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# Edmund De Moundeford

## Voluntary Controlled Primary School

### FROM THE CLASSROOM

This month, Eagles class are excited to share their learning since returning to school.

In English, we have been studying the classic poem 'Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll. After trying to work out if the nonsense words were verbs, prepositions, adjectives or nouns, we created our own using portmanteaus (blending words) to help us. We also performed the original poem, pretending to be the Jabberwocky as he came

And as in shoored paru he stood,  
The Jackermock, with eyes of girmer,  
Came gissling through the saughty wood,  
And fardelid as it came!

five six! five six! And in and in  
The dangage blade who went kit-kat!  
He lesh it dead, and with its head  
He went ruloshing back.

"And hast thou slain the Jackermock?  
Come to my arms my seatish boy!  
Oh caustous day! Gacko! Gacko!"

whiffing through the tulgey wood!  
Finally, we created our own versions of the poem, using our own nonsense words, and read these to each other.

We hope you like reading some of our poems.

Twas silick, and the gloppy rythes.  
Did zine and dimble in the cane,  
All crymsy were the coronythes,  
And the rome caths to cane.

"Beware the Tabberlock my son!  
The jaws that crunch, the claws that snatch!  
Beware the clubclub eagle and shun  
The rituous landerbatch!"

He took his noral sword in hand,  
Long time the rantoms he sought -  
So culted he by the rumdum tree,  
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Gyre and gamble in the  
Gabe all mimsy were the catercat  
And the glabbermatches stave

"Beware the whatumucalit my  
Son the carrot that bite  
The cucumber that snatch beware  
The tomatobird and shun  
The bannanacat!"

He took his vorpalsnake in leg:  
long time the lightbolbrat  
He glected he by the orangetree  
He handsland a decade in



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## MUTTERINGS FROM THE FARMYARD

As I write these notes we are still in the midst of what must be considered a pleasantly benign autumn. The weather has been mild with a moderate but not excessive amount of rain. Our crops of Rye and Wheat that we have planted so far have all established well and look heathy enough to withstand any extremes that winter may bring.

We are busy loading onions from our stores to be packed for sale in various supermarkets. The quality is good and we expect that the majority will be sold in the run up to Christmas. Unfortunately the irrigation restrictions that we endured during the summer drought means that far too many bulbs are really rather small. Our marketeers are busy persuading the retailers that these small but otherwise perfect onions should have a place in their 'value' packs albeit at a much lower return to us.

The Environment Agency have now issued their forecasts for water availability for 2023. Needless to say the prospects are not very good unless we have a very wet winter to recharge the chalk aquifers and reservoirs.

Thankfully we do not keep any poultry on this farm but many friends and relatives are being badly affected by the current outbreak of Avian Influenza. It seems to be a very virulent strain which has continued to infect flocks throughout the summer months. It is also widespread within wild bird populations and the traditional Norfolk Christmas Turkey seems particularly vulnerable. If an infection is identified the whole flock has to be culled causing severe losses for the poultry keepers involved. The present compensation arrangements are really not satisfactory and some businesses will certainly not survive.

The industry is still struggling with the transition from direct support to support based on Environmental Land Management. We have a new Secretary of State at DEFRA and hope for more clarity from her. The senior officers of the NFU whose job is to communicate with Government on our behalf have found it impossible get any decisions on the future direction of policy from government officials. The hope was that the basic Sustainable Farming Initiative would direct 70% of the funds available to support environmental initiatives on 60% to 70% of farmed land. The previous Minister seems to have undermined this by instigating a review but in any case the scheme in its present form is so unattractive that only just over 1000 farmers of the 83000 eligible businesses have so far applied to join. At the same time more than twice this number have applied to accept an early retirement payment.



## GROWING UP IN FELTWELL IN THE 1950S & 60S

BY ROBERT WALDEN

### 21. The Harvest

In the summer of 1965 Jim and twin brother Richard had obtained summer holiday employment at two adjacent farms in Bell Street: Jim with Herbie and “Aunt Edi” Cock (brother and sister) at Hall Farm and Richard at Home Farm opposite, with brothers Eric and Sammy Rice and sister Olive. Shortly after Jim had started pre-harvest preparations, he told me there was another vacancy at Hall Farm if I was interested. I was. It could be quite hard work dragging bales of straw around, especially if their weight was greatly increased by weeds, but it was good not to be on piece work. And Herbie was not a difficult boss and his two full-time men seemed to run the farm for him. Aunt Edi controlled the finances: neither she nor brother Herbie ever married. Herbie was scared – well, actually terrified – of thunder and if he ever got under the feet of the men, all they had to say was: “You know, I wouldn’t be surprised if we get a bit of thunder later – it’s beginning to gleam like it...” and Herbie would quietly slip away from the fields down the Old Brandon Road muttering that he was just popping back to the farm in case a Favor Parker lorry was waiting to be loaded. This was a source of some amusement to us lads but having an arachnophobic (fear of spiders) son and knowing of a top footballer who is one, I know phobias are no laughing matter.

Both were mixed farms – ie arable with a few beef cattle. If it was too wet to cut then we had little else to do – although the elderly Georgie did get the equivalent of a Blue Plaque with a scrawled inscription on the cattle shed wall, commemorating his achieving 40 ‘Hearts of Oak’ roll-ups in a single day. I expect it is still there.

Richard recalls that the Rices had a small cattle shed behind the farmhouse and once he had to paint (ie whitewash) its interior – cobwebs and all! The Rices also had grain storage in the old cinema on the old ‘Methwold’ aerodrome. Eric would back a trailer up and tip it for an auger to fill 1 cwt (50 kg) sacks for collection by Favor Parker. They also had land at Poppylot and Richard recalls a cattle drive back to the farm through the High Street, the men on bicycles

with a stick across the handlebars in case the animals needed any persuasion.

That year we had an old, trailed Claas Combine – ie one pulled by a tractor. A Combine “combines” the processes of cutting, threshing and winnowing - which once were all done by hand. Winnowing simply means blowing the chaff away from the separated grain. The threshing involved the grain heads passing over large sieves which blocked easily with the barley “awns” or “horns” - the sharp needle like stems at the top of the grain pod, removed in the threshing process. Our first morning job then was to lower ourselves inside the Combine and remove these horns, by kneeling on the hard, sharp, steel sieves which dug into our flesh even with several sacks spread out on top of them. While we did this, whoever was greasing the nipples would be slowly turning the large pulley wheels which in turn moved the large straw drawing “claws” inside the Combine, up and down around us and the sieves to and fro. All this could take some 20 minutes before breakfast and we were only too aware what might happen if the combine was started while we were inside there!

The man on a trailed Combine was required to fill and tie 1cwt (50kg) corn sacks from the machine’s holding tank whilst in motion. These were placed onto a side chute, then manhandled onto a trailer at a stopping point and taken to the farm to await the feed merchant’s lorry. Next year, we had a self-propelled Combine (second hand and still “cableless”) which shot the grain into a specially made tank on a stationary 2-wheeled trailer. The corn was bagged from that. Sacks could then be pulled more easily onto a larger 4-wheeler alongside.

We were involved with 3 main crops: oats, barley and wheat which were harvested in that order. The oats were purely for feed for the beef cattle kept at Hall Farm. About 10 acres were grown and using an old Binder, were cut first. I think we were the last farm in the village to use one: Combines were now commonplace and we used the Binder for cutting only the oats. It was pulled by Hall Farm’s small International tractor: wooden sails stroked the stems onto the cutting knife so that they fell onto a conveyor belt to be tied up into

## FELTWELLBEINGS

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sheaves and deposited on the cut stubble. Our job then was to “shook” or “shock” them up into stands of 6 or 8 to dry over the next month or so. A picturesque scene was thus created, much like those scenes of the 19<sup>th</sup> century when corn was cut by hand scythes and the sheaves tied by hand. Once all the barley and wheat had been harvested, the oat “shooks” were dismantled, their sheaves cut free and the grain stems fed by hand onto the Combine’s belt (with the sails lifted of course) so the oats could then be threshed within the Combine’s drum, just as the barley and wheat had been.

But the barley harns and dust posed another problem in 1966. The mesh guard protecting the Combine’s radiator would often become blocked with the dust and the radiator frequently boiled over. Local motor engineer Mike pointed out that the fan, which was meant to cool the engine was actually sucking harns and dust on to the mesh, thus blocking the airflow and causing the engine to overheat. Solution? Reverse the fan so that it blew air and thus the harns and dust, away from the mesh. It worked – for a very short time. The mesh no longer blocked but the engine was no longer cooled. Luckily it was a Perkins diesel engine so when it suddenly burst into flames, it did not explode but the danger from a Combine on fire in the middle of a dry straw field was very real. Fortuitously, Ken the driver was approaching us as we waited with the trailer and the grain holding tank, just as the fire took hold behind him and we were able to alert him to the danger and he wasted no time beating it out with a sack. We went home early that day leaving the blackened combine where it had stopped. But after a visit from the Claas service engineer from Bury, it was working again the next afternoon.

