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J. W. Whistler**

**Plus: Eco Week School
Report, Good Health,
Scams, Farmyard
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Another maxed-out issue

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Eco-Week at Edmund de Moundeford Primary School – week beginning 8th November

“Eco week is an event where everybody has to try their best to improve their lifestyle and save our planet. It is also a time to try to prolong our planet and the amazing species that inhabit it. Many may be being environmentally friendly without even knowing it. Even putting a single, empty cardboard box in the recycling can make a difference.” Eagles - Year 6

Each class has been learning about different aspects of climate change and helping the environment.

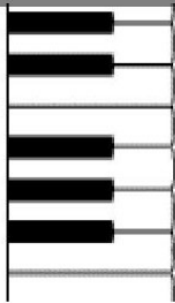
In Robins, we have been learning about rubbish and how to recycle it. Mrs Eastes gave us some bits to sort. We had to work out what they were made of and where would go to recycle them. We had glass, cardboard, paper, metal and plastic. We try and recycle in our class as much as we can, recycling is really important for our world.

Then in Puffins, we have been discussing the problem with plastic in our oceans and have read the book ‘The whale who wanted more’.

While in Owls, we have been learning about how to help the local environment. We have created lots of bird feeders and placed them all around the school. We also created our very own bug hotel for our outdoor classroom! Look at our instructions, could you make your own?

Over in Kingfishers, we have made 3 pledges to help make the world a better place as well as created posters to remind people where to put different rubbish. Next-door in Kestrels, we have looked at how we can help the environment and learnt about renewable and non-renewable energy as well as created our own terrariums and windmills.

Further up the school, in Hawks, we have learned about the famous environmental protester Greta Thunberg and found out about our



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own carbon footprint. Finally, in Eagles, we have formed a protest to argue the importance of being more environmentally friendly at our school. We recommend walking to school and recycling.

What could you do to help our planet and our local community be more green?

How to make a bird feeder

Because it is now autumn, and soon winter, birds are struggling to find food. Make these bird feeders and you can help the birds!

Apple Bird Feeder

What you will need:

Apple, String, Knife, seeds

What to do:

First, cut the apple in half.

Secondly, tie a string around the apple.

Next, push seeds into the apple.

Finally, hang the apple in a tree for the birds.

Pine Cone Bird Feeder

What you will need:

Pine Cone, String, Lard, Bowl, seeds

What to do:

First, tie a string around the pinecone.

Secondly, soften the lard in a bowl.

Next, mix seed into the lard.

Then, push the mixture into the pinecone.

After that, hang it up outside.

Thank you for helping our planet!

Year 2, Owls Class

The answers to last month's Kenning poems are a toucan and a sloth.

Roy and Eva Invite you to their

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

1st Dec, 6pm. 4, Western Close, Feltwell.

Free hotdogs on the night and every subsequent Saturday.

Donations to My WISH charity, supporting NHS blood transfusions at W.Suffolk Hospital.

FELTWELL IN THE HUNDRED OF GRIMESHOU PART 8

This is part eleven 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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St. Mary's Church 3

Rectors.

1303, 21 Nov. *Nicholas de Coulteshale*. The Bishop of Norwich, the Prior of Lewes being then excommunicated.

1338, 7 Feb. *Robert de Stanhowe*. John Earl Warren, the patronage of all the benefices belonging to the abbey of Lewes, being granted to him by the King, who on account of his wars with France seized the priory aliens (of which this was one) into his own hands.

30th and 46th Edward III. *Thomas de Lexham*.

1391, 21 Nov. *John de Debenham*. The Prior and Convent of Lewes.

1417, 4 March, *Thomas Alkok*. Ditto. By his will, proved 3d Oct.

1438, he desires to be buried in the chancel, and a stone laid over him.

1430, 4 Jan. Mr. *John Crowcher*, S. T. B. Dean of *Chichester*, on *Alkok's* death. Ditto. The feast of the dedication of this church, which was used to be kept annually on 14th April, was enjoined by the Bishop of Norwich 24th Sept. 1433, to be kept for the future annually on 24th Sept.

John Young.

John Bernard.

1462, 26 May, *Thomas Topyn*, on *Bernard's* death. The Prior and Convent of Lewes.

1491, 21 Jan. *Thomas Adams*, A. M. on *Topyn's* death. *Ditto*.

1503, 13 Jan. *Andrew Swynne*, A. M. on *Adams's* death. *Ditto*.

1512, 19 Oct. *Alexander Trodes*, S. T. B. *Ditto*. He was prebendary in the collegiate church or chapel in the Fields at *Norwich*.

1527, 19 Aug. *Richard Taylor*, LL.B. on *Trodes's* death. *Ditto*. He was vicar of *Hunstanton* in *Norfolk*, and resigned for this.

1543, 30 Oct. *John Holland*, on the death of the last rector, chaplain to the Duke of *Norfolk*. Thomas Duke of *Norfolk*.

1553, 30 Feb. *Philip Parrock*, on *Holland's* death. The Duke of *Norfolk*.

1555, 8 Nov. *Henry Grene*. Lapse.

1599, 8 Nov. *Tho. Randal*. In 1603, it was certified to the King, on his queries, that this church was served by a curate, *Ambrose Fisk*, the benefice heretofore presentative, was long since leased by the incumbent, Lord Bishop and Patron, and is so holden and served by the said curate, and that there were 120 communicants in this parish.

1609, 25 Nov. *Robert Warren*, A. M. The King, it being forfeited on the attainder of the Duke of *Norfolk*, in Queen *Elizabeth's* reign.

1619, 18 June *Thomas Randal*, A. M. The King; united to *Hockwold*.

1631, *William Smith*, rector also of *Hockwold*.

1666, 3 April, *John Randolph*, S. T. B. The King.

1684, 18 Feb. *Robert Simpson*, A. M. on *Randolph's* death. *Ditto*.

1728, 13 Sep. The Rev. Mr. *Edw. Bearne*. *Ditto*.

Mr. *Adam de Walton*, precentor of *Litchfield*, was rector here.

This rectory is valued in the King's books at 14*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* *ob.*; tenths 1*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* 3*q.* There is a pension paid yearly by the rector, of 5*l.* 10*s.* to the Duke of *Norfolk*, of which 5*l.* *per annum* was paid as a pension to the Prior of *Lewes*, for his portion of tithes here, and was so charged in 1428, the other pension of 10*s.* was paid to the Prior of *Castle-Acre*, for his portion, both which, on the Dissolution, were given to the Duke of *Norfolk*.

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

Scam Alert -Post Office Text Scam

Scam Alert - Charity Christmas Cards, etc.

Information Alert - Account takeover (See below)

Scam Alert - Emails Insurance scam

Scam Alert – Text messages claiming to be from Hermes

Scam Alert - Investment Scams and fake cryptocurrency exchanges

Scam Alert – Automated telephone cold calls making claims about 'your National Insurance Number'

Cold Calling Alert – Telephone cold calls regarding 'saving energy'

News Alert - Avian Influenza Protection Zone (See p40)

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For more advice and updates

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Reporting scams

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Citizens Advice consumer service website

If you've been the victim of an online scam you can get advice and support from Citizens Advice Scams Action:

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

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- Ordering upgrades, accessories or replacement sims and applying for additional connections

Fraudsters may call you, sometimes several times, and appear genuine, sending you one-time passwords to reset your account. They then take over control of your mobile account.

The technical term for this type of fraud is phishing.

Smishing is when this happens through a text message. You may receive a message from an unknown mobile number.

An example of this is: - “02: your bundle will be cancelled on 21/10/2021 as we could not verify a payment method. To avoid this visit <https://02-bundle-renew.com>”.

A genuine provider would not just send a text to close an account. The fear that this might happen makes the recipient click on the link and potentially divulge all their personal information which leads to an account takeover.

If in doubt call your provider to check, do **not** click on any link. You can report phishing attempts to report@phishing.gov.uk. Stay safe!

On a personal note I've had dozens of emails throughout November from various Walgreens addresses claiming my BT email account is closing, my McAfee security is due for renewal, etc, etc. All scams.

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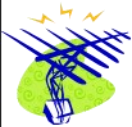
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ST MARY'S EASTER QUIZ SHEET 2021

Following the success of the first St Mary's Quiz sheet a second was devised by quiz setter Jackie Reeve and put on sale Easter 2021.

Several people have asked for the answers to this quiz but I thought it would be a good idea to let everyone have a go at it, even those who didn't buy a copy! So, with permission granted, here is the **CREATURE PHRASES** section.

Instructions—First word in a 2 word phrase is a creature. The initial letter is given and the number of letters in each word e.g. **C (4-4) = CATS' EYES.**

Answers on page 17.

1	H (5-6)	11	D (6-5)
2	C (3-7)	12	M (6-4)
3	T (6-3)	13	S (4-4)
4	Z (5-8)	14	R (6-5)
5	M (5-4)	15	S (5-4)
6	S (5-5)	16	C (11-6)
7	P (7-7)	17	T (6-4)
8	K (6-5)	18	B (6-5)
9	C (7-4)	19	C (9-5)
10	P (5-3)	20	D (4-4)

Contributors. Please note the earlier date for submissions of 10th December for the January issue. Thank you.

