead, Cheshire, and the other was a **B. Spencer of Bank House, Feltwell, Norfolk**. Two reports from the German Authorities were then added. The first was a list of English dead received by the IRC on the 26th June 1918.

Albert John Spencer of D Company 2/5 Notts & Derby Regiment. Born Sheldon 29th March 1885. He died in an Army Hospital on the 5th April 1918 at S'Graven-Brakel as a result of shot wounds to head, forearm and hand. He was buried at the Military Cemetery in S'Graven-Brakel in Grave 22025/W.

The 2nd Report was actually received on the 29th May 1918 which has much the same information other than saying the cause of death was shot to the head and hand injury.

The Government Probate Service holds a Soldiers Will for 305629 **Robert John Spencer** who died on the 5th April 1918.

The Army Register of Soldiers Effects records that he died on the 5th April 1918 in a War Hospital at Graven Brakel whilst a P.O.W. The balance of his pay was sent in July 1919 to his legatee, Mrs Catherine E. Ward. His War Gratuity was also sent to her in December 1919.

#### 29th March 1885 - Birth

Birth date sourced from his International Red Cross, (see above). He is also recorded as born Sheldon – but there are a number of Sheldons around the UK.

However, a check of the Birth Index for England and Wales for 1885 shows only one birth for an Albert John Spencer. This was recorded in the Downham District of Norfolk in the April to June quarter, (Q2), of 1885.

The Civil Registration District of Downham included the civil parishes of "Shouldham" and "Shouldham Thorpe".

The baptism of an Albert John Spencer, born 29th March 1885, took place on the 10th May 1885 at All Saints, Shouldham, Norfolk. His parents were Theodore, a Grocer & Draper, and Jessie. The family lived in the parish.

#### 1891 Census of England and Wales

The 6 year old Albert John, born Shouldham, Norfolk, was recorded living in the Grocers' Shop on the Main Road, Fincham, Norfolk. This was the household of his parents Theodore, (35, a Grocer and Deaper, born Feltwell), and Jessie, (aged 33, born Shouldham). As well as Albert their other children living with them are:-

Percy B aged 7 born Shouldham

Florence E aged 3 born Fincham.

There is also an Apprentice Grocer and a live in Domestic Servant in the household.

#### 1901 Census of England and Wales

The Spencer family were very hard to track down on this census. Neither father Theodore nor mother Jessie seem to be recorded. Older brother Percy, aged 17 and born Shouldham, Norfolk, was now a Shop Assistant living in the household of his employer at 41 Freeman Street, Grimsby, Lincolnshire. There was no obvious match for Albert or Florence.

#### 1911 Census of England and Wales

The 26 year old Albert J Spencer, single and a Colliery Shunter from Shouldham, Norfolk, was recorded as a Boarder at 32 Heywood Street, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

His sister had married a Herbert Ludlow Ford by this stage. Herbert was a Law Clerk for a Solicitor. The couple were living at 'Longville', Victoria Park, Andover. It may be a co-incidence but SDGW recorded Albert as resident Andover.

For now, the B Spencer living at Bank House, Feltwell, and his Legatee, Mrs Catherine E Ward, remain unknown. (Can any reader help shed light on this gentleman, please?)

#### On the day

#### BRAINE-LE-COMTE COMMUNAL CEMETERY

Location Information: The village of Braine-le-Comte is located north -east of the town of Soignies

#### **History Information**

Braine-le-Comte Communal Cemetery contains the graves of 33 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War, all of whom died as prisoners of war.

As to when Albert was captured, the International Red Cross records are silent. The only date mentioned is that of the 5th April 1918 but whether that was the same day as he was captured is very unclear. Given the seriousness of his injuries you have expected he was captured very shortly before he died. But therein lies a mystery.

The 2nd/5th Battalion were in the front line on the 21st March 1918 at Noreuil when the German Spring Offensive broke and although they held out for the morning, as the flanking units crumbled they became increasingly stretched. Although a runner got through to tell them reinforcements were on their way, the battalion was cut-



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off before they could retreat to join up with them. Only four men managed to fight their way back and escape the trap. They left over 600 either dead or captured.