## **ST. MARY’S, FELTWELL**

### **The Aisle Project—Update**

You will no doubt have noticed the diggings in the church yard. The pipes joining the sewer and bringing water into the church are now laid. We are just waiting for the go ahead from Anglia Water to make the connection. We apologise that the church yard remains a bit of a mess, but the contractor assures us that as soon as the connections are made he will replace damaged turf and roll everything level.





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# *Your Good Health*

**by Dr Ian Nisbet**

This month, Christmas is approaching and it would be good to produce an “upbeat” article. So, ignoring the fact that the country seems to be going south in an increasingly fast handcart, I shall celebrate the good things in life. Here we are in the middle of November (as I write) and we have still had no frosts. As a result, the geraniums, dahlias, begonias, chrysanthemums, sedums and the pot plants are still producing new growth and lots of flowers and the Alstroemeria, which have all been in full flower since June, are still spreading and producing new blooms. They have been a great addition to the perennial, colour all year, garden I have been striving to achieve. However, I am beginning to wonder whether or not they might turn out to be thugs, like bamboo or convolvulus. Talking of thugs, the garden is still free

from bluebells, much to Management’s distress and, no thank you, I do not wish you to send me any! The mice have broken into the garden shed by chewing a 2” hole at floor level. Hopefully, they are enjoying the “food” I have provided and will enjoy their onward journey.

The lawn is doing well but the ever present Midlands rain has encouraged moss growth so the Sulphate of Iron has been spread again. For a couple of years, we have enjoyed the company of two pigeons on the branch outside our bedroom. This year, one of them is missing, presumably dead, so we are sad. However, there are plenty of jackdaws and crows to irritate us and all the goldfinches and bullfinches seem to be away on holiday.

I gave Grandson a lift to his new school last week, taking a circuitous country route to avoid the traffic jam which had





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### ●New Years Eve Disco●

New years eve from 7pm  
Disco with Dj Cocky

prevented his 'bus arriving. We crept over the brow of a country hill and passed a white police transit hidden in the bushes. No problem as we were going so slowly. However, the next day but one, I received a notice of intended prosecution for travelling at 35mph on a 30mph road in the middle of nowhere. The kind policeman included a picture of the front of the car, with Fraser and me sitting there, looking smug at being within the speed limit. Hey, Ho! As it happens, I have for some time been keen to attend a speed awareness course so my dream will come true. As they say, no good turn remains unpunished. We visited the theatre in Birmingham to see Le Cirque du Soleil – Corteo. It was a show with incredible gymnastics and an opaque story line: Corteo, which means cortege in Italian, is a joyous procession, a festive parade imagined by a clown. The show brings together the passion of the actor with the grace and power of the acrobat to plunge the audience into a theatrical world of fun, comedy and spontaneity situated in a mysterious space between

heaven and earth. I am still trying to work it out!

Next week will be the pantomime in Malvern – much easier to understand.

A man came running to the doctor shouting and screaming in pain. "Please doctor you've got to help me. I've been stung by a bee." "Don't worry;" said the doctor, "I'll put some cream on it." "You will never find that bee. It must be miles away by now." "No, you don't understand!" answered the doctor, "I'll put some cream on the place you were stung." "Oh! It happened in the garden in back of my house." "No, no, no!" said the doctor getting frustrated, "I mean on which part of your body did that bee sting you." "On my finger!" screamed the man in pain. "The bee stung me on my finger and it really hurts." "Which one?" asked the doctor. "How am I supposed to know? All the bees look the same to me!"

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One day, a woman walked into a dentist's office and asked how much it would cost to extract a wisdom tooth. "Eighty pounds,"

said the dentist. "That's a ridiculous amount!" replied the woman. "Isn't there a cheaper way?" "Well, if I don't use an anaesthetic, I can knock the price down to £60." "That's still too expensive," replied the woman. "Okay, if I save on anaesthesia and simply rip the teeth out with a pair of pliers, I can knock the price down to £20." "No," moaned the woman, "it's still too much." "Well, if I let one of my students do it, I suppose I can knock the price down to £10." "Marvellous," said the woman. "May I book my mother-in-law for next Tuesday please?"

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### Scam Alert – Be aware of Bogus doorstep cold callers

We are highlighting a warning from Anglian Water for residents to take extra care this winter to make sure they are protected from bogus callers.

They warn that the number of reported cases of criminal activity goes up during the darker winter evenings, with many cases of distraction burglaries caused by bogus callers.

Often bogus callers will claim that they are from the 'water board' despite these organisations not having existed for over 40 years.

If an Anglian Water customer has any doubts or can't remember making an appointment then it's best to say no and close the door – a genuine employee will be happy to come back at a different time or wait while you check they are who they say they are.

Customers in any doubt should close the door and phone Anglian Water, for free, on 0800 145 145 or alert the police.

Anglian Water also offer the following advice if you receive a doorstep cold call from someone claiming they are calling about your water supply:

- A genuine Anglian Water member of staff will always carry an ID card.
- If you are unsure of a person's identity, alert the police or call Anglian Water on 0800 145 145.
- Anglian Water call centre staff will be able to describe the person to you and confirm if they are a genuine employee.
- Most Anglian Water staff will arrive in Anglian Water branded vans.

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### Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to be from 'Openreach'

We are warning residents after receiving reports of telephone calls during which the caller claimed to be from 'Openreach' and stated they could 'save money on your phone contract'. The cold caller then attempted to gather personal and financial details from the resident.

Openreach state that they 'will never ask you for personal information like bank details – either in person, over the phone or by email. We'll also never ask to remotely access your computer, phone or tablet'. [Openreach offer further advice about contacts claiming to be from them on their website.](#)

We always advise people to be very wary of claims made during telephone cold calls. If you receive this or a similar call our advice is **do not** interact with the call and **hang up**.

## Sudoku Puzzle

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

Answer on page 79

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



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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9AM - 11:30AM</b>
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### **Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls about ‘money transfers’**

We are warning residents after receiving reports of automated telephone calls which claim amounts of money, often several hundred pounds, have ‘been transferred to a foreign bank account’.

Following these initial claims, the message will then give press button options or a number to call to ‘prevent further transactions’.

We always advise people to be very wary of claims made during telephone cold calls. If you receive this or a similar recorded message call our advice is **do not** interact with the call and **hang up**.

It is likely there are a number of variations of these calls stating different amounts and actions that can be taken.

If you are concerned about the security of a bank account or credit card contact your bank or service provider directly using the customer service number printed on the card, on a recent statement or via information available on their genuine website or app. **Never** use details provided in a cold call.

### **Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls offering ‘medical pain devices’**

We are warning Norfolk residents about telephone cold calls which claim to be offering medical devices ‘to help with pain’.

This follows an incident where a resident received a cold call during which the caller stated they had ‘received a referral from your GP surgery’ and that ‘you could benefit from one of their devices to help with pain’.

Fortunately, the resident declined the offer and contacted their GP surgery who confirmed the call was not connected with them.

Our advice is to always be very wary of any approach made in a telephone cold call and **never** give or confirm any personal details, make purchases or agree to someone visiting your home if approached in this manner.

If you have been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, you can [report it to Action Fraud online](#) or by calling **0300 123 2040**. You can also report it to us via our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on **0808 223 113**.

### **For more advice and updates**

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### **Reporting scams**

Reporting scams you receive helps us continue to build up intelligence on the scammers and how they target people.

If you think you have been the victim of an online scam you can report this to us via our partners, the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on **0808 223 1133**.

# Santa is coming to town

## Christmas Sleigh Timetable

1st Feltwell Scout Groups' Annual Christmas Sleigh will be visiting Feltwell village with Santa on the following dates.

**PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DONATION.**

All donations are used to support the village scout group & the children that attend. Any monies will be gratefully received by the elf collectors who wear tabards with the 'Scout Logo' on & will call on the night published - unless severe weather conditions prevail.

**Santa's Present Delivery Service** - Have Santa deliver a present to someone special (children or adults). Due to time factors, presents need to be collected from the sleigh. Cost is £5 per delivery with a maximum of 3 gifts per stop (extra presents can be delivered at the same time for £2 per gift).

Please drop presents off at Claire Scarff's - 67, Nightingale Lane, Feltwell. IP26 4AR by 12 noon the day before delivery day. This year we would like you to include an information note with your gift/s.

We are only asking for this information to make the experience for the recipient more special however, if you'd rather not include all this info, that's fine. You can just write everything on a piece of paper. but please do not attach it to the gift.