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The speaker for our 6th November meeting was the ever popular RAF historian, Ken Delve.

This was Ken's third visit to the Breakfast Club and, once again, his talk was both entertaining and informative. He began

by showing us a Pathe News film entitled *Back from Berlin* which featured interviews with RAF aircrews returning from an air raid over, you've guessed it, Berlin. Clearly an obvious piece of propaganda but one that led into a story of how a visitor to the Marham Heritage Centre some months ago had brought a letter from a deceased relative in which he wrote, "Must end now as I've got to go

and star in a film called *Back from Berlin.*" And we thought that they had been genuine interviews with aircrew just



after they'd landed! And until that letter had been found so did everyone else. Which just goes to prove the point that small personal items of RAF material tell us more about the events and people involved in events than does the sanitized history that the RAF retains. They don't even retain logbooks so, if you have anything lying around relating to the RAF please take it to the Marham Heritage Centre and not the Imperial War Museum who will most probably be uninterested. **The Centre is open 9am-4pm, Tuesday and Wednesday and the last Saturday of each month.** Worth a visit.

Ken then proceeded to illustrate this point further by telling us several stories which, without the human perspective, would have been dry and only of academic interest. Stories about survival after

crashing into the sea, of the men involved in the mission to bomb the Falklands during the Argentine War, of messages written on life vests, and why RAF bomber bases had pigeon lofts.

Ken flew Canberras for five years before moving onto Tornados and explained how difficult it is to refuel in mid-air, particularly at night and in cloud whilst executing a turn manoeuvre! No wonder some Victor refuelling pipes get bent or broken.

As Halloween had just finished Ken went on to regale us with stories concerning ghosts and ghouls. Apparently, there is a rich documented history of ghosts on RAF stations, many of the tales being recited by only one individual so difficult to authenticate. Stories about ghost pilots, about dead pilots who managed to land a plane and even about ghost planes. Although the stories are amusing and interesting many of the paranormal elements are usually dispelled by further investigation.

Ken then moved on from ghost stories to tell us about Gremlins. Gremlins are explanations used by air and ground crew alike to explain the occurrence of unlikely events: *It was the Gremlins what did it!* So superstitious were some that to help ward off the gremlins pilots and crew would perform certain rituals or carry good luck tokens with them, ranging from rabbits feet to small wooden penguins to knitted dolls and other soft toys. Even lucky dice.

Our next meeting will be on 4th December and the speaker will be Pat Baldwin talking about his time in the fire brigade (Part 2).



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CREATURE PHRASES ANSWERS

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| 1 | Horse Radish | 11 | Donkey Derby |
| 2 | Cow Parsley | 12 | Monkey Nuts |
| 3 | Tigers Eye | 13 | Swan Song |
| 4 | Zebra Crossing | 14 | Rabbit Punch |
| 5 | Mouse Trap | 15 | Snail Mail |
| 6 | Sheep Shank | 16 | Caterpillar Tracks |
| 7 | Penguin Biscuit | 17 | Turkey Trot |
| 8 | Kitten Heels | 18 | Beetle Juice |
| 9 | Chicken Feed | 19 | Crocodile Tears |
| 10 | Panda Car | 20 | Duck Down |

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Due to unforeseen circumstances the Carols by Candlelight at St Nicholas Church is cancelled.

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Your Good Health

by Dr Ian Nisbet

Beware the scammers

Over the past few months, all of us must have become aware of the ever-increasing number of scammers operating out there. Telephone calls from “The Inland Revenue” telling you that you owe thousands and must pay immediately to avoid penalties, calls from “Your Bank” advising you to move money to a safe account, and so on. Recently, I have become aware of two friends of our age who were scammed out of thousands, one by a fake insurance company and the other by a builder who, having accepted full payment in advance, disappeared into the ether. Many TV programmes carry vivid warnings about scammers but, until recently, by being really careful, not answering unknown telephone numbers, not clicking on unsolicited emails on the worldwide cobweb, and never

moving any money without serious due diligence, I have remained insulated from the world of scammers. However, recent experience has taught me that the scammers are all in full swing and out to get me.

When we bought our new home four years ago, we inherited from the builders a brand-new set of bunk beds which had been part of the show home display. They are California bunk beds, top of the range and currently retailing at £448.00 (Amazon) with the mattresses about £100 each, i.e. a total of about £650.00. I took advice and advertised them on Gumtree and local sites for £315. The first responder asked me to send my email address to his wife, which I did. The wife then informed me that she would definitely buy the bunk beds and that I should take down the advert (which I didn't). She would pay

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me through my Paypal account, adding £50 for the courier she was using to collect the beds. Paypal would inform me when the money hit my account. I duly received a statement from Paypal informing me that my account had been credited with £365. So far, so good. The Paypal letter went on to inform me that I should use the £50 to go to a shop and buy a Googleplay card and that I should scratch off the authorisation code on the back of the card. I should then send Paypal the receipt for the card and a picture of the front of the card (with its registration number) and the back of the card with the revealed "permission to use" number. At this point, even I smelled a rat so I went into Paypal using my own passwords and had an online chat which revealed that Paypal had sent me no such letter and that the registration number enclosed within the text of the Paypal letter was completely bogus. So, no money had been credited to my account and, had I followed the instructions, the scammer would have received £50 worth

of Googleplay. What impressed me was the absolute accuracy of the fake Paypal website, only spoiled by the wrong registration code. (MORAL – WHEN SELLING THROUGH GUMTREE AND OTHER RECOGNISED SITES, THERE ARE MECHANISMS IN PLACE TO PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY. ALL EMAILS GO THROUGH THE SITE AND THE PURCHASER NEVER GETS TO KNOW THE DETAILS. By emailing "his wife", I had taken the transaction away from Gumtree and lost my protection).

The next person wanted to know my email address, which they would need to access my Paypal account, and my name and full address for their "courier". If I was unhappy revealing my email address, they would happily accept all my bank details instead! This could lead to identity fraud and I told them where to go. The next person wanted to pay me an extra £100 for the "courier" to be paid in Amazon vouchers sent to the "Paypal address" of the purchaser. Another one I advised to go away!

So, all three responses were

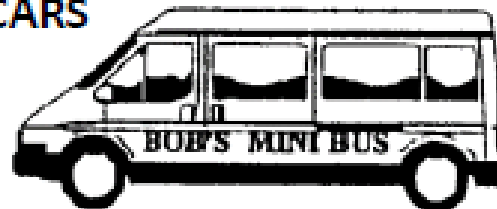
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from scammers and I now have a markedly raised “index of suspicion” as we say in medicine. In the end, Charlotte, our daughter bought the bunk beds at a significant discount and, yes, for transport, they fitted into my new Alhambra with its 6’6” load space, for the journey to Sutton Coldfield.

The weather forecast: For many years, we watched the Norfolk weather forecast on the local news, courtesy of Julie, and, most of the time, it was accurate. We moved to Worcestershire and the local weather forecast is presented by lovely people who must work in a studio with no windows. With a perfectly straight face, they show maps of cloudless skies and talk of a dry week. I look out of the window and, as my dear friend Ken Griffen used to say, “It’s persisting down|”. Here, once the rain starts, it never knows how to stop and I think the forecasters are perpetuating some sort of myth that the West Midlands are sunny and dry. At this point, I am delighted to report that the 100mm perforated land drains I laid

with 2 tons of gravel earlier this year are working brilliantly and my lawn is lovely and dry. I led the drain to a very dry area of our garden, with lots of tree roots; our next-door neighbour down the hill has not complained of any new lake in his garden so all is well.

Kevin took on a new secretary. A few days later his wife learned of this this new hire, and so he faced a volley of rapid, suspicious questions. Emma (Kevin's wife): “Does your new secretary have nice legs?” Kevin: “Didn’t quite notice.” Emma: “What colour are her eyes?” Kevin: “Haven’t had the time to check.” Emma: “What are the nail polish colours she uses, metallic, gel or neon?” Kevin: “Not a clue in the world.” Emma: “Does she have a local accent?” Kevin: “I barely spoke to her, so don’t know.” Emma: “How does she dress?” Kevin: “Very quickly”. Kevin’s funeral will be on Thursday next week.

Mandy asked her mother for a few minutes to have a serious conversation. Concerned for her college-age daughter, Nina sat down with Mandy who was

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looking nervous. "What is it, sweetie?" her mother asked. "You know you can tell me anything." Mandy managed a sickly smile. "Well, you may judge me for this and PLEASE don't tell dad!" "What IS IT?" Her mother demanded. "Do you know my schoolfriend Jeremy?" "Yes" says her mother cautiously. "And you know his dad, Ronald?" "Ah ha." her mother looked more concerned every second. "I think I'm in love with him!" Mandy blurted out. Her mother was shocked. "I won't allow it!" "Mom, you can't tell me who to love!" "He could be your father!" shouted Nina. "I don't care about the age difference!" the daughter shot back. Her mother sighed. "I

think you misunderstood me." On a sad note, I was really sorry to hear of the death of Les Anderson, formerly of Brookville and latterly from Feltwell. He cared for his wife for many years and, during his last few years, he received immense care from his family. I am sure that all will agree that he was a great character. Deannie and I were really fond of him. We both send our commiserations to all his family. He will be sorely missed.

