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# FELTWELL PARISH MAGAZINE

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Pt. 10 Learning to Talk**

**War Hero No.38 —  
F. J. Wilkin**

**Plus: The Rector's New  
Year Message, From the  
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Health, Scams, A Tired  
Old Wall & lots more.**

*Happy New Year to you all.*



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## **Deadline for the next issue is 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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

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## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

November passed on speed skates this year and I didn't manage to meet the deadline to include my usual Christmas good wishes in the village magazine. It's a good thing then that the Christmas season extends into New Year, with the feast of the Epiphany – the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus - being the first significant Christian feast of New Year. I can say, therefore hand on heart, that we're still celebrating Christmas so I can wish you all both a very happy Christmastide as well as a very happy New Year.

We all need some cheer and some hope in 2022 as we move into almost two years of living in the midst of the Covid pandemic. We're all so jaded dealing with this shape-shifter virus, the unpredictability of both its mutations and the accompanying Government restrictions...I wonder had Shakespeare lived in our time would he have questioned "to mask or not to mask..." I'm sure many of us are really tired of hearing the excuse that has now well and truly trumped the old 'leaves on the line'...'well it's due to Covid".

Christmas reminds us of both the reality of life and new beginnings. The reality of life is starkly portrayed at Jesus' birth. He may have been 'king' and 'God' as symbolized by the wise men's gifts of gold for a king and incense for God but he was born into homelessness and squalor and very quickly became a refugee as his parents took flight into Egypt to escape Herod's murderous thugs. Our crib scenes with fluffy lambs and adoring parents, shepherds, kings etc domesticate the reality of the poverty and uncertainty that Jesus experienced as a baby. The third gift of the wise men was myrrh, the precious aromatic ointment used to prepare a body for burial. It looks forward to Jesus' supreme sacrifice of his life for the salvation of the world on the Cross.

Of course, Christmas/Epiphany is also a new beginning. The birth of Jesus and the gifts of the kings which proclaimed him 'King and God and Sacrifice' sum up this new beginning, the salvation of the world

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### FROM THE CLASSROOM

This month, the children in Kingfishers have taken over this article to share their learning:

In History this half term, we have been learning about the Stone Age. In the Stone Age there were mammoths, tigers and wolves. The Stone Age people wore funny clothes made from animal skin. They hunted animals and cooked them over a fire as they didn't have ovens. They had to drink dirty water which meant that they got sick. In the Stone Age, there were three periods of time: the Palaeolithic period, the Mesolithic period and the Neolithic period. During the Mesolithic period, people lived in caves and huts made from animal skin. They had to move every season to find food. In the Neolithic period, they lived in round houses. We have made some Stone Age caves out of clay. We have also performed a play about the Stone Age.

Written by GR and RP

We have been reading the book Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura and have written our own diary entries from the point of view of the boy. Here is some of our learning:

Dear diary,

Today something amazing happened to me. I was walking in the woods when I found myself falling down, down, down. I found myself, scared on a hard, cold floor. Scared, frightened, horrified, I looked around. It was so dark and scary.

Then to my relief, I saw someone – a girl. She was about my age but she didn't look like any of the girls I knew and I don't think that I looked like any of the boys she knew. She took me home to meet her family and what a family it was! They were a strange family but they were kind to me and gave me some stew.

By RM

Dear diary,

Today was a marvellous day. I was just taking a long stroll when I tripped and found myself falling down, down, down (at that point, it was not so marvellous but you have not heard all of it yet).

Scared, frightened but ready for adventure, I awoke, sat up and looked around. I thought to myself, "This does not look familiar." I saw light in the distance and walked towards it. Outside, everything was different. I realised I was lost, completely lost. To my relief, I saw a girl. She took me to see her family. They were making tools and cooking food.

In the middle of the day, me and the girl (whose name was Om) were watching people fish while the little ones picked berries. All of a sudden, a boy ran up, he clearly wanted us to follow him. Men ran with spears. At a signal, we all ran and screamed. When I got closer, I realised that it was a deer.

Later that day, Om took me to a cave and lit some torches. WOW, there were so many cave paintings. Suddenly we saw a bear approaching. I told Om to run. Then, I found myself falling down, down, down.

By JS

## **A New Year Continued**

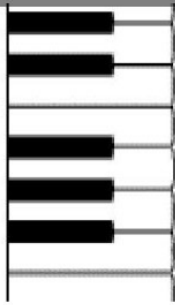
that Jesus' birth inaugurated. As St John writes:

*For God so loved the world, that he sent his only son Jesus Christ that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Jesus shares our humanity in both joy and adversity. He holds out that gift of life eternal in him. This is the hope we carry in these winter days which are still dark – dark also with uncertainty. But I believe that the light will come and that hope is real – and I share that hope with you as we move forward into 2022.

Happy New Year.