RECIPIENTS NAME; AGE &/OR DATE OF BIRTH (not needed if an adult); GENDER; INTERESTS/HOBBIES;  
ANYTHING NEW THAT THE RECIPIENT HAS STARTED (like Beavers/Cubs/football etc.); ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU'D LIKE SANTA TO KNOW ABOUT (older brothers/sisters, been working on a project for school/work etc.)

Please ensure presents are well wrapped and clearly marked with the recipients name, address & the delivery day.

**Each evening we will start at approximately 5.30pm & are usually finished by 8.30pm - apologies if it is a little later**  
*All timings are approximate*



**Tuesday 6th Dec.** - PRESENTS MUST BE AT CLAIRE'S BY 12 NOON ON MON 5th ALONG WITH PAYMENT & INFO FORM WILTON ROAD; BANHAM WALK (due to turning difficulties we will stop at the entrance); CLOUGH DRIVE; NIGHTINGALE LANE (should be there about 6.15pm); FAIRFIELD WAY; FAIR CLOSE; ST. JOHN'S WAY; EDMUND MOUNDEFORD ROAD (due to turning difficulties, we will stop at the entrance); UPCHER CLOSE (should be there by about 7.15pm); the rest of WILTON ROAD; BELL STREET; NEWCOMBE DRIVE; FALCON ROAD; ST. MARYS STREET; Front of HALL DRIVE & houses opposite; MULBERRY CLOSE; HIGH STREET.

**Wednesday 7th Dec.** - PRESENTS MUST BE AT CLAIRE'S BY 12 NOON ON TUE 6th ALONG WITH PAYMENT & INFO FORM LONG LANE; WESTERN CLOSE; MOATSIDE; ARCHERS AVENUE (should be there by about 6.30pm); SPARKES WAY & CAMP CLOSE (due to turning difficulties, we will stop at the entrance); CURTIS DRIVE (due to turning difficulties we will reverse down as far as we can); HEReward WAY; PORTAL CLOSE (should be there by about 7pm); SHORT LANE; LIME KILN LANE (due to turning difficulties, we will stop at the Social Club) (should be there by about 7.30pm); VINCENT CLOSE (due to turning difficulties we will reverse down as far as we can); PAYNES LANE; CRABBES CLOSE (due to turning difficulties we will reverse down as far as we can); the rest of PAYNES LANE.

**Friday 9th Dec.** - PRESENTS MUST BE AT CLAIRE'S BY 12 NOON ON THU 8th ALONG WITH PAYMENT & INFO FORM SHORT BECK; HILL STREET, THE BECK; OLD SCHOOL CLOSE; the rest of THE BECK; NEW HALL FARM (due to turning difficulties, we will stop at the entrance); OLD METHWOLD ROAD (should be there by about 6.30pm); MUNSONS LANE; MUNSONS PLACE; the rest of MUNSONS LANE; RAWLINGS WAY; LAMBERTS CLOSE; ST. NICHOLAS DRIVE; OAK STREET; ADDISONS CLOSE (should be there by about 7.30pm) (due to turning difficulties we apologise if we are unable to get down each road); LODGE ROAD; EAST HALL.

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## CHRISTMAS GIFT LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.

*The solution is on p60*

	Macaroni Picture	Christmas Socks	Christmas Jumper	Hand Painted Bauble	Beer	Hoover	Dress	Perfume	Necklace	Book
Herbert										
Greg										
Brian										
Leyton										
Oscar										
Hoover										
Dress										
Perfume										
Necklace										
Book										

Match the Husbands to the gifts they gave to their wives and the gifts they received from their children.

1. The person who gave Perfume received a Christmas Jumper.
2. Herbert gave his wife a Necklace, he didn't receive the Beer.
3. Brian didn't like his new Socks but Oscar's wife loved her new Dress.
4. The Bauble was received by the person who gave the Book.
5. Oscar, Greg, the person receiving the Macaroni Picture, the person giving the Book and the person giving the Hoover are all different people.

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The speaker for our November 2022 meeting was Colin Clements. This was Colin's second visit and this time he told us about his time working in television.

Amusingly, Colin began by showing a short edited video of his first talk about his time

in radio and seamlessly picked up just where he had left things by showing us the replacement piece of kit that he had to lug around as a sound recordist working for ITN. This one weighed so much more than the first one and ended up injuring his shoulder whilst he was following the Queen Mother around at the opening of the new Smithfield Meat Market. It also recorded video as well as sound. Colin joined ITN in 1987 working at their studios in Wells Street off Oxford Street. At the time they were still using 16mm film. One of Colin's first jobs was to give Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall their ear pieces, Alastair in his left ear, Sandy in his right so that when they turned to talk to each other neither ear piece could be seen by the camera and hence the viewers.

Colin told us that during one broadcast he had to add a sound effect to a shot of the interior of a helicopter. The only sound he could find was that of a Bell Ranger helicopter. A few days later ITN received letters from viewers complaining that the sound was of the wrong helicopter. Viewers can be very picky. Interestingly enough we learned that the voice-overs for the 'Bongs' at the start of News at Ten were pre-recorded and that the programme went live when the presenter said, 'Good Evening'.

Colin's shift pattern was three days on, two off, then two on, three off, each day being 12 hours. Of course, if you took the two working days off you ended up with a full week off for the cost of two days! There were times when considerably longer shifts were worked for special events such as elections.

When ITN took on the Channel 4 breakfast news contract Colin applied for and got a job as one of two Transmission Controllers. This meant working nights but he did get to see his name rolling up the screen at the end of the show. In 1991 he was made redundant when the Channel 4 Daily programme was axed and so he became a freelance Sound Recordist/Presentation Controller. One job he had involved recording an interview with a American pop band who had no illusions and thought that their international fame might last six months, if lucky. They were called the Red Hot Chilli Peppers and are still going strong.



# CAROLS ROUND THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

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## FELTWELL CHRISTINGLE and POSADA SERVICE ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CHRISTMAS EVE 4PM

Please come and join us for the Christingle service in aid of the Children's Society. Christingles will be made by the children during the service.



**POSADA** - Children from the early years classes of the village primary school after looked after Mary, Joseph and the Donkey during Advent as they travelled around Feltwell on their way to the Manger in St. Mary's on Christmas Eve during the Christingle Service. The journals with accounts of where they visited and what they got up to will be on display in church until 6<sup>th</sup> January. The donkey can be particularly mischievous!

It was in 1993 that Colin was appointed as Sound Supervisor for the new QVC Shopping channel where he met various celebrities promoting one product or another, from Tony Blackburn talking about record players to Barbara Cartland selling her latest book. He stayed with QVC for 18 months before joining Sky as the Sound Supervisor on the daily The Richard Littlejohn show. A year later and Colin was promoted to Technical Director responsible for.... just about everything.

Jump ahead a few years and Sky has gone digital, dropped the Friday show and Colin ended up working Saturdays on Soccer Saturday presented by Jeff Stelling and four ex-footballers who watched matches on TV monitors and reported back to Jeff as the pictures were copyright and Sky had no rights to broadcast them. I'm sure some readers will remember this setup.

When Sky went fully High Definition Colin was promoted again to Technical Manager but liked to remain 'hands-on'. Whilst becoming familiar with a new caption generator which was, unbeknownst to Colin, linked to Sky's Twitter feed he typed the words, "Colin Was Here." These words were received by nearly a million Twitter followers who thought that Sky had been hacked!

After 22 years working for Sky Colin retired and in 2017 he and his wife Janet moved to Feltwell. Thanks for a fascinating couple of talks, Colin.

The Men's Breakfast Club usually meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month at The Wellington in Feltwell at 9am. It costs £7.50 per person to attend which includes a talk, tea or coffee and a full English breakfast which has to be tasted to be believed just how good it is.

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

Our next meeting will be on **3rd December**. Our speaker will be Fraser Reich who will give us the answer to this question, "How do you weigh a molecule with a stopwatch?" Sounds intriguing.

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## OLD CODGERS NIGHT

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6.30—10.00pm



Not long after he had joined the WNAS, local man, Barry Raphael was invited to make his debut speech at our club and, if he had spelled his name a little differently the offer may have come sooner. From his party piece, entitled 'The Valiant Years, 1951-1965', the listener could have easily deduced much from these few words: was he a war baby and did he fly Vickers Armstrong Valiants?.....the latter would have been a bit later.



The aircraft was the first of the V bombers to be equipped with facilities for dropping atomic bombs and, during his time in the RAF the first British test took place in Maralinga, Australia. Being a modest chap Barry didn't say he was there but, he might have been.

This Valiant was designed as a high altitude response weapon to a Russian threat. Barry demonstrated with very clear diagrams the variety of wing formats best suited to this high altitude requirement; hence this choice of aircraft. In some ways it was an enigma; it had a 'fly-by-wire' control system and could also be flown conventionally; it was also equipped with a bomb control system operated by a mechanical computer.