Best wishes to you all. Management (Head Office) and I wish you a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. Let's hope that Coronavirus becomes controllable!

Ian Nisbet

POPPY APPEAL COFFEE MORNING

A well attended and enjoyable morning was had by all. A big thank you to the people present who donated prizes for the raffle and also to Londis and One Stop.

The raffle raised **£74.33.**

Thank you to Margaret who made some lovely cakes, some of which had a fondant icing poppy on top. Margaret also made some cheese scones which were very popular.

Thank you to those who made donations for the goods on the Poppy table and also for the refreshments.

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I'm dreaming of Christmas once summer has
gone,
Find the signpost to autumn and follow,
Along it's gold trail to the magical tale,
Oh if only that time was tomorrow!



The excitement builds up like an overflowed cup
Once my letter has gone up the chimney,
Every night when in bed thoughts play games in my head
Of what dear Father Christmas might bring me.

I'm told he'll sleigh past if my eyes I should cast
Anyway except tight shut and sleeping,
He's such a dear friend, I could surely pretend,
Would he know if I lay in bed peeping?

Take care Father Christmas, I'm counting on you,
Please always stay active and wealthy!
Should you ever feel ill I will send you a pill,
Christmas Eve mustn't find you unhealthy!

I hope you get presents like we children do,
I would bring one to Toyland in person,
But I don't know the way and I haven't a sleigh,
And the bad weather's likely to worsen!

I long to repay you, you're such a dear man,
Your energy must be unending,
Whilst the mince pie and sherry just might keep you merry,
It's my thank-you and love that I'm sending.

Goodbye Father Christmas and safe journey home,
The pleasure you give can't be measured.
Enjoy Christmas Day once your sacks' put away,
Always know that your visits are treasured.

Judith Porter

GROWING UP IN FELTWELL IN THE 1950S & 60S

BY ROBERT WALDEN

9 Christmas Time

Christmas festivities began at school. In December at primary school we would practise our short Christmas concert to entertain mums and perhaps a few grandparents. Mrs Charlesworth would be on stage playing the piano while we each took it in turns to sing the same song to the audience: *"I'm a little cowboy (or depending on sex and inclination, spaceman, soldier, fairy or nurse)...on the Christmas Tree – if you were a little boy (or girl!) would you like me?"* That was it though we each did a little dance or mime appropriate for our allotted character while the class accompanied Mrs Charlesworth by singing : "Tra la la, la lah lah – tra la la la lah..!" We also made paper chains to decorate the classroom. One year Mr Feltwell suggested we stick little blobs of cotton wool to the windows to represent snow flakes using that brown glue used then for sticking paper. The result was lovely and it put us 10 year olds in an excited mood. (Not so the school cleaners: it took weeks for all the hard glue to be scraped off the glass.) By the time we were in Junior School the nativity play seemed part of the curriculum. One year a young student teacher made a wonderful donkey's head from papier mâché which he painted to great effect. It caught everyone's attention but it rather highlighted the fact that the rest of the donkey was missing.

One vivid memory as a young boy is of Dad taking just me to Swaffham Market one Christmas Eve late Saturday afternoon in c1955. Although the trip was ostensibly for me to buy mum a last-minute present (bath salts: "Ashes of Roses" from Boots) it may have been so Dad could do the same (perfume: "White Fire" in a tiny red bottle – also from Boots). Nearly all the stallholders had paraffin lamps hissing away; their faces were full of warm smiles while large coins held in fingerless mittens glistened in the festive glow. I also remember being taken by dad "to see" Father Christmas in Jermyn's King's Lynn department store where for a fee I was permitted to sit on his knee and tell him what I was hoping for on the big night. I was given a little present on account: a football fan's

sharp steel rattle.

At home we always had a real Christmas tree of course and the smell of them still takes me back to my childhood. Dad bought our first fairy lights second hand in 1958: each shade had a nursery rhyme illustration and they cast delightful shadows of the tree's needles on the adjoining walls. But when one bulb blew others soon followed.

By the time I was 7 some of my friends no longer believed in Father Christmas. Fortunately, I still knew he was quite real. My eldest sister once declared that she and her boyfriend had passed him outside Auntie Betty's house further down Munson's Lane on their way home from Christmas Eve midnight mass. (Apparently he had only the one reindeer – not an entire team!). In 1957 when he brought me roller skates I discovered one of the leather foot-straps was missing. After inspecting them my clever mother suddenly exclaimed that “he must have dropped it on the pavement outside our house.” And sure enough, he had! Clear proof of his existence like that could last some time.... at least until the year when I bit a tiny hole in the skin of each orange in our fruit bowl on Christmas Eve and found the orange in my Christmas morning stocking had just such a tiny hole...

Until 1960 my aunt, uncle and cousins were living at Cambridge House in the High Street and aunt loved having Christmas parties for us children, almost as much as we did. My father's sister was a lovely lady but like many who had lived through wartime frugality she could not understand how we could possibly want to eat our rabbit jellies and blancmanges, tinned peaches and evaporated milk without any bread and butter. Even when we had politely declined she would still try to coax us with “have just one small piece with your jelly Robert”. Odd because the special occasion food on her table was always plentiful. And her Christmas tree always held a present for each of us. I recall whistles with sticks inside them which varied the note as you blew and moved the stick in and out. She had a piano (lots of families did) and adults and children could play it to an acceptable standard for our games: Squeak Piggy Squeak; Pass the Parcel; Musical Chairs and Blind Man's Buff. I'm not sure I recall



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the rules to Postman's Knock but it did involve me at the age of 10 walking out of the room to deliver a kiss to 9 year old Vivien, waiting expectantly in the unlit hall. I was halfway through an apple when sent out and, on the spur of the moment, decided that I could avoid the mission's messier part by applying my half eaten apple to Vivien's cheek. She wasn't fooled and she protested for the rest of the evening.

Before the breathalyser it was usual to ask in tradesmen such as the genial Mr Boyd our coalman, to have a glass of warm sherry or port. My family were friendly with the old and affable Fred King, the village road sweeper who at Christmas would bring us pink and white sugar mice (available from the Crown pub). He had a hoarse, rasping voice and often brought a huge tin of buttons of all shapes and colours, all picked up off the road while sweeping with his broom and handcart.

As we entered our teens Christmas became a little dull. Clubs and pubs were all closed in the evening on Christmas Day of course. Abandoned by Father Christmas and still unsullied by the pleasures of alcohol, around 8 o'clock four of us walked around a silent village with not even a dog barking to be heard. Television now ruled; everyone was indoors. Without any pre-planning, we lay down in the middle of the Beck just downhill from the post office, looking up at the stars and pondering the joys of Christmases still to come. We were there a good 5 minutes: it was quite mild. We would easily have heard had any car or motorbike approached- but there were none.

A few years later Bob, Alistair and I had passed our driving tests and had joined Thetford Young Farmers. The Bell Hotel there was a smart establishment in the 1960s and we were now young men and in the company of some smart young women. Those teenage years had slipped away so quickly, just as my wistful party aunt had told me they would but Christmas with a beer in hand (or a rum and black or bianco and lemonade) and in the company of your best friends, really wasn't so bad. Then afterwards, perhaps midnight mass at a candlelit St Cuthberts Church, before departing back to Feltwell and family.

WORD TRAIL NO. 11

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

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CLUES

- 1 Which famous American baseball catcher wished he hadn't said: 'Never answer an anonymous letter: (4-5)
- 2 What is the name of the radical French Republic Prime Minister of 1948 (5-5)

- 3 Reference book (13)
- 4 Naval man (4-6)
- 5 Protector of buildings etc (5-8)
- 6 Waterfall which drains Lake Erie into Lake Ontario (7)
- 7 Which German won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1921 (6-8)
- 8 This river begins its journey in equatorial East Africa, flows to the Mediterranean and is 6,160km long (4)
- 9 Register (6)
- 10 Which radio DJ wished he had not said this: 'It's so easy to have a fatal accident and ruin your life' (4-9)
- 11 Silvery metallic element (6)
- 12 Printing from a plate with raised characters (11)
- 13 The capital of Costa Rica (3-4)
- 14 Someone who administers a test (8)
- 15 Chemical used in reactions (7)
- 16 Occurring every third year (9)
- 17 900 year old cultural story riding naked in Coventry (4-6)
- 18 loft (5)
- 19 Who sang: '*Wonderful Tonight*' (4-7)
- 20 Ingenuous (5)
- 21 Perpetual (11)
- 22 A person who cuts and sets panes into windows and doors (7)
- 23 Who wrote: '*The man who would be King*' (7-7)
- 24 Where does the River Ganges originate (8-7)
- 25 Physically strong (6)
- 26 Change the order or arrangement (9)
- 27 Which American first lady had the same maiden surname and marriage surname (7-9)
- 28 An anti-fungal drug used to treat ringworm (11)

This month's Word Trail solution can be found on page 60.