That wasn't the end of the story for the 2nd/5ths. Following on from the experiences of the early war years, it was now standard practice to leave 10% of the battalion strength including at least one senior officer back in the transport lines. Thus, even if the front-line troops were wiped out – as here – there was still a cadre around which the battalion could be rebuilt. Thus 60 to 100 men could still have been available to fight, although it was probably not as good as that. The German tactics were to rapidly infiltrate the British front line, bypassing strong points and hurrying on, leaving other army units in the rear to mop them up at their leisure. To ensure success, as much attention was paid over the preceding weeks to bombard the rear areas both by artillery and from the air to try and break down support services and ensure there was no capacity to rapidly reinforce the front line. A mix of poison gases was regularly dropped on areas where troops might be resting and at key crossroads and junctions. This is what the men in the cadre would have had to deal with.

In the fluid fighting that followed these company strength groups of men were either attached to other battalions or formed into temporary ad-hoc units. As such it can be very difficult to establish where they were and what they were up to. There wasn't really time at this point to rebuild a battalion. Additionally while the official story is that only four got away, there may of course have been more, but whose route took them into the arms of other units, who would have been in no hurry to send them on their way.

So he could have been captured on the 21st like so many of his battalion were, and there is a now undocumented story as to what happed to him in the days up until his death. Braine-Le-Comte is about half-way between Mons and Brussels, both places held by the Germans since 1914, so this was not some emergency field hospital close to the front line where he died.

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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

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



#### St Mary's Feltwell

Your Parish Church

The church is open every day.

Feel free to come but please still be aware that Covid has not gone away.

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### RSPB Lakenheath Fen

#### THE YEAR SO FAR AT RSPB LAKENHEATH FEN

We have reached a point this year when we can report on the breeding success of many of our birds on the nature reserve. Our cranes, bitterns and marsh harriers now all have fledged young that they are busy looking after as they take their first steps outside their reedbed nests. Some smaller birds will have repeat broods over the summer, including reed warblers, sedge warblers and waterbirds like moorhens and will keep breeding until the autumn.

We started the Spring with three pairs of adult cranes on site, following a few weeks of many more birds than this and a fair bit of confusion when we were trying to pin down what was going on!

Come early March the birds were settling down and 'bugling' lots as they re-established territory boundaries or set some up in the case of our third, new pair. The new pair became 'Pair C', naturally following 'Pair A' who have been with us for several years and 'Pair B' who were new last to us in 2020.

Fast forward to July and pair A have one fledged chick, and pair B have one too. Pair B did begin the year with two chicks- we had a brief sighting of the family of four in May, but no sign of a second chick ever again. At the time of writing, on 16 July, we believe they now have only one chick, and losing one is quite normal for common cranes. We consider this a success for 'B' as in 2020 they were new to us and lost their eggs early on during incubation. This year they were more attentive and have been rewarded with what is probably their first ever chick! Pair C have followed in their footsteps and appeared to lose eggs this year- if they had any (we think they

probably did) early on, but again they are new to us and first-time breeders who we hope will try again in 2022. Encouragingly, they have stayed put here since Spring, in a pair, and we take this as a sign that they consider this their breeding grounds for the future, even if it hasn't worked out this year. At the moment, most days we

are spotted groups of three flying around the reserve which will be one of these families. The chicks are strengthening their wings and preparing to travel further afield in the next few weeks.



Adult crane in flight. Photo by Junita Davies

Moving onto our bitterns...

we started the season with 11 'booming' males, and this count was the result of many early morning surveys with volunteers and staff scattered across the reserve communicating over radio to work out where the 'booms' were coming from. This was in April and May... June is naturally a quiet month as the males have by then courted females who are now busy laying eggs and raising young chicks. Come July, the chicks are beginning to fledge and we have had sightings of young birds creeping about in the reedbeds (with good views from Mere Hide) and females in busy flights across the reserve to collect food. As I write this there are more and more young marsh harriers being seen almost anywhere on the reserve as they have their first flying lessons from their parents. You can tell them apart by their rich ginger-coloured heads and slightly clumsier flight at the moment.

I hope this round-up of the year so far has been interesting. We have a blog on the RSPB website with our most up-to-date news and sightings, and we print a paper copy and display it at the Visitor Centre in case you visit out-of-hours. Alternatively, you can give us a ring on 01284 863400 or e-mail us at <a href="mailto:lakenheath@rspb.org.uk">lakenheath@rspb.org.uk</a> if you have any questions.

With best wishes, Heidi Jones (Visitor Experience Officer).