In 1960 an American Lockheed U2 spy plane was shot down in the Soviet Union airspace by a Russian missile. The need to fly high was no longer prudent so, being quite versatile, the Valiant was converted to a ground attack weapon; camouflaged now, in black, it was capable of planting a time delayed bomb on hostile territory like a dart on a board.

The Valiant also played a part in the Egyptian war during the Suez crisis. Not wishing to downgrade the seriousness of the mission, Barry, a typical airman under threat, resorted to humour. Far from being secretive about their intentions, his senior officer warned the antagonists that the RAF was 'coming to drop a bomb on them'. Although this could be regarded as a sporting caution the officer was nevertheless dismissed and, only became aware of this when he heard it broadcast on the BBC.

The satire continued with Barry producing two period Heath Robinson cartoons which would have appealed to RAF personnel at the time and, may do so now with a little timely Yuletide levity thrown in.

The meeting ended with it being suggested that Barry should promote the brewing of RAPH - AEL liquor and, it should make its debut in the Mundford Bowls Club bar; with permission, of course, from the CEO's Len and Val.

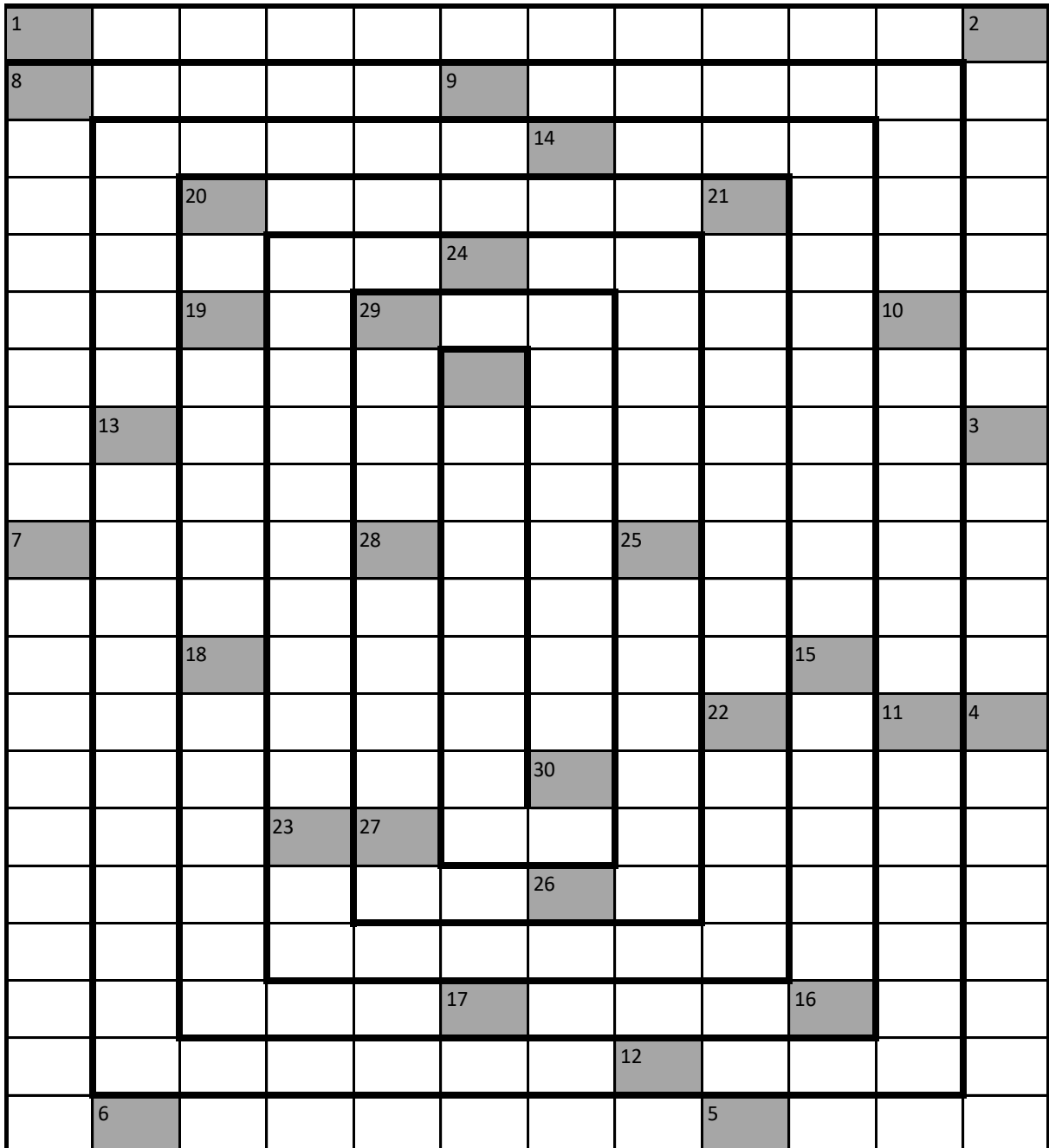
See you all at the AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Please find here: [www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk](http://www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk) details of WNAS Calendar, Photos, Press Releases, and any changes to the schedule.

Nigel Tooth

## WORD TRAIL NO. 23

*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 Wearing glasses (12)
- 2 Try to make someone/group of people seem as if they are evil (8)
- 3 The Egyptians did this to their Pharaohs when they died (6)
- 4 The proper name for The Unicorn star (11)

- 5 What is couscous made from? (8)
- 6 The name of the first manned lunar landing mission in 1969 (6-6)
- 7 **MEDICAL:** The folds of skin on either side of the nail are called (4-5)
- 8 **FILM:** Omera, widowed farmer provides lodgings for the Mandalorian on what planet? (6)
- 9 **MUSIC: (1964)** -According to The Animals song, in which USA city was *'The House of the Rising Sun'* (3-7)
- 10 Sea Fennel is the other name to what salt tolerant edible plant (8)
- 11 A famous children's author who wrote *'The Secret Seven'* (4-6)
- 12 Who was the UK Prime Minister during 1937-1940 (7-11)
- 13 Someone who claim to talk to the dead in order to discover what is going to happen in the future (11)
- 14 **MEDICAL:** The alternative name for an *'Erythrocyte'* cell that is small, round and biconcave (2-5-5)
- 15 Which ingredient is included in food in a Florentine style? (7)
- 16 Who wrote *'The Iliad & The Odyssey'*(5)
- 17 Thoroughgoing, complete (10)
- 18 Which animal has the highest blood pressure? (7)
- 19 This stunning Cathedral sited and Stained Glass Museum on Minster Place lays in which Norfolk town? (3)
- 20 An involuntary intake of breath through a wide-open mouth (7)
- 21 **ILM:** He is the leader of the 'Bounty Hunters Guild' in the film series *The Mandalorian* (5-5)
- 22 Opposed in nature or disposition (12)
- 23 Everything must go! (9-4)
- 24 The sun's apparent path among stars during a year (8)
- 25 Someone who breaks the law (8)
- 26 Jump (4)
- 27 Inventor of a shorthand system ( 6)
- 28 A minor female nature deity in Greek mythology (5)
- 29 Significant escape of blood from blood-vessels (11)
- 30 A magic spell or act of witchcraft (11)

*This month's Word Trail solution can be found on page 70*



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**WEDNESDAYS** 9.30-12 - we're now into winter clearing up of the **Community Garden** and preparing for spring sowing & planting - We welcome anyone who wants to share or pick up some tips or just have a chat, or even make us a drink.

**Thursdays** the local 'wellbeing' group, "**Feltwellbeings**" meets in our Community Hall from 10-12.

**Brownies** meet from 6pm with Tracy as the Brown Owl

**So, to SUNDAYS** – our day to relax and reflect.

**10.45am to 11.45 – Fellowship and refreshments**

Advent started last Sunday and is a four week season of spiritual preparation before Christmas when many Christians make themselves ready for the coming of Jesus Christ, as the baby we celebrate. But 1st December you start opening your Advent Calendar doors. Is your calendar an Advent Calendar or just a December calendar?

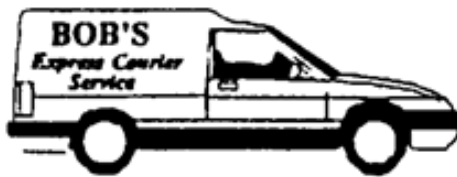
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We will not have a Christmas Day Service this year.

**Youth Café** – Our Youth café will be open on Friday 9th Dec from 7-9 pm in our Community Hall. We will have table-tennis & snooker as well as music and refreshments. Come to the open evening with your ideas on Friday 16 December.



We are hoping to create a **Choir** for people who enjoy singing. Are you one? Get in touch.

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## HEATING OIL, SECURE IT NOW

When looking at our fuel thefts, the current concern remains white diesel being stolen from building sites and compounds as per last month. Although we have had a very mild Autumn so far, we can expect that to change at some point so we would expect to see some heating oil thefts. Now is the time to think about your security before winter sets in. This means considering general security products such as CCTV (including mobile monitoring systems), lighting if the tank is overlooked, fitting alarms, and locking the yard/garden/shed housing the tank.