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We are now in peak season for this sort of criminality. That said, the number of incidents reported to us remain very low and down significantly on previous years. We continue to patrol particular hotspots around the county and sharing intelligence with our neighbouring forces.

It remains important that all incidents are reported to us in a timely fashion so that we can deploy resources to the correct locations.

MARKING OF PROPERTY

We continue to see thefts of tools and other easily removable items. It remains really important to make sure your property is secure, locked away and out of sight. Another really easy deterrent is to make sure your property is marked obviously; it then becomes harder to sell on by a suspect and also when we do come across property, it is easier to return to its rightful owners. The marking can be simply done with a permanent marker or with an engraving tool. We recommend the marking is your surname and postcode. You can literally mark anything from power tools, generators, garden tools, electronics, lawn mowers, and many more. We also recommend you have photos of your valuables alongside with any serial numbers of the equipment.

SCRAP METAL THEFTS

Scrap metal prices continue to be very high and we have seen a number of large scale and small-scale thefts of scrap metal from various settings including; from vehicles (catalytic converters –



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contain some high-priced precious metals), farms, building sites and businesses. Some of this has of course been disposed of and then illegally collected, other has been metal 'products' stolen. If you have scrap metal lying around, again consider your security and whether you can leave it in a secure place, and can it be disposed of in the correct manner.

AVIAN BIRD FLU—AWARENESS

On Monday 1st November I got this from the Police: At the point of writing this we have had no confirmed Avian Flu cases in the UK.

On the 5th November I received this via a news alert: An Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) has been declared across Great Britain. As I understand it this is a precautionary measure and, as of 6/11/21, we still have no reported cases, thankfully.

The AIPZ means all bird keepers in Great Britain (whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock) are required by law to take a range of biosecurity precautions.

The AIPZ now in force across Great Britain, does not include a requirement to house birds. However, this is being kept under constant review. With the increased risk of avian influenza during the winter, the need to include a mandatory housing requirement in the AIPZ may happen.

MUD ON THE ROAD

****Just a reminder as the wet weather has started. Please ensure the highway & paths are kept clean and clear of all mud.**** It is also a timely reminder with wet and muddy roads, that all road users should always be driving to the conditions. As they say...drive to arrive!

Vehicle operators, contractors and farmers who deposit mud on the road are potentially liable for a range of offences. This guidance note is **not** a complete statement of the law or of your responsibilities and possible liabilities.

A range of powers are available to the police and National Highways, primarily the Highways Act 1980; and the Road Traffic Act 1988.

Highways Act 1980 Section137 states: "If a person, without lawful authority or excuse, in any way wilfully obstructs the free passage along a highway he is guilty of an offence". Highways Act 1980

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Section 149 of the Highways Act states: “if anything is deposited on the highway so as to constitute a nuisance/danger the Highway Authority can require the person who put it there to remove it forthwith”. Mud causes skidding and is therefore dangerous and a nuisance.

Highways Act 1980 Section 161 states: “If a person, without lawful authority or excuse, deposits anything whatsoever on a highway in consequence of which a user of the highway is injured or endangered, that person is guilty of an offence”. Furthermore, the Road Traffic Act 1988 covers situations where a mechanically propelled vehicle is driven dangerously on a road. Driving dangerously can include driving a vehicle in a state that could cause danger to others.

Punishment for these offences ranges from fines to imprisonment.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IN NOVEMBER

There might not be as much colour in the fields this time of year, as arable farms continue to plough fields in preparation for next year’s crops. Winter wheat continues to be drilled until middle of the month traditionally, and more of our sugar beet fields are turned from green to brown as they are harvested to produce our sugar for the next year. Around 50% of the UK’s sugar demand is met from British sugar beet nearly all of which is grown in the eastern region.

On livestock farms the work never stops! With most cattle now housed for winter, the daily jobs of feeding and bedding up with fresh straw and the likes, becomes a daily task. Livestock left out on grass will often need to be supplemented with extra food as the grass has stopped growing and quality is no longer sufficient.

Whilst many associate the 5th November with Bonfire Night it is also a traditional important date in a Shepherd’s calendar. That’s because if you put your tup (male sheep) with your flock of ewes on the 5 November you ‘should’ have Spring lambs born on the 1 April. Obviously as farming has modernised, many farmers now lamb slightly earlier to feed into the traditional Easter lamb market. That said, many do still lamb at the beginning of April .

The deer rut was in full swing.

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Our AGM was held 13th October there was a good attendance and much was discussed mainly around trying to gain more members and funds.

Our Chairman reported he would stand for one more year, the rest of the committee remained with two new members joining it which hopefully will introduce fresh ideas etc.

Funds are still a problem for new equipment, one of the members is researching any means of getting any grants etc. he found this has to wait for the new financial year.

The decoration of the club is finished and the work party have replaced all the furniture etc. in place.

The outside is looking good all the hedges have been trimmed back and several discovery of flower beds etc under the undergrowth were found these have been removed, the sides have been topped up with new gravel, just need to repair the concrete paths.

The Green keeper reported we are in need of some top soil to level out some ridges and hollows, hopefully we can raise some monies to do this at the end of the next season.

Our Quiz night was held Saturday 13th November, there was a good attendance of over 50 and all thoroughly enjoyed it being able to mix after this long period. It was held in the large hall at the British Legion and there was plenty of space between the tables. Hopefully, this will add a bit to our funds.

We have the next one booked for Saturday 15th January 6-30 to start at 7o/c, interested see you there.

We are open to new members if you are interested give me a call on 01842 827511 you will be made most welcome. Max



It is with regret that I am **cancelling F3** (Free films at the Wellington) on Monday nights. I would like to say thank you to my small but loyal audience.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.

	Karen	Joseph	Madeline	Xavier	Fortune Fish	Screwdrivers	Spring Puzzle	Playing Cards	Goose	Turkey	Salmon	Beef
In-Laws House												
Parents House												
Own Home												
Sister's House												
Goose												
Turkey												
Salmon												
Beef												
Fortune Fish												
Screwdrivers												
Spring Puzzle												
Playing Cards												

Match where each person had Christmas dinner, what they ate and their cracker prize.

1. The person who ate at their Own House didn't eat Salmon.
2. Joseph, Madeline, the Beef eater and Fortune Fish winner are all different people.
3. The Screwdrivers were won by the woman eating Salmon
4. The person who ate Turkey didn't win the Fortune Fish or the Spring Puzzle
5. The person who went to their Parents House and the person in their Own Home were both Female.
6. Xavier didn't win the Fortune Fish and he didn't dine at his In Laws House.

Answer on page 50.



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FELTWELL METHODIST CHURCH & COMMUNITY HALL

Our Nativity will be in the foyer of the church from Saturday 4th December where you can take a photo of your children dressed as part of the scene. Costumes will be available to help them feel in character.

Of course we all know that Christmas is a subversion of a pagan festival, namely Saturnalia from Roman times. But who decided that the festivals like Saturnalia were to be labelled “pagan”? Certainly when ancient cultures held their festival or feasts, they would have considered them legitimate celebrations of what they believed in, usually planet gods or sun gods or gods of the harvest. Feasting and gift giving definitely predates the birth of Jesus Christ. In fact, the recognition of the birth of Jesus was not established until over 300 years after His death.



This then begs the question -

All those people who do not believe in Jesus..... what or who are they celebrating at this feast time? Do they know? Could this be a reversion to the pagan traditions pre-Christ. Is this a development of a 20th century festival with no religious basis, but simply an excuse to indulge in excessive eating, drinking and spending(or should we say the succumbing of our weak human desires to the powerful persuasion of advertising. Religious being merely a repetitive act. Or is there a subconscious acknowledgement that there is something about this guy Jesus which makes us think?

DECEMBER SEES A FEW CHANGES IN OUR PROGRAM

OLD CODGERS' NIGHT

**will move to Saturday 18 December
as a Christmas party @6.30pm**

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH FOR LOCAL PEOPLE FEELING LONELY

If you know someone living alone, please bring this invitation to their attention. We ask for a contribution of £5 per person, if possible.

Several kind local people have offered donations of food or drink to help with the celebrations. They know who they are, and I would like to publicly thank them and offer them many blessings this Christmas.

Craft Group continues on MONDAYS – 2.00pm to 4.00pm

A new era of craft with new members, new ideas & new challenges. The men are constructive and are helping make raised beds for vegetables, building equipment for groups to use and helping to make improvements to the premises & undertake minor repairs.

Plus we have refreshments. No membership fee! No gender discrimination!

6.00pm to 7.00pm – Maria's Exercise Group.... Is back!

TUESDAYS

9.00am to 10.00am – Pilates with Helen

WEDNESDAYS

10.00am to 12 noon – Community Garden & coffee

We are following RHS guidance and have mown our meadow and planted clusters of Foxgloves, Cornflowers and more. We want to step up and expand community involvement and include a social aspect. Several local people have shown an interest, but we haven't seen them again. So we'd like to know who would like to benefit from the freshest local fruit & veg, a chance to meet and make friends, construct raised beds, climbing frames etc. and some topical

chat & tea/coffee. Please get in touch via details below or “Message” me if you want in. We will be entering our gardens in the Anglia in Bloom 2022, hopefully along with the village.....