#### **SPOT THE DIFFERENCE NO. 23**

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:** This General Store in Short Beck belonged to Mr Grimmer. Unfortunately it burnt down. The Borough can be seen to the right of the western arm of Short Beck.







Welcome back everyone to our Covid Safe Services.

| Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug  | Eucharist | 9.15 am | Feltwell  |
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|                          |           | 11 am   | Weeting   |
| Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | Eucharist | 9.15 am | Hockwold  |
|                          |           | 11 am   | Northwold |
| Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Eucharist | 9.15am  | Weeting   |
|                          |           | 11am    | Feltwell  |
| Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug | Eucharist | 9.15 am | Weeting   |
|                          |           | 11 am   | Feltwell  |
| Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Benefice  | 10 am   | Northwold |
|                          | Eucharist |         |           |

Zoom Eucharist Every Wednesday 10am Please email Chris Parker for invitation details:

grimshoebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

#### An Enormous



To everyone involved in helping with the St Nicholas Churchyard Wall repair.

Thanks to those from near and far (the furthest came from Somerset) who gave up their time for a whole weekend to make the village churchyard wall safe and looking good, giving respect to those buried there and making us proud of our village.

Thanks to those who repaired the wall, but also to those who helped to feed the willing volunteers as they endured the scorching July temperatures.

#### **Hospital Happenings** by Tony Bennett





Monthly Ramblings about West
Suffolk Hospital

News: August 2021

The trust seem keen to share the development of the new hospital with its users. For those that haven't heard, the new site is next door to the existing West Suffolk Hospital thanks to the purchase of the Manor and grounds. This will allow the retention of existing newish buildings and the addition of the new hospital all within the grounds of one site. The website refers to a feedback form which seemed to me to be quite difficult to find so if you would like to contribute, here is the link: https://www.wsh.nhs.uk/Newhealthcare-facility/Get-involved.aspx

#### **Covid Information:**

I have tried not to focus on Covid too much in these articles but the announcement of lifting of the restrictions does require a note. Writing this in early July, the Trust have announced that they will continue with restrictions after the lifting of lockdown.

There is little further information at this point so I'm guessing that this means social distancing will still apply in the hospital, masks will need to be worn and visiting will remain restricted. The current information, which may change at any time, can be found on the following link which also gives the phone numbers for all the wards.

https://www.wsh.nhs.uk/Patients-and-visitors/Information-for-visitors/Ward-information.aspx

#### Case of the Month:

Gastric emptying studies have been mentioned here before as they require the cooking of radioactive eggs for which we have a



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dedicated microwave oven. The eggs were not usually well received as it is just the albumin, the white, that gets cooked and it's quite unappetising. New studies have shown that the eggs seem to work better if they are given on toast which has made quite a difference to patient acceptability. Still not Nigella standards of cuisine but it seems a little more palatable.

The same study suggested that instead of taking images with the patient laying down, it is a better representation of normal life to take them standing up. This has a couple of advantages for us and the patient too, the images are only one minute long so it's all a lot quicker just to stand the patient in front of the camera. Secondly, we can get the patient to place their abdomen right up against the camera which gives better images and reduces movement. It's a win all round.



## Feltwell and surrounding villages food bank now open...

We are now collecting donations!

We are looking for donations of all nonperishable food items, toiletries, pet food, baby food and baby toiletry items.

We will also be looking for donations of any NEW children and adult gifts that we will be able to give out to the most vulnerable families over the Christmas period.

Donations boxes can be found with our logo on in:

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Londis, Feltwell

St Mary's Church, Feltwell

The Methodist Church, Feltwell

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Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

#### **WORD SEARCH**

This month our word search is on **UK LAKES, LOCHS and RESERVOIRS.** 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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When shopping online carefully check that the website address is spelt correctly and is authentic. Criminals can set up convincing websites with very similar website addresses.

#### **NEWS FROM THE LEGION**

I hope you are all well. News from our head office with effect from the 19<sup>th</sup> July Legion buildings can be used again subject to government guide lines. The Legion hall will be open for business from the beginning of August. The agenda at the moment is as follows.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> RBL branch meeting. (19.30)

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Coffee morning (10.30)

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> (10.30) carpet bowls.

The hall etc can be hired as normal; (07745342828) I will feed back about what has happened in the September issue.

Please remember to bring with you your common sense.

Stay well, stay safe.