Also, please consider fitting an alarm to the tank to alert you to a sudden drop in fuel levels or tampering with the lock. The use of PIR alarms can be effective.

## IVORY ACT

Since June 2022 it has been illegal for individuals and traders/businesses to sell or offer to sell an ivory product (or offer for hire) unless the item has a valid exemption certificate which can be requested on the official .GOV website.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/declare-ivory-you-intend-to-sell-or-hire-out>

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## **OUTBUILDING BURGLARIES**

Police are urging residents to keep outbuildings secure and remain vigilant following a series of rural burglaries: -

Lowestoft Road, Hopton: At around 12.30am on 24 October 2022, two suspects forced access to three outbuildings and stole power tools, a till and horse-riding clothes.

Jay Lane, Hopton: Sometime between 10.30pm on 24 October and 6.45am on 25 October, suspect/s forced access to a barn and a storage unit. Nothing was stolen.

Browston Lane, Browston: Sometime between 6pm on 23 October and 8.30am on 24 October 2022, suspect/s forced entry to a stable and stole a red quad bike.

Officers are offering farmers and landowners in rural communities the following crime prevention advice:

Try to note down the car registration number of any suspicious vehicle, if it's safe to do so, and report it to us.

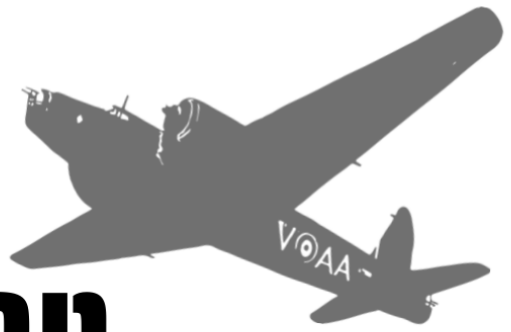
If possible, remove all GPS kit from machines when not in use, especially if the machinery is left out overnight.

Review security at your outbuildings, as well as any building where equipment is serviced. Always keep outbuildings locked and secure.

Record the serial numbers of your equipment and take a photo of the serial number and keep it safe.

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December 29th	- Mr E.	- 8:30pm
December 30th	- Jo Manning	- 8:30pm
December 31st	- Romy Gensale	- 9:00pm



## WILDLIFE CRIME—RESULT

Some of you may remember that more than a year ago now, I told you about the policing team carrying out a warrant in Weeting – it concerned birds of prey being killed. As with many of our jobs, we were unable to share any more information at the time because it had to go through the legal court process. Now this has been finalised and I can share with you what happened in court:

A Weeting gamekeeper appeared in court today Wednesday 5 October 2022 and admitted shooting and poisoning several birds of prey.

Matthew Stroud, age 46, of Fengate in Weeting, appeared at Norwich Magistrates' Court today (Wednesday 5 October 2022) and admitted:

Three counts of using poisoned bait, six counts of killing a Common Buzzard (a non-Schedule 1 wild bird) at Weeting, one count of intentionally killing a Northern Goshawk (a Schedule 1 wild bird) at Weeting, one count of possessing a regulated substance - Strychnine Hydrochloride – without a licence, one count of possessing 4 shotguns to kill a Schedule 1 wild bird, one count of releasing 3,400 Common Pheasants into the wild between 1 June and 14 September 2021 contrary to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and one count of incorrectly storing a biocidal product – Rentokil Phostoxin – contrary to the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

He received a 12-month Community Order and was ordered to do 200 hours of unpaid work, fined £692 and ordered to pay costs of £145, compensation of £288.72 and a victim surcharge of £95. The court also ordered the forfeiture and destruction of all Stroud's firearms, mobile phones and any chemicals.

The court heard how the investigation started when RSPB officers found a young pheasant dead in Belvedere Wood, Weeting, on 19 August 2021. Tests later confirmed the pheasant had been poisoned with Strychnine Hydrochloride.

Further intelligence led Norfolk Police to execute a warrant at Stroud's home, Belvedere Wood and Oisier Carr Wood on 14 September 2021 where the following discoveries were made:

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- Two pheasant carcasses with extremely high levels of Strychnine Hydrochloride and a poisoned Common Buzzard were found in Belvedere Wood - a Site of Special Scientific Interest because of its internationally important population of Stone Curlews
- Two bottles of Strychnine Chloride were found in the glovebox of Stroud's all-terrain vehicle, and a bottle of Phostoxin discovered by officers in a lean-to style shed attached to his house.

In addition, Stroud's mobile phone contained photos of a dead Goshawk and five dead Common Buzzards. He later confessed to officers that all the photos were of birds he had killed.

PC Chris Shelley, Norfolk Constabulary's Rural Crime Officer, said: "This investigation is one of the biggest cases of its kind that we have dealt with in Norfolk. Stroud actions were dangerous and inhumane – he shot and poisoned birds of prey as he saw fit, and at will, because it suited him to do so. He also used a highly dangerous poison - one that has been banned in the UK for the last 15 years – indiscriminately, which could have had a disastrous effect on other local wildlife and showed a scant disregard for the safety of others.

"We're committed to working with all partners to tackle rural crime and have worked closely with colleagues from the RSPB, the National Wildlife Crime Unit and Natural England throughout this investigation. It is because of this close collaboration with them that we have been able to bring this case to court."

Tom Grose, RSPB Investigations Officer, said: "Laying poison baits out in the open is not only illegal but extremely dangerous and irresponsible. Baits like those being used present a deadly risk to any animal or person that might come across it.

"It is particularly troubling that this was happening on an SPA, a designated area where wildlife and nature should have the highest legal protection.

Ashley Petchey of the Crown Prosecution Service said: "This was a case where Mr Stroud has, whilst in his position as a gamekeeper, killed wild birds by shooting and poisoning. He has also released non-native species into a SSSI. The scale of the offences in this case demonstrates the lengths people will go to in order to persecute raptors. The Crown take all cases of raptor persecution seriously and where the full code test is met, bring offenders to justice."



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## WHAT HAPPENED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IN NOVEMBER

November on our farms is often perceived as a quieter month, but I think to call any month in the farming calendar 'quiet' is a long shot. 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 continued to be drilled until middle of the month and our sugar beet fields turned from green to brown as they were harvested to produce our sugar for the next year. Around 50% of the UK's sugar demand is supplied by British sugar beet, which now is nearly all 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 like becomes a daily task. Livestock left out on grass will often need to be supplemented with extra food because the grass has stopped growing and its quality is no longer adequate.

Although many people associate the 5th of November with Bonfire Night, traditionally, it is also an important date in a shepherd's calendar because if you put your tup (male sheep) with your flock of ewes on the 5th of November, you 'should' have Spring lambs born on the 1st of April. Obviously with the modernisation of farming, many farmers now lamb slightly earlier to feed into the traditional Easter lamb market - in fact with some lambing at all times of year - but many do still lamb at the beginning of April with the opportunity to feed the milking ewes on better grass.

In the countryside, the colours of the trees continued to change and by the end of the month many were bare. Hedgehogs and other hibernating animals should be safely secured away for the colder months with the hope of not being disturbed! The deer rut was in full swing so many spent more time close to the road as drivers may have noticed.



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## NEWS FROM THE LEGION

If you are reading this edition of the News from the Legion in the December magazine it means that I just made the deadline as I wanted to make comment on the events on armistice day. If you are reading it in the Jan 2023 magazine I apologize.

The month of November has proved quite a successful month. The branch is now sitting with a new committee with Ian Rayner as the chairman. On the 9<sup>th</sup> Nov we held our poppy appeal coffee morning which was very well attended and a good amount of money was raised for the poppy appeal. (Mary will put her own bit in the magazine) Thank you to all those that attended to make it a success. I will apologize for making the quiz a little hard. I will do my best at the next coffee morning (14/12/2022).

We, as a branch, cover 4 remembrance services. The first at Hockwold church and memorial at 09.15, numbers were a little down on 2021 but was still well attended. The second is at the war graves (sword of peace) at St Nicholas cemetery at 10.30. This was well attended with a small contingent from the USAF plus some of our own members. We then formed up on the Chequers car park for the 3<sup>rd</sup> service. The parade was lead of by our standard bearer (Andy) followed by members of the RBL, they in turn were followed by a contingent of the USAF. They were then followed by the children from the Cubs, Brownies and Beavers who did a magnificent job in keeping up with us. (Well done) The act of remembrance took place at the memorial, after which a service in the church (St Mary's). It was then that the chairman commented on the numbers in the church. We both agreed that that was the biggest congregation for a remembrance service we had seen in the church. Thank you to all those that attended. A special mention must be made to David who was in charge of the music for another excellent job. The final service took place in Northwold at 15.00 and it follows the same sequence as that as Feltwell. A tiring but satisfying day.