FELTWELL IN BLOOM – see the special article in this magazine.

THURSDAYS

10.00am to 12 noon – Feltwellbeings.

6.00pm to 7.30pm – Brownies.... **Brownies** is about trying new things that teach **girls aged** seven to 10 about themselves, their community and their world **Brownies** introduces girls to a world of new opportunities, challenges and fun.

SUNDAYS

10.45am to 12 noon – Fellowship and refreshments.... may include singing, praying, listening, discussing.

All our work can be found on our page of the West Norfolk Methodist Circuit website by scanning this QR code on your Android or iPhone.



We can be contacted on Facebook, Messenger or mobile 07712578721 or by email mikegw15@gmail.com Mike & Brigitte Wilkinson

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT LATE ADDITION

We are very pleased to be part of a new project that is aimed at preventing and reducing social isolation and loneliness across Norfolk communities.

The **Cuppa Care Project** has been initiated and developed by the Rotary Club of Norwich and delivered by a partnership of local charities working jointly towards bringing people together and tackle loneliness that may be caused through poverty, disability, age, gender, lack of accessible local support and information services, geographical remoteness, poor transport or other needs.

Whether you just want to get out of the house, to meet new people, or chat about something that’s worrying you – we have friendly people on board of our Cuppa Care Bus who can help. Apart from us (Hear for Norfolk) you will be able to access support from Age UK Norwich, Vision Norfolk, Norfolk LGBT+ Project, Norfolk and Waveney Mind, Norfolk CAB, Age UK Norfolk and The Wellbeing Service.

At this moment in time the project is being piloted in several venues in Norfolk. Feltwell will host the project in West Norfolk. The bus will be in Feltwell on Friday, 17th December and 28th January in the Methodist Church car park.

FELTWELL

IN BLOOM 2022

During Lockdown some residents asked whether we could do something to brighten the village. Some of us have got together and shared our enthusiasm to develop the idea and we need everyone in the village to share their views.

- **If you have an idea**
- **You want to help in some way**
 - ◊ **Make a donation**
 - ◊ **Provide plants/bulbs**
 - ◊ **Something else**
 - ◊ **Deliver leaflets**
- **Know a company which would sponsor us?**
- **Are member of an organisation which would like to take part**

Please get in touch with one of the people listed below or contact Mike Wilkinson mikegw15@gmail.com message me or text me 07712578721.

We had an exploratory meeting 10 Nov 2021. This is a voluntary community project which is supported in principle by our Parish Council.

Present: Bailey Brown, Julie Pescud, Christine Samuels, Brigitte Wilkinson, Ian Rayner, John Bone, Mike Wilkinson.

Apologies: Steve Saunders, Mr & Mrs Martin, Victor Hill

Notes of Meeting

1. Brief history of idea from facebook posts earlier this year and our Community Garden.

2. Anglia in Bloom Regional secretary confirmed our group/project could be part of Anglia in Bloom and that our name could be “Feltwell in Bloom”. The project will be part of the Royal Horticultural Society’s Britain in Bloom 2022. We could register in February 2022. Funding is available from various sources to help develop the project, from publicity to provision of materials.
3. Various ideas were discussed and questions asked about areas for development. It was agreed that the group would meet again to discuss what needs to be done, by whom and by when.
4. Other key groups were identified and members agreed to communicate with them.
 - a. Bailey Brown with Head of Junior School,
 - b. Chris Samuels with Feltwell RAF base commander.
5. Ian would investigate planting pots and a village map for planning the project.
6. The group completed GDPR forms for agreed communication processes.
7. We agreed to meet again on 23 November 2021 at The Wellington.

THETFORD SINGERS CHRISTMAS FAVOURITES

Join us for a packed hour of festive favourites both traditional and contemporary on 8th December 2021 at 7.30pm in Thetford Methodist Church (Tanner Street, IP24 2BQ). Last year the choir practised carols on Zoom and a number of firm favourites emerged from both these sessions and a little survey we conducted once we were back to ‘live’ rehearsals in September. From this, Musical Director Chris Parsons has built a wonderful programme packed full of traditional favourites, audience carols and some more recent seasonal songs and arrangements. As part of the church’s Christmas Tree Festival the choir will perform these atmospheric Christmas songs without intermission, but there will be complimentary seasonal refreshments served afterwards and of course a chance to wander through the enchanted forest of lovingly decorated Christmas trees in the church. Tickets are £8 and available from the Leaping Hare Box Office on King Street, Thetford or online at www.leapinghare.org. See you there!

YESTERDAY'S MEMORIES

Charlotte Rolfe was born in 1898 when the family lived and farmed at Cross Hill Farm. She recalls that "Feltwell was a poor place with very little work and very small." She remembers that the Reverend O'Rorke "used to drive a pony and trap around the village issuing tokens to those out of work to use at the soup kitchen that night at the Rectory. That way they got one hot meal a day. The Rectory was a very big place. They used to employ a lot of servants up there. Rev. O'Rorke had 3 daughters, one ran the choir and the choir was always full because she used to pay the mothers a little, every so often, to send the children to the choir practice. So it was always full because the mothers made the children go to get the money. Another daughter used to go off round the fens visiting people and taking them things and the other one was Miss Lucy who used to have us older ones for the Sunday school on a Sunday afternoon from 2.30-4.00pm. We used to sing hymns and she would tell us stories and such like. When we went home you didn't go out after tea in those days, girls didn't go out, they were all in bed by nine. Grandfather used to play the organ after he'd milked the cows. He'd have a half-hour playing the organ and we'd have a few hymns. *Miss Lucy O'Rorke used to take it upon herself to find employment for the girls in her Sunday School class.* Charlotte explained that in order to come home to visit, "you had to save up the money and then take a pony and cart to the station, get a train to London and then to Lakenheath and then walk from there to Feltwell. In those days nobody hardly ever went out of the village, they didn't go to any other village, they had to walk it so they didn't bother to go.

CHRISTMAS DINNER LOGISTICAL SOLUTION

Karen	Own House	Goose	Fortune Fish
Joseph	In-Laws House	Turkey	Playing Cards
Madeline	Parents House	Salmon	Screwdrivers
Xavier	Sister's House	Beef	Spring Puzzle

FELTWELL'S WW1 WAR HEROES No.38

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

This month's War Hero is:

J.W. WHISTLER, 13TH ROYAL FUS.

Abbreviations used.

CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves Commission

SDGW – Soldiers Died in the Great War

IRC – International Red Cross

MIC – Medal Index Card

There is a picture of James Whistler in the edition of the Norwich



Mercury dated Saturday November 10 1917. The caption reads *Pte James Whistler, Feltwell, killed in action.*

On Feltwell War Memorial he is recorded as J W Whistler 13th Royal Fusiliers. On the Church Roll of Honour in St Marys Feltwell he is also recorded as J.W. Whistler.

Private WHISTLER, JAMES WILLIAM

Service Number: 51457

Died: 01/10/1917

Aged: 38

Unit: 13th Bn. Royal Fusiliers

Husband of Martha Ellen Whistler, of Bell St., Feltwell, Norfolk.

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CWGC: www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/876722/whistler,-jame...

SDGW records that Private 51457 James William Whistler was Killed in Action on the 1st October 1917 whilst serving in France & Flanders with the 13th Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). He was formerly 32764 Middlesex Regiment. His place of birth was "Harkworld", Norfolk, he was resident Highgate and enlisted Wood Green. (That place of birth should probably read Hockwold).

The Medal Index Card for Private **GS/5145** James W. Whistler, Royal Fusiliers, is held at the National Archive under reference WO 372/21/110192
discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/D6498285

He qualified for the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. His Card notes that he was "K. / A. 1.10.17". The associated medal roll shows that he only served with the 13th Battalion. He landed in France on the 18th November 1916 and was Killed in Action on the 1st October 1917.

His Service Records do not appear to have survived the incendiary attack during the Blitz on the Warehouse where all the Other Ranks Army Service Records were stored. There is however a single page cover sheet that survives for his wife's' pension record. This was in the name of Martha Ellen Whistler, whose date of birth was the 20th October 1881. A marriage certificate had been seen which confirmed the couple married on the 8th October 1903. Originally living at Denewood, Broadlands Road, Highgate, North London, his widow notified a temporary change of address at the end of March 1918. She had moved to 33 York Road, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. There are no children. Her separation allowance ended on the 21st April 1918, with the pension starting from the next day.

The Army Register of Soldiers Effects shows that the balance of his pay was sent to his widow, Martha E, in February 1918. Martha would also receive his War Gratuity when that was paid out in November 1919.

1879 – Birth and baptism

The birth of a James William Whistler was registered with the Civil Authorities in the District of Thetford in the July to September quarter, (Q3), of 1879.