John Linkin (Chairman)

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It gives me and my stomach great pleasure to announce that

#### WE'RE BACK!

## SATURDAY 4th SEPTEMBER, 9AM @ the WELLINGTON

My stomach can hardly wait. Speaker to be announced next month.

If you are new to the village and would like to join us please email me at garlandp@btinternet.com.

## Word Search Answer

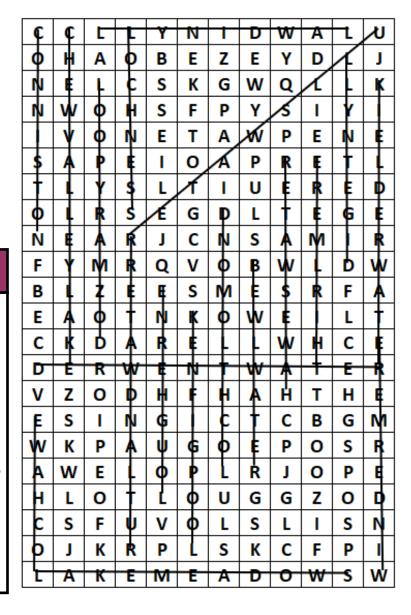
Submitted by Mrs J.
Clements
Next month's Word
Search will feature
ROYAL NAVY SHIP
NAMES

#### **Home Learning Tips**

Get out a map of the UK and locate these lakes, lochs and reservoirs.

Or use the internet.

In which country of the
UK is each one?
Which is the largest,
which the smallest?







## Methwold Youth Centre 'The Hive'

We are looking to recruit a part-time (20 hrs pw) leader for the Youth Centre which operates 3 afternoons/evenings a week from its own designated space at Iceni Academy. The Hive, which offers indoor and outdoor sports, games and social activities to young people from 11 to 18, is supported by an enthusiastic team of volunteers.

We are hoping to have the post filled by the start of the school summer term and therefore wish to appoint the new leader as soon as we can.

Although the Youth Centre is now well-established, having run successfully for the last 3 years, the new leader will have flexibility to further develop its activities to meet the needs and wishes of the users.

Pay for the role will be between £9.50 and £12 per hour depending on the experience of the candidate. There is also a contributory pension scheme available.

If you are interested and would like further information, please contact the trustees on 07787 503545 or email thehiveyouthcentre@gmail.com

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Z The Meeting of the Parish Council was held Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> Ш of JULY 2021 in the British Legion, Long Lane. Seven Councillors attended, 2 members of the public and Squadron Leader Geary. S The Sqn Leader will meet the Head of EOD on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July to discuss their operations and assured everyone that he П would ensure all questions and concerns are discussed. 刀 When asked if the Parish Council could log complaints on behalf of residents, Sqn Leader said structural damage must 0 be reported by the individual. Information regarding public  $\leq$ liability claims can be found here https://www.gov.uk/ government/publications/common-law-claims-policy-division/what-we-do-and-types-of-claims-we-handle#claimspolicy and they can be reported by emailing 工 Defence.CM@davies-group.com or calling 0141 331 6831. П Sqn Leader emphasised that looking after the best interests of Feltwell was a key element of his job and this issue was T high on his agenda. D The new access gate from the car park onto the playing field 刀 has been delayed but will be installed shortly. Voting for a new seesaw will take place at Tesco's Brandon store from 12<sup>th</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September via their Carriers for Causes Scheme. S The tennis court is due to be resurfaced in September. The 工 Annual Operational Inspection of the play equipment was carried out 1<sup>st</sup> July by a RoSPA qualified inspector. 0 Following numerous complaints about several properties, residents are encouraged to cut back all greenery protruding from their property to within their boundary line. Highways will cut back the greenery in front of the 30mph signs on Lodge Road. These signs will also be cleaned and C the road signs at the top of Lodge Road will be replaced. The Clerk will ask Highways to repair potholes along St Mary's Street asap and clear grups at Old Brandon Road.

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field are programmed to commence Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 50% funded by Norfolk County Council's Parish Partnership Scheme. This Scheme will be run again for the next financial year 2022/23.

The hand sanitising station has been moved to the right of the One Stop entrance.

Mr Storey reported that the Local Plan was adopted at June's Borough Council meeting. Norfolk County Council meetings will continue to take place at Norwich Showground.

Feltwell Parish Council's Facebook page is up and running.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the British Legion on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30 pm, all welcome.

#### Your 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.** Or by phone on 828383.



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