John Linkin

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## FELTWELL'S WW2 WAR HEROES No. 5

*This month we continue our new series about WW2 War Heroes*

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

### Abbreviations used.

CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves Commission

SDGW – Soldiers Died in the Great War

IRC – International Red Cross

MIC – Medal Index Card

*This month's War Hero is:*

### **D. LEMON. A.T.S**

She is recorded on the Feltwell War Memorial as D. **Lemon** A.T.S.

Recorded on the Roll of Honour in the church as Dorothy **Lemmon**.

Private LEMMON, DOROTHY BESSIE

Service Number: W/109181

Died: 01/08/1942

Aged: 18

Unit: Auxiliary Territorial Service  
attd. 511 Bty., 151 H.A.A. (M) Regt.  
Royal Artillery

Daughter of Frederick and Annie Dulcie Lemmon, of Feltwell.

Buried at FELTWELL (ST. NICHOLAS) CHURCHYARD

CWGC: [www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2763605/lemmon,-dorot...](http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2763605/lemmon,-dorot...)

(Note different spelling of surname)

There is a standard CWGC pattern headstone in the churchyard of St. Nicholas, Feltwell.

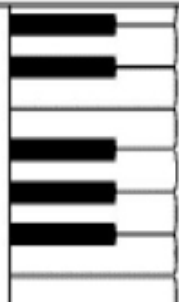
It reads:

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The Army Roll of Honour 1939-1945 records that Private 109181 Dorothy B. Lemmon died on the 1st August 1942 whilst serving with the Auxiliary Territorial Service in the United Kingdom.

She was born New Zealand and resident Norfolk.

No obvious Soldiers Will or Civil Probate for this woman.

For details of her earlier life see the link on "On the day" below.

### **1939 National Register**

The 1939 National Register was a mini-census which was used to do a stocktake of the nations skills, (with the view to making best use of the available resources in the event of war) and as the basis for the issue of ID cards and ration books. After the war it was used as a register for the National Health Service and continued to be used until the system was computerised in the early nineties. Known deaths and change of name were manually captured. It was this part of the register that entered the public domain via a Freedom of Information request. However entries where the person were still believed to be alive at the time the manual system was closed down **and** if they were less than a 100 years old were officially closed. Layout also leaves much to be desired, with location restricted to the relevant Urban or Rural District Council rather than village, town or city. It also doesn't set out relationships, so these need to be inferred.

There is a potential match for her parents, recorded living on Long Lane, Downham Rural District Council. The inhabitants of the household were:-



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1: Lemmon, Frederick, Married, born 8th October 1888, General Labourer

2: Lemmon, Annie D, Married, born 8th June 1889, Unpaid Domestic Duties

3: This record is officially closed.

4: This record is officially closed.

Note – the closed records could relate to one or even two separate households, but the most likely information shown relates to Doris and her sister – the NHS doesn't seem to have been very good at noting when individuals died serving in the armed forces – even when the death occurred in the UK.

### **On the day**

There is an eloquent piece on Dorothy on the Feltwell Village website that I would urge you to read. What I will just take from that is this section:-

She was at first sent to Northampton then to Reading, after that to Anglesey where she was trained as a nightfinder on a gunsite. The gunsites were manned by four girls and a man who fired the gun. From there she was given some leave, it was three months since she had left home and she assured my parents that she liked army life. Her unit 511 HAA Battery RA. were then moved to Ashby-de-la-Zouche -near Manchester, where they were no longer in training but in action defending the area against enemy bombing raids.

In June she was granted another seven days leave, just before her eighteenth birthday. She seemed quieter this time and said very little about what it was like. On her return they moved again this time to the small village of Preston a few miles from Hull.

Hull was at that time suffering severe bombing raids from Germany on a regular basis, especially at night, Hull docks being their prime target and when the air raid warning went the girls alongside the men had to be on duty and were exposed to exactly the same dangers as the men, their only protection a few sandbags and a tin hat.

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August 1st 1942 was a beautiful summer day but before lunch on that day my parents had received a telegram from the War Office that read, "We regret to inform you that your daughter, 109181 Pte Dorothy Lemmon was killed in action in the early hours of this morning." There had been a severe air raid on Hull that night and Dorothy had been hit by shrapnel.

[www.feltwell.net/feltwell2/times/aliferemembered.htm](http://www.feltwell.net/feltwell2/times/aliferemembered.htm)

The death of an 18 year old Dorothy Lemon was recorded in the Holderness District of Lincolnshire in the July to September quarter, (Q3), of 1942. There is a middle initial, but it's distorted, (typed over wet tippex springs to mind) and while it could be a "B", it's been transcribed as a "Q".

### **Hull Air raids**

On 1 August another raid centred on the eastern docks killed 24 people at Grindell Street when a 1,800 kg bomb was dropped on it.  
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hull\\_Blitz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hull_Blitz)

The alarm was sounded at 02.15 early in the morning of the 1st August, with the first bomb timed at 02.42.

[www.heroesofhull.co.uk/pages/blitz/1942\\_Raids.php](http://www.heroesofhull.co.uk/pages/blitz/1942_Raids.php)

## **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.

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I must first apologise for the mix up of the dates for the Quiz night, probably the usual finger trouble. But if you did turn up on the 26th all was not lost as the British Legion held their Quiz night that night.

We held our AGM on Thursday 3rd November, 17 attended including the committee. We now have a new Chairman and Vice-chairman Martin Blackman and Bob Jose respectively.

The outgoing Chairman Trevor Hobbs congratulated them and wished them every success. He went on to thank the Green keeper Colin Holman for keeping the green in such good condition and the committee for their support and work on the maintenance.

Next years league games to be arranged by the committee after a meeting with the British Legion (to discuss alterations to their regulations), meeting to take place Thursday 17th November. All being well the committee will meet early in the New year and discuss games in the New year and the way games a forward.

Our Quiz night held on Saturday 12th November was well attended under our new Quiz master or should I say Quiz madam there much fun and banter and enjoyed by all.

The coffee morning held on Saturday 26th November was well attended and enjoyed by all who attended.

It is proposed to hold our next Quiz night (depending on the outcome of the meeting with the British Legion) mid to late January, I will notify you in the next issue.

It just remains to wish you a Happy Christmas and best wishes for the coming New year.

Max



Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

*Genuine statement from an insurance form*

## WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search is on **BIRDS**. 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 69

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*Frederick James has some ideas.*

### **WHAT GRANDAD DID IN THE WAR**

“Well, your Mum and Dad said it would be ok for me to tell about what your grandfather and I did in the War. What your grandad did, really. We were together quite a lot, but what your grandad got up to is what you want to hear, isn't it?”

“Yeah, 'course, but on'y if it's good stuff. Know wot I mean?”

“Yes, of course, but if he wanted anyone to know the truth, I'm sure it would be you he would tell. None of us knew why we were fighting. They never told us the details, just that we were at war with Germany, and that was all we needed to know. It all seemed to happen after a man called Franz Ferdinand and his wife were assassinated----”

“Wot's assassinated? Wot's that mean? Ya see, that's summat me mate woulda told me, so s'pose it's up ta you ta tell me.”

“It's just another word for when somebody famous is killed. A Serbian terrorist shot them without warning. That's what started the whole thing off!”

“Ya mean, this bloke just walked up to 'em, an' put a bullet in 'em? Why would he do that? Right sneaky, that was. Blimey, no wonder Grandad called it a bl\*\*dy war, if that's 'ow it started. Poor beggers! At least they didn't see it coming! Sorry! Didn't mean ta interrupt, like, but stuff like that ain't nice, is it? An ta think that cos of those two getting' t'chop, you and Grandad ended up ta yer knees in mud an' stuff! Bet yer didn't 'ave no wellies, neither! Wot 'appened then?”

“Well, where we were was called the Western Front, and we were there for four years, until the war ended. Your grandfather was right



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about the mud, it was everywhere. We were in trenches, up to our knees in mud and water, and the Germans were shooting at us all the time.”

“Blimey, I bet that were rotten, an' all! Wouldn't like that, I wouldn't!”

“Anyway, as I was saying, your grandfather was an observer in our trench. That meant he had to keep an eye on the Germans, to see what they were up to. He had a periscope-----”

“I knows wot they are! They's got mirras in 'em, so's you can look over stuff, an not be seen yaself! 'ad one fer Christmas once. Good fun, they are!”

“Yes, that's right, but they weren't for fun then. They allowed soldiers like your grandad to look over the top of the trench, without getting shot at!”