The baptism of a James William Whistler, born 25th June 1879, took place at St Peter, Hockwold, Norfolk, on the 27th July 1879. His parents were Robert, a Husbandman, and Mary Ann.

Source: www.freereg.org.uk/search_records/5b0c56a7f493fd1fdef301f...

1881 Census of England and Wales

The 1 year old James William Whistler, born Hockwold, Norfolk, was recorded still living at a dwelling in that village. This was the household of his parents, Robert, (aged 32, an Agricultural Labourer, born Hockwold) and Mary Ann, (aged 32, born Methwold, Norfolk). As well as James their other children living with them are:-

George Rumbel(?)	aged 12	born Hockwold
Charles Richard	aged 8	born Hockwold
Mary Ann	aged 4	born Hockwold

1891 Census of England and Wales

The Whistler family were now recorded living in a dwelling at Black Dyke Hockwold, although the parents ages have increased considerably. Robert is now shown as aged 52 and born Hockwold Blackdyke. Mary A is shown as 53 and born Stoke Ferry, Norfolk. They have two unmarried sons living with them – Charles, (17, born Hockwold Blackdyke) and **James, (11, originally shown as born Feltwell but this has been struck through and replaced with Hockwold.**

The most likely match for his future wife is the 9 year old Martha Ellen Laws, born Feltwell, who was recorded living in a dwelling on Cock Street, Feltwell. This was the household of her parents, Arthur, (aged 35, a General Labourer, born Fincham, Norfolk) and Ann Eliza, (aged 35 and born Feltwell). As well as Martha the couple have 8 other children living with them.

1901 Census of England and Wales

The Whistler family were now recorded at No.2 Blackdyke Cottages, Hockwold, but the head of the household is the 62 year old widow. Mary Ann Whistler, a Charwoman, born Stoke Ferry.

Living with her are her son, James W., (aged 21, a Horsekeeper on Farm) and two of her grandchildren – John 'Wm' "Nicholls", (aged 22, a Horsekeeper on Farm) and Lily May "Nichols" aged 10 – all born Hockwold.. (I suspect the variation in spelling of Nicholls \ Nichols is just a mistake by the census taker).

The 20 year old Martha E. Laws, born Feltwell, Norfolk, was recorded as a live in Domestic Servant at a dwelling on the High Street, Brandon, Suffolk. This is the household of a widower, Walter Chapman, who runs a Grocery business.

8th October 1903 – marriage

Source – his wifes' Army Pension record.

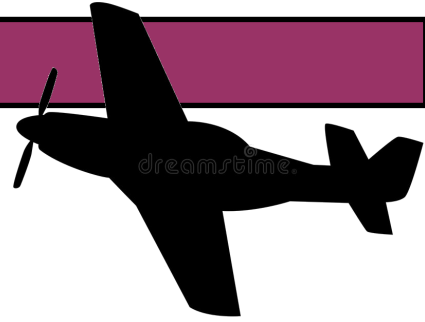
The marriage of a James William Whistler to a Martha Ellen Laws was recorded in the Thetford District in the October to December quarter, (Q4), of 1903.

1911 Census of England and Wales

The 32 year old James Whistler, married and a General Domestic Servant from Hockwold-cum-Wilton, Norfolk, was recorded living in the household of his employer at 4 Crescent Road, Ramsgate, Kent. The other servant recorded in the household is his wife of 7 years, Ellen, (aged 30 and born Feltwell, Norfolk). Their employers were the 'Marrable' (?) family with the head of the household, William, being a Retired Church of England Clergyman.

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

THE WEST NORFOLK AVIATION SOCIETY



The vision one received when first arriving at the Mundford Bowls Club this month was not that of a band of riotous aeronautical enthusiasts but instead, gave the impression one had mistakenly joined a gathering at a catering exhibition with tables adorned with mouth-watering morsels all created by the fare-hostess, Val.

After our last meeting it had been anticipated that we would be brandishing our own cinema environment but, unfortunately, this was not to be. Following a delivery hitch the problem was overcome by crew members Steve and Jean who came to the rescue with their own set-up of a ten foot screen with hi-fi sound and vision equipment. This, in conjunction with David's video recording of 'The World's Greatest Air Shows' compensated for any disappointments.

Not only did the film depict clips of barnstorming pioneers in action – some out of action – but also, aeronautical participants from all periods leading up to the modern day.

Described as well, were the comments made about the psychology of entertainment; a PR exercise in allowing exponents to show off and provide an audience with what it seems to need: thrill producing images of risk-taking aeronauts challenging themselves, their machinery and the environment but, *not* each other; a team of performers working together without animated opponents.

It was interesting to contrast this with other thrilling scenarios. Take football for instance: another spectacle with audience appeal but, with a difference; losers as well as winners. It has to be asked if it is as satisfying to witness humiliation as to witness victory.

Wikipedia sites the figure of 90,000 paying supporters at Wembley on FA cup final days whereas 185,000 tickets were sold to spectators at the Royal International Air Tattoo, RAF Fairford. Perhaps this is an unfair comparison if one doesn't take every parameter into account.

We would also like to thank bartender Len who always fronts an exemplary side-show on our behalf.

Our next meeting will be held at the same prestigious venue on Tuesday 7th December at 19-00hrs. All welcome; even footballers and supporters



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MUTTERINGS FROM THE FARMYARD



Since my last Mutterings harvest is basically finished and the bulk of our production is safely in store.

October was relatively kind to us and winter wheat crops for next year are in the ground and growing away. Even the sugar beet has benefitted from the weather and the roots have put on both weight and sugar.

We are still in the process of planning our spring crops and the exact position of the various areas of 'Stewardship' for the new environmental scheme that will start on 1st January. Never before have we had so much land committed to not producing food but either providing wildlife havens or dedicated to long term crops designed to capture carbon from the atmosphere. Indeed much of the land destined for spring sown crops is currently supporting cover crops which will prevent minerals being leached from the soil by winter rains and will return carbon to the soil when they are ploughed in.

Recently the Norfolk based buying group Anglia Farmers (now rebranded the AF Group) has published it's survey into farm based inflation (Agflation). Worryingly it already shows that our input costs have risen by almost 23% with fertilizer up by 51% and Fuel up by 77%. So far crop protection products have risen only slightly but we must assume that they will follow the increasing cost of oil over the coming year. Based on these figures all crop production begins to look financially marginal without significant food price inflation. Already I have heard of one major onion grower who has decided not to grow maincrop brown onions in future as the risks are too great for the likely financial reward. The last senior politician I heard mention food security was Gordon Brown when he was Prime Minister. It now seems very likely that the proportion of UK produced food will continue to decline and at an increased rate. I am sure that in the short term that can be replaced by food produced abroad but how secure is that? Climate change will affect food producers throughout the world and global stocks may be insufficient to insure against significant climate events (ie droughts/

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WHERE DO WE GO?

“Where d'ya reckon we go, then? Ya know, after, like?”

“After what? After school? After tea? After we pack up fishin'? What?”

“Well, sort of after ya, after ya snuffit, like!”

“Stone me! What's brought that on? Ya ain't thinkin' a snuffin it, are ya?”

“Nah, I's just curious, is all. You knows lots a stuff, and I thought ya'd know. Ya said in t'past as if I wanted ta know stuff, I should ask ya, and ya'd tell me.”

“I don't know everything, ya know. I might know more than you, an' like I said before, that's only 'cos I's older than you, but as ta snuffin' it, I ain't all that sure. I'd 'ave ta give it some thought, an' see wot I can come up with. While I's thinkin', you just keep an eye on those floats out there.”

“I knows it's a daft thing to ask about, but I thought that if it 'appens to me one day, it would be nice to be prepared, like. Have t'right stuff packed, and such like. I knows it's normally old folks wot snuffs it, sort of worn out, like, but there are young 'uns like us wot pop their clogs early, ain't there?”

“Yeah, ya're right there, but more often as not that's 'cos of doin' daft stuff, like crossin' t'road wi'out lookin', an' climbin' trees, an' not wearin' a seat belt and stuff like that.”

“Ah, ya mean t' green cross code! I always use that 'Look left, look right, look left again!’”

“Yeah, an' if ya'd used it that way once too often, ya'd soon a found out about snuffin'it, an' wot 'appens after! It's Look right, look left,

WORD TRAIL No. 11—SOLUTION

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A Message from the Editors

Readers are reminded that we publish the magazine online on the village website towards the end of the month in which it is issued. The web address is :

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look right again, numpty! That way, ya get's ta see wot's comin'. Your way, ya gets a wallop, and then ya finds out soon enough where ya's off to!"

"Well, I suppose that's one way to find out. Bit drastic though!"

"Yeah, an' ya wouldn't 'ave 'ad no time to be prepared, neither, would ya? Ya'd 'ave ta go as ya were. Sometimes, I don't reckon ya thinks things out!"

"That's 'cos I ain't as clever as you!"

"I might be cleverer than you, but I really ain't got a clue where we go after. All I knows is that graveyards is creepy places, and we all 'as to start off there. Maybe there's a sort of waitin' room where we gets our tickets for wherever it is we's off to, an' ya find out then?"