“Naah, wouldn't like that, neither! Not like those two as got done in, an started it all off in t'first place”

“Anyway, as I was saying. One time, your grandad was looking across to the German trenches, when he spotted someone lying on the ground, out in the open. He realised it was a young German soldier, like us, caught in the wire, and he was crying for help, and really looked in a bad way. We tried to stop him, but your grandad grabbed a first aid box, and risked his own life to go and try to give the man first aid. At first, the Germans began to fire at them both, and your grandad was shot in the leg. Then, when the Germans saw that he was trying to help, they stopped firing. They sent out some of their own men to help your grandad and the other soldier get back to safety.”

“Struth! 'e were brave, weren't 'e? But why didn't 'e want ta talk about it? All 'e said were 'Bloody War! Best forgotten!' Why didn't 'e say nowt? 'e were real brave, ta risk getting' shot, an all! Why didn't 'e say nowt?”

Recognising that this might be the right moment, the veteran reached into his pocket and pulled out a small, narrow box. It had

## POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to every one who attended this months coffee morning at the Royal British Legion Hall which was in aid of the Poppy Appeal, lots of new faces hope to see you again in December.

The raffle raised £100 thank you for your donations including the very large teddy bear, also to Londis and Spar for donating wine and Chocolates, all very much appreciated.

Thank you also to Margaret for making the delicious scones and cakes every month.

The total raised for the morning was **£159.90**.

We look forward to seeing you on the second Wednesday of every month.

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the familiar German eagle embossed in gold leaf on its lid.

“I know your grandad would want you to have this to remember him by. He gave it to me, and asked me to look after it for him. It hasn't seen the light of day since he got it, all those years ago”.

The lad's eyes opened wide as he saw what was nestling on the red velvet cushion. It was the Hindenburg Honor Cross, awarded for valour in the field!

Once again, the young lad's eyes filled with tears.

*Thank You!*

**To Colleen for the kind gift of a reflective jacket. The kindness of people is still evident. Thanks  
Terri Power**



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## **Events at RSPB Lakenheath Fen**

**December 2022**

Places for all events need to be booked online- please visit [events.rspb.org.uk/lakenheathfen](https://events.rspb.org.uk/lakenheathfen) to read more and book tickets.

### **Raptors in the Reedbed winter guided walk**

We will be hosting two guided walks this winter to look for birds of prey at dusk across the reserve- with luck we will see marsh harriers roosting in the reedbeds as well as barn owls, possibly merlin, peregrine and we should hear tawny owls too. Not to mention other winter delights such as whooper swans flying overhead too!

Sunday 11 December 2022 (1:30pm-4:30pm) **Fully booked (with no cancellations) at the time of writing**

Saturday 14 January 2023, 2pm-5pm). **Still a few places left.**

Price: RSPB members (£12 adults, £6 Under 16's), non-RSPB members (£15 adults, £7.50 Under 16's).

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Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Eucharist Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Feltwell Northwold
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Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carols around the village Christmas Tree	5pm	Feltwell, outside St Mary's.
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Eucharist Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Feltwell Northwold
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Eve	Christingle "Midnight Mass"	4pm 9pm	Feltwell Feltwell
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Eucharist Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Feltwell Northwold

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# **RSPB**

## **Lakenheath Fen**

### **BIRD FLU IN OUR COUNTRYSIDE**

#### **SOME (HOPEFULLY) HELPFUL ADVICE**

As I write this, thankfully our beautiful nature reserve seems relatively unaffected by the outbreak of bird flu that is widespread across the UK. However, I know how lucky we are as other nature reserves have suffered devastating losses, especially those with seabird colonies such as at Bempton Cliffs in Yorkshire and some of our tern colonies in North Norfolk have suffered major losses too. The outbreak has been life-changing for commercial poultry farms too, and for the domestic keeper, all birds must be housed indoors for the foreseeable future.

In light of all this, it seems right to talk this month about bird flu and what to do if we suspect it ourselves when out and about. The symptoms to look for are very wide-ranging but lethargy, runny eyes, confusion, unresponsiveness, droopy wings or shaking are common- more or less the symptoms a human with 'flu might have. If you see a wild bird with these symptoms, or a dead bird, its best not to touch it, although the presence of bird flu can only be confirmed with formal testing by DEFRA. Reporting it is only necessary in certain circumstances- if you have found:

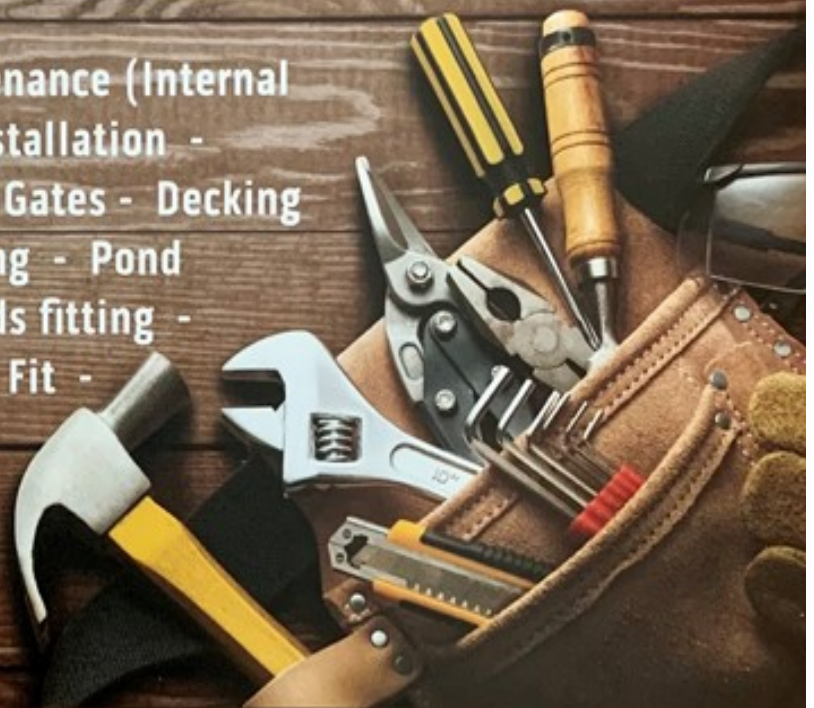
- ◆ one or more dead birds of prey
- ◆ 3 or more dead gulls or wild waterfowl (swans, geese and ducks)
- ◆ 5 or more dead birds of any species

**To report a dead bird, call Defra on 03459 335577.**

We still receive plenty of phone calls about injured birds, and many of those phoning in do have questions about whether it is safe or even legal to touch injured birds. In cases where the bird has a

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visible and localised injury- for example, a bird at the side of the road with a damaged wing, or in a garden with a puncture wound or two, perhaps from a cat, birds can still be handled in order to get them to a rehabilitator, if you are comfortable doing so. It IS always a good idea to wear gloves when handling any wildlife, and to wash your hands after moving the bird. The Wildlife Lounge in Feltwell (01842 827555) or PACT Animal Sanctuary near Swaffham (01362 820775) are very good places to contact about what to do with an injured bird.

A great place for extra advice is to visit the government website <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu> if you have any questions that I haven't answered here.

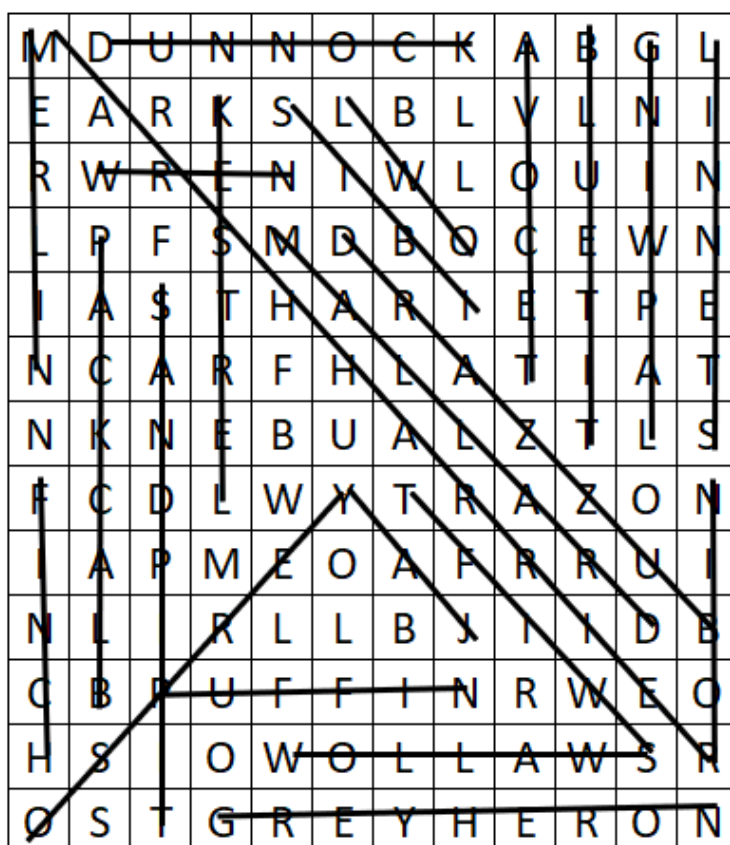
Cases of bird flu are beginning to decline in seabird colonies, and we can only hope the trend will continue. But what lies next in the outbreak is largely unknown- but knowing what to do when faced with sick birds, and cleaning our garden bird feeders and baths regularly, is something we can each do to help the situation.

With best wishes,

Heidi Jones (Visitor Experience Officer, RSPB Lakenheath Fen).

**Word Search Solution**

Next month's Word Search will feature **1940s Planes**





## WORD TRAIL No. 23—SOLUTION

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Your **Parish Councillors** are:

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

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



## Breckland Branch



Feline parvovirus is a virus that can cause severe disease in cats, particularly kittens. It can be fatal.

The disease is also known as feline infectious enteritis and feline panleukopenia. The virus is extremely resilient and can survive in the environment for long periods. It has a high mortality rate and on occasion outbreaks are seen in some multi cat situations where there are unvaccinated cats.

Parvovirus does not affect humans or dogs, but canine parvovirus can occasionally infect cats.

FPV can survive in the environment for up to a year and a specialised disinfectant is required to kill it. Most cats contract FPV from a contaminated environment via infected faeces rather than from direct contact with infected cats.

The signs of FPV are vomiting raised body temperature, inability to eat or drink and watery diarrhoea with or without blood. It is diagnosed by taking blood and faecal samples which are sent to a veterinary laboratory to check for signs of the virus and antibodies.

There is no cure for FPV but if the disease is detected in time, the symptoms can be treated and some cats recover with intensive care including good nursing, fluid therapy and assisted feeding.

Vaccination is the main method of prevention. Primary vaccination courses usually start at 8 to 9 weeks of age and a second injection three to four weeks later. Adult cats should receive regular yearly boosters. Unvaccinated adult cats are also susceptible to this disease and allowing booster vaccinations to lapse can be risky. The FPV vaccine is usually combined with other disease vaccines, such as the flu virus.

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Rita Thompson



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## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE NO. 35

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.



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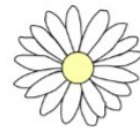
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## Hospital Happenings *by Tony Bennett*



*Monthly Ramblings about West Suffolk Hospital*

**News:** The sad news is that this will be the last edition of Hospital Happenings. I retire fully this month and will not be privy to the internal news of the hospital anymore. Other information can be accessed via the hospital's website [www.wsh.nhs.uk](http://www.wsh.nhs.uk)

It has been fun, and I hope a little informative, writing this column which has been going now for almost exactly twenty years but all good things come to an end and it's time to say thanks to those who have been so appreciative of the articles over the years.

**Changes:** I first started in the NHS as a student in 1976 and without wanting to bore you I thought I'd mention some of the changes that have occurred since then:

In 1976 we had virtually no computers. All patient records were in big bundles of handwritten notes (which often got lost, only to turn up in the boot of a consultant's car weeks after they were needed!). X-Rays were stored in huge libraries so big that WSH's old library now houses our secretaries, our appointments staff, the office manager, the healthcare staff area, a large printer, two offices and a general area for shared computers etc. The only 'computers' we had back in '76 were simple control mechanisms for some equipment which was largely electro-mechanical. Later we used punched cards to control the systems, poking holes in formed pieces of cardboard which were 'read' by beams of light which turned switches on or off. There were only two imaging modalities in 1976; X-Rays of course and surprisingly, Nuclear Medicine which was an offshoot of the WWII Manhattan Project. Ultrasound was in its early clinical phase in London and the images looked like an ECG – just squiggles. As students we were told about the possibility of MRI, known then as NMR, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, (the name was changed to avoid confusion with Nuclear Medicine, Barium Enemas (NMR's) and to avoid scaring the public).

All X-Ray films were wet developed in big tanks of nasty chemicals which we had to make up at the beginning of the day. 'Processors',

automated devices, were just coming in but still required a darkroom where the films were taken out of their cassettes and fed by hand into the processor by darkroom technicians. The cassettes went in via an 'airlock' through the wall, a cabinet in which only one side could be opened at a time to stop light getting in and spoiling the films. After a couple of hours in the darkroom in dim red lighting we let the techs out for coffee. They would emerge blinking from the darkroom into the powerful lights of the viewing area.

Our high speed imaging today, where we routinely take 16 pictures of each heartbeat, would have been a dream. We took 6 images of the blood pumping down the main vessel from the heart, the aorta, by pulling two foot long X-Ray plates out from under the table as fast as we could while the radiologist injected contrast directly through the back and shouting "Take!" for each film, usually faster than we could pull the heavy plates out. They went on a conveyor belt system behind the wall to the darkroom, saving the Tech from coming out. These days our images are digital, sent to our own radiologist in Australia and the written report is often received back the same day.

**Illnesses:** In those days chemotherapy was pretty much unheard of. Where it was used it was often ineffective, perhaps gaining the patient a few months but hardly ever a cure. The process involved long winded infusions in the hospital which often gave such truly dreadful side effects that some patients opted to let nature take its course instead. We did have radiotherapy of various forms which was actually effective in many cases. In uterine cancer I recall having to X-Ray dummy capsules to ensure the real radioactive Caesium could be put in the right place. We X-Rayed many pregnant ladies to ensure that the baby could fit through the pelvis. Many were rushed to theatre for a Caesarean as a result and a few chose not to wait, delivering their offspring in the X-Ray room, usually uncomfortably on the floor.

Lymphomas and leukaemia were about 95% fatal. Nowadays they are about 90% curable, an amazing step forward. We no longer see, or smell, the dreadful and sad cases of fungating breast carcinomas, breast cancers that had been left so long by the patient that they had broken through the skin and were decaying from the outside in. Nearly all were

treated, where possible, by radical mastectomy. Nowadays lumps can be removed, preserving the breast and everyone is aware that lumps need to be checked.

Now advances in genetic and cell engineering have produced cures for cystic fibrosis and are well on the way to curing haemophilia and other life changing illnesses.

In orthopaedics we no longer see the wards full of old ladies in traction for 6 weeks after hip fractures nor wards full of young men with broken leg bones from football and motorcycle riding. They nearly all get a plate on the fracture in an operation and are often home in a day or two.

My mother was in hospital for nearly three weeks having her gall bladder out in 1965. It was a long and painful recovery with a big scar. Mostly today it's done in Day Surgery, home by teatime, back to work in a week and long term, no scarring. Even kidneys can be taken out the same way.

Future developments will be even more amazing, in my own field we are already injecting people with a form of anti-matter to obtain Positron Emission Tomography ( PET ) images. It sounds and looks like something from a Doctor Who programme.

Meanwhile stay well if you can and take care!

## **Christmas Joy!**

**Thetford Singers** are happy to invite you to this year's Christmas programme, Christmas Joy! We will be performing a joyful mix of traditional carols and modern songs to get you into the seasonal spirit. Rudolph will be making a musical appearance along with bells and wassailers. Join us for an evening of Christmas cheer on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 in the Guildhall. Tickets are £8 from the Leaping Hare Ticket Office in town or online at [leapinghare.org](http://leapinghare.org). They include Christmas nibbles. A pay bar will be available before, after and in the interval in the Guildhall Tea Room. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

# NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of NOVEMBER 2022 in the British Legion, Long Lane. Ten Councillors attended and two members of the public

A new slide has been installed at the playing field. Quotes to be obtained to build up the sides of the skate park and lay turf. Mr Lambert will donate topsoil free of charge. Plastic orange barrier fencing to be replaced. Pedestrian entrances from Falcon Road and corner of Paynes Lane to be made accessible for wheelchairs. Lots of large items have been left near the clothing banks and large wheelie bin. Rubbish should not be dumped here and residents are asked to take their donations home if the banks are full or if the items are too large to fit into the deposit boxes. Clerk to obtain prices to replace shower heads in the Changing Rooms.

Application to be made to CIL Project Funding which opens 1/1/23 to match fund donations from the Feltwell Community Group to acquire gym equipment at the playing field.

Application for repairs to the war memorial wall to be considered for the next round of funding 1/7/23. Local voluntary/community groups can contact the Clerk for information on how to apply for CIL Project Funding.

Chair is still waiting to hear from the Borough Council's Arboricultural Officer regarding planting 5/6 trees on the grassed area around Oakfields Estate.

Memorial bench in the high street to be shotblasted.

New SAM2 has been delivered and two new posts are in situ along Lodge Road (near Addisons Close) and Wilton Road (near the Base entrance).

Mrs McGeeney was re-elected onto the Edmund de Moundeford Trust.

New streetlight at Curtis Drive has been installed.

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



[feltwellparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://feltwellparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk) where draft minutes will be published a minimum of three clear days before the next meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the British Legion on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the earlier time of 7.00 pm. All are welcome.

Feltwell Parish Council wishes residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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