"Now you's talkin' about graveyards an' the like, I don't reckon I wants to know any more. I's sorry I asked ya now. Maybe I'll just 'ave ta wait an see when t' time comes. I just hopes that wherever it is, it 'as a pond like this ta fish in, and a mate like you ta talk to. It's not that I'd want ya to pop your clogs too, ya understand? It's just as ya has ta have a mate ta talk to whilst ya's fishin', don't ya? Can't imagine fishin' wi' no-one ta talk to. Wouldn't seem right, that wouldn't"

"That's sorted, then. Well, it's not sorted, is it, cos I can't tell ya where ya're off to when ya pops ya clogs? Tell ya wot. Why don't ya give it some thought, like I does, and imagine somewhere nice you'd like ta go. Then tell ya folks, and leave it ta them ta sort t'details. How's that? Now can we do a little fishin'?"

"Yeah, 'course! Dy'a reckon they'll 'ave a bait shop? Oh, and a Macdonalds?"

FARMYARD MUTTERINGS CONTINUED

floods) in major food producing areas. I really hope that politicians of all parties and in all countries are sufficiently long term in outlooks to do the right thing for the future of this country and the planet as a whole. Not just what is necessary to win the next election.





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WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search is on **EVERYTHING BEGINNIGN WITH A**. 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 78.

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A warm welcome from
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Sun 5 th Dec	Benefice Eucharist	10am	Northwold
Sun 12 th Dec	Benefice Eucharist	10am	Weeting
Sun 19 th Dec	Carol Service	6pm	Feltwell
	Benefice Eucharist	10am	Hockwold
Fri 24 th Dec Christmas Eve	Christingle	4pm	Feltwell
	Eucharist	4pm	Hockwold
	"Midnight Mass"	9pm	Weeting
	"Midnight Mass"	9.30pm	Northwold
Christmas Day	Benefice Eucharist	9.30am	Feltwell

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

It is for your use if you need some space or quietness, somewhere to reflect, think or pray, or indeed just to admire the building or avoid a passing rain cloud.

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





RSPB Lakenheath Fen

NOVEMBER 2021 UPDATE

This month I couldn't decide what to write about, and then I realised that I hadn't given a general update on the reserve for some months and so I thought that may be an appropriate topic this time!

As I write this at the end of the first week of November, we have a sizeable roost of whooper swans on the Hockwold Washes, viewable from the riverbank footpath. A count at 7am on 5 November numbered 2,317, and by 8:45am there were still 400 or so. Whooper swans, unlike the more familiar mute swans, have travelled to us from Iceland. If we are lucky, their smaller and rarer cousins the Bewick's swans may join them around Christmas time; these don't turn up in the roost every year but come all the way from Siberia. The roost itself is not on RSPB land, but is easily viewable from the riverbank at the edge of RSPB Lakenheath Fen. Most of the roost will leave the Washes during the day to feed in nearby arable fields, returning to the safety of the water to huddle together near the middle at night. If you'd like to see the swans, arrive here as the light begins to fade and stay as late as you like- they will continue to arrive and call to each other all night long!

Late autumn and winter is also a good time to enjoy another roost here- that of marsh harriers- and if we are lucky- hen harriers. Our latest count by warden Katherine of 19 marsh harriers settling into the reedbeds across the reserve was on 1 November, and this number should only increase as winter progresses. Marsh harriers are very sociable, often flying around quite a bit and interacting with one another before settling down for the night in the reeds. If you watch from either New Fen or Joist Fen viewpoints as the light fades in the early evening, you should see plenty. If we are lucky, one or two hen harriers may join the roost as winter progresses.

Other highlights at the moment include plenty of redwing and fieldfare in Brandon Fen (our accessible trail which leads off from the car park) as well as siskin and brambling in the trees around the Visitor Centre. In the coming weeks we expect to see more of our barn owls, as the days shorten and become colder and they are encouraged to hunt during daylight hours. We should also hear



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Events at RSPB Lakenheath

Places for all events need to be booked online- please visit events.rspb.org.uk/lakenheathfen to read more and book tickets. Please call **01842 863400** or e-mail lakenheath@rspb.org.uk with any queries.

Friday's Foray

Adults: £7 non-RSPB members, £5 for RSPB members.

Children (10+ years): £3 for non-RSPB members, £2 for RSPB members.

Monthly guided walk – 11am-1pm, first weds in each month:

Friday 3 December, Friday 7 January and so on.

Join a member of the reserve team on a seasonal guided tour of the reserve, taking in current wildlife highlights and learning about the reserve and conservation as we go.

If the weather is wet and windy, we will move the event a week ahead until it cheers up enough for a walk!

Treasures of the Moth Trap

Adults: £3 non-RSPB members, £2 for RSPB members, Children (under 16's) go free! 10am to 11am:

Free for all ages during winter (Nov. to Feb.) as we may not catch much!

Saturday 18 December, Thursday 27 January, Saturday 26 February

Monthly moth-trap opening at the Visitor Centre- come and join us to empty the trap and see what we have caught the night before on the nature reserve.

Ghosts of the Fens guided walk

Adults £10/ Children £5 (Non-Members) Adults £8/ Children £4 (Members). Suitable for children aged 8 and above. Price includes entrance fee for non-members.

Sunday 12 December (1:30pm to 4pm) sunset 15:43

We are very fortunate to have at least two pairs of barn owls nesting on the reserve. Late afternoons in winter are a great time to look for them as they tend to be out hunting regularly during daylight hours. Join us for a walk of around three miles to see these beautiful ghosts of the Fens hunting. If we are lucky, we may also see a short-eared owl and possibly even a hen harrier. Please wear plenty of warm clothes and walking boots or wellies.



Water Rail feeding under the bird feeders at the Photography Station.
Photo by Robin Johnson

our tawny owls begin to ‘hoot’ again- they are very early breeders and will look to pair up again this winter ready to lay eggs as soon as February.

Our weekly work parties have now switched to ‘winter’ mode and they are busy cutting areas of reedbed to help create a patchwork of reedbed of different ages- short, new growth, reeds that are one and two years old, and denser patches which haven’t been cut for several years. This variety of reed ‘sward’ is what attracts the bittern in the coming breeding season, the very bird this reserve was designed to help save from extinction in the UK back in 1995.

I hope you have enjoyed this article. Before I go, I would like to mention that we are running short of volunteers to help us in the Visitor Centre with our ‘Meet & Greet’ service. This role involves welcoming visitors, helping to explain the reserve, the routes, wildlife highlights at the time and the facilities. You would also prepare and serve hot drinks and (prepacked) snacks and to take payments for these and for other items. Full training would be given and you would join our extended ‘family’ of volunteers- we hope to soon resume our social calendar of evening activities and day trips which we organised prior to COVID.

If you think you might like to help us, please call the Visitor Centre on 01842 863400 during the week (9am to 4pm). You can also e-mail us at lakenheath@rspb.org.uk or visit us during opening hours (daily, 9am to 4pm).

Sudoku Puzzle

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

Answer on page 78

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE NO. 27

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.



Coronation Hall mid picture. Built by Barley Page Porter. He used the front window space to display goods available from his shop. Note the farmhouse on the right destroyed in a bombing raid on the 21st Oct. 1941. It, plus a few other buildings, have been replaced by a terrace of three dwellings. Coronation Hall is now a hairdressers and beauty parlour and café. It has had various uses from being the Rex cinema (240 seats), to a Bingo hall, night club (Crazy Horse), a storehouse to a snooker/darts hall (Double Top club).





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This scheme provides reduced fees on all items i.e. a packet of Uncle Bens microwave rice is 20p. This service is to help stop people hitting 'crisis' points and becoming reliant on food banks.

Any money received through membership fees or the sale of items goes straight back into purchasing more items to be able to keep the pantry stocked.

We want to continue to support our community in any possible way, meaning we are still providing crisis packages free of charge to anyone who is in need.

Public donations are given for free to anyone that requires a crisis package.

We have also been sponsored by some amazing charities who love what we are doing!

If you're interested in joining the scheme or would simply like more information, please contact us directly through our Facebook page [TheFoodPantryFeltwell](#) or call 07454259280.

We officially opened on Monday 11th October.

Hospital Happenings *by Tony Bennett*



Monthly Ramblings about West Suffolk Hospital

News: December 2021

Nothing dramatic to report this month, the hospital still has social distancing and mask wearing as routine which means clinic numbers are still low. The waiting list for non-urgent procedures is therefore getting longer but urgent cases are being seen.

One thing I was unaware of is that the hospital has a third CT scanner which is based in a mobile unit at the back of the hospital. It is rented from Alliance Medical and staffed by WSH's own radiographers. It wasn't until I was referred there for a scan myself that I realised I had been driving past it for over a year. If you do receive an appointment for a CT it will state if you will be seen in the van or the main hospital. The van can be found by following the perimeter road round the back of the hospital, turning left when the big glass education centre is in front of you, up Rowan Way just after MacMillan Way. You get your own car parking space too!

Retirements:

2022 will be my 46th year in the healthcare world, mainly as a radiographer of various sorts but with 8 years in the medical industry as a salesperson and manager. It's time to free up a job for a younger person and spend a bit of time at home so I plan to go in November 2022. It's been very flattering that not only have I been asked to stay longer but that only last week I was asked to apply for the boss's job as she is stepping down too. I politely declined, the regulations and paperwork are overwhelming.

I have also heard that Dr. Mike Pullen from Feltwell Surgery is planning to retire in 2022. He will be sorely missed as he's one of the finest GP's I've ever known, amazingly knowledgeable and very caring.

DECEMBER @ THE WELLINGTON



December 19th

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New Years Eve

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9pm-12:30am



Incidents and Anecdotes:


Obviously this column will cease when I retire so for the last year I would like to share with you some of the various anecdotes and incidents that have happened throughout my time at work.

The first of these happened in 1977 while I was a student based at Kent and Canterbury Hospital. We provided an x-ray service to St Augustine's Hospital, a unit about 5 miles away. As they were so big they functioned like a small town, St Augustine's had 1,000 beds with shops, clubs, a bingo hall and so forth. The patient I recall the most clearly though was a little old lady of 88 years of age. She was brought to the department for a skull x-ray to look for an SOL. SOL stands for Space Occupying Lesion and generally meant a brain tumour. They thought this, as it said on the request form, due to her 'aberrant behaviour'. She was brought down by two burly porters as the rules required, but they waited outside the x-ray room so as not to be exposed to the rays. She was a lovely patient. Chatty, intelligent and educated. With the porters I explained that we were taking some x-rays to which she agreed and I took her into the room, leaving the boys outside. I got her onto the table, put an x-ray plate underneath her head and cheerfully said that I was about to x-ray her head. With a speed that amazed me for her age she sat up, spitting fire and venom, her eyes alight like torches and her hair frizzing around her head as she moved. She went for me big time, screaming that there was nothing wrong with her effing head and she didn't want any ***** x-rays. By this time she was off the table and heading for me so not wanting a physical altercation with a little old lady I backed away around the x-ray table. I got all the way round twice with her screaming and shouting in pursuit before the porters heard the commotion and opened the doors. The sight that greeted them, a fit young 21-year-old running away from a little old lady was too much for them and they collapsed in fits of laughter. Between the three of us we managed to reassure the patient that she wouldn't be having any ***** x-rays if she didn't want them and peace was restored. Out of sheer embarrassment I've never recounted that story before but it can't hurt my reputation any longer!

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NEWS FROM THE LEGION

Wow what a month and a half this has been. It started with our AGM (19th Oct) where I have been voted in as the chairman once again for a period of 2 years. We also have a full committee and our accounts audited making the branch a compliant branch. This enables us to send a delegate to both the county and national conferences with a vote.

I have mentioned previously that the crib and carpet bowls are slowly picking up after the lockdowns; well I can now report that they are doing exceptionally well with increased numbers. Thank you.

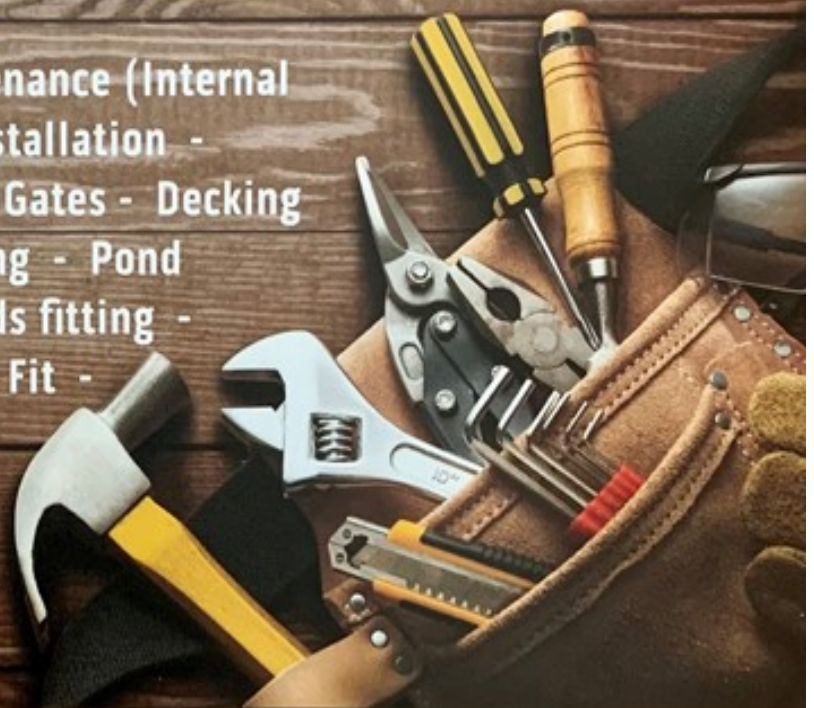
The poppy appeal is being well looked after by our poppy appeal organiser Mary (report to follow) The 4 armistice services that the branch are involved with were very well attended. As the chairman I was very proud to attend them all (Hockwold, Feltwell x 2 and Northwold). The one in Feltwell is the one that will stick with me for a long while. It started off being interviewed along with the chairman of the parish council for radio Norfolk, and I must admit that that I nearly lost it as my emotions were getting the better of me with my thought going back in time remembering mates that I had lost. Then the march from the Cheques carpark with the standard leading the parade with contingents from the cubs, brownies beavers, a good number of RBL members, and of course members of the USAF. The other part was the reading of the poem "The Poppy" from the back of the church on the balcony and looking down on a near packed congregation the tears were welling up again. Thank you to David for doing what he does best in supplying the correct music at the correct time.

Thank you not just for attending the remembrance services but for the support that you are giving us in our 100th year.

John Linkin (Chairman)

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The Meeting of the Parish Council was held Monday the 8th of NOVEMBER 2021 in the British Legion, Long Lane. Seven Councillors attended, 4 members of the public and Squadron Leader Geary

Councillors attended a meeting and tour of Feltwell Base with the EOD team 22/10/21 to view their operations as they took place. Sqn Leader reiterated that these activities will continue to take place at Feltwell and the important thing now was to minimise the impact they have on residents. The 'Muffler' that has been developed by Col Stilbach to sit over the demolition pit and absorb sound waves is still undergoing tests and Sqn Leader is considering how to put into force a resident's suggestion of a personal notification system whereby a warning message can be sent to advise that the explosion is imminent.

Resurfacing work on the alleyway from Falcon Road to the playing field is due to commence 29/11/21, weather permitting.

Lodge Road bus shelter to be cleaned by Breckland Industrial Cleaning. The developer of the land behind it has a responsibility to replace it with a new one within their planning conditions therefore it was felt that it would be a waste of money to replace it before that time.

Highways to clear the overgrown verge on The Beck opposite the Primary School, investigate surfacing treatments and repair schemes for the footpaths at Hereward Way, replace 30mph sign on the grass area at the front of Hereward Way, clean 30 and 40mph signs on Lodge Road and cut back greenery obscuring them, programme new signs at the top of Lodge Road to replace those with missing lettering, replace damage sign cluster opposite Cranwich Heath junction, cut the verge at Paynes Lane, sweep alleyways and clear where necessary, and clear the footpath on Paynes Lane which has also been programmed for replacement as it is dished and

Senior Citizens Christmas Veg Packs

Local farmers have generously donated produce for vegetable packs for Senior citizens (over 65 years) living in the parish of Feltwell. Packs can be collected from Feltwell Social Club on Thursday 16th December from 1.00 – 2.00 pm.

Everyone needs to bring their own bag to collect their pack. (Please help neighbours to collect their pack if they are unable to come along themselves.)

Contact Penny Black on (01366 728711) or (07952 183040) before Friday 10th December to be included in this offer. Delivery will be available for those unable to personally attend.

I wish you all a safe Christmas.

Penny Black

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WORD SEARCH ANSWER

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements
Next month's Word Search
will feature **MUSCLES OF THE
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NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL

holds water. The Highways Officer will also try to push Bell Street footpath repair through as urgent but said his budget had been almost entirely lost to flooding.

Application for another SAM2 to be submitted via Norfolk County Council's Parish Partnership Scheme 2022/23 whereby they fund 50% of the cost.

New Viper swing to be installed in January, weather permitting. Tesco's Carriers for Causes Grant of £500 has been awarded which will go towards the new seesaw.

Plaque commissioned by Lady Dannatt, Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, to commemorate community resilience during the Covid-19 pandemic is to be presented on 15/11/21 at the British Legion.

A special 'Thank You' to Mrs Claire Scarff for all her hard work cleaning the War Memorial which looks superb.

Extraordinary Meeting to be held in January to discuss the NCC 1 Million Trees Project, date tbc. Residents are being encouraged to get involved and further details can be found here <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/campaigns/1-million-trees-for-norfolk>

Don't forget to join Feltwell Parish Council's Facebook page for regular updates and subscribe to our website <https://feltwellparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the British Legion on Monday 13th December 2021 at 7.30 pm, all are welcome.

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.



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