Joan Horan, Rector



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## FELTWELL IN THE HUNDRED OF GRIMESHOU PART 11

*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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### Sir Edmund Mundeford

gave and settled by deed of feoffment, 10th Sept. 1642, on Sir Thomas Woodhouse, Bart. Sir Ralph Hare, Bart. Sir Robert de Grey, Knt. Philip Meadhouse, Esq. William Heveningham, Esq. Framlingham Gawdy, Esq. Thomas Derham, Esq. Arthur Heveningham, William Gawdy, George Fowler, Gent. William Smith, of Hockwold, clerk, and William Peck, of Bromhill, Gent. and their heirs and assigns, two several parts of marsh or fenground in *Feltwell*; in the *South-Fen*, one containing 600 acres, called *Ten-Foot-Ground*, and the other containeth 240 acres, called the *Wannage*; on this trust and confidence, that from, and after his decease, when the said two several parts of marsh or fen-ground shall be by means of draining, &c. made worth the sum of threescore pounds *per annum*, then 20*l.* of the yearly issues and profits thereof shall be disposed yearly, in buying of frize or some other clothing to be distributed unto, and amongst the poorer sort of people inhabiting in *Feltwell*, which have heretofore been born, or shall be born in *Feltwell*; and the residue of the yearly profits, *viz.* 40*l.* shall

**Feoffment**— or *enfeoffment* was the deed by which a person was given land in exchange for a pledge of service.

**Frize**— a woollen fabric with a long normally uncut nap

This is the original agreement that led to the establishment of the Sir Edmund de Moundeford Charitable Trust, known in the village as "The Trust." I'm assuming that these gentlemen were the first trustees.

be disposed yearly for and towards the maintenance of a free school in the said town, for the teaching of the children of the inhabitants in grammar, and other learning freely. And if the said lands should become worth more than 60*l. per annum*, the surplusage shall be retained and kept by the feoffees, till the same shall amount to so much as the said feoffees or their successours may purchase therewith some convenient ground in *Feltwell*, with a convenient house thereupon, or else to build one for an alms-house, for the placing and dwelling of poor aged and impotent people therein, inhabiting in *Feltwell* aforesaid, and then the surplusage above 60*l. per annum* shall be yearly bestowed amongst the poor people of the said alms-house.

This is the part of the agreement that led to the building of the eight Almshouses by "The Trust" in 1819 and the first school in 1839, almost 200 years after the agreement was made.

## St. Mary's Church 4

### ***Burials in this Church.***

1382, Sir *Thomas Lexham*, Knt.

1441, *John Carle*, buried in the chapel of St. *Catherine* in the church.

*Elizabeth Morewode*, relict of *John Morewode*, and sister of *Francis Mundeford*, was buried here in 1542, in the chapel of St. *Cateryn*; she enjoins her executors to provide a stock of neat cattle, that there may be a yearly *obit* kept for her.

30 July 1580, *Osbert Mundeford*, Esq. 2 Jan. 1590, *Francis Mundeford*, Esq.

20 Sept. 1605, Sir *Thomas Knevet*, Knt. 6 May, 1617, Sir *Edmund Mundeford*, Knt.

29 June 1621, *Henry*, son of Sir *Hen. Clere*, Bart. 11 May, 1643, Sir *Edm. Mundeford*.

26 April, 1650, Lady *Abigal Mundeford*. 1728, *Robert Simpson* rector.



### ***Marriages.***

23 Nov. 1569, *George Fowler, Esq. of Bromhill, and Bridget Mundeford.*

24 Sept. 1582, *John Foster, Gent. and Ursula Mundeford.*

31 Dec. 1582, *Thomas Might, Gent. and Elizabeth Mundeford.*

6 July 1638, *William Valendyne, and Temperance Mundeford.*

16 Dec. 1660, *William Becket of London, Esq. and Alice Hodgekinson.*

16 Oct. 1666, *Smith Fleetwood, Esq. and Mary Hartop.*

8 Nov. 1666, *Sir John Hartop, Bart. and Elizabeth Fleetwood:*

The registers in churches were first appointed to be kept in 1538, just upon the dissolution of monasteries, and since that time, have proved some of our best helps towards the preserving of history; their use (as a learned Bishop observes) might be of a further extent, if care was taken to register the most remarkable occurrences relating to the publick concerns of the several parishes, such as recoveries of benefactions, properties in seats or isles, rights of advowson, &c. But it will be our everlasting reproach, if (instead of thus improving the good designs of our ancestors, for the continuance of their names and memories) we omit even that part of our duty which is now enjoined by an ecclesiastical as well as civil authority, and record matters in church books, after such a manner as will only serve to render them monuments of our negligence; for since inquisitions *post mortem* are now taken away by the statute of 12th Car. II. the entries in these books are now become the chief evidences to prove pedigrees and descents, on which titles to estates do often depend; therefore it behoves all rectors, vicars, &c. to be careful in this case, and not to commit such books into the hands much more to the trust and keeping of illiterate persons on any account whatever.

*This marks the end of this serialisation of the Feltwell chapter from "Blomefield's, 'Hundred of Grimeshou.'" I hope it has been enlightening. I've certainly learned a lot about the feudal system, and the history of our village in particular whilst 'translating' some of the arcane language quoted by Blomefield. I hope you have also. Do let me know. Paul.*

## FELTWEELLBEINGS

**Feltwellbeings** is now open  
every **Thursday from 10.00 till 12.00**  
at **Feltwell Methodist Church Hall.**

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

**£3.00** per session to cover hall costs including tea, coffee and snacks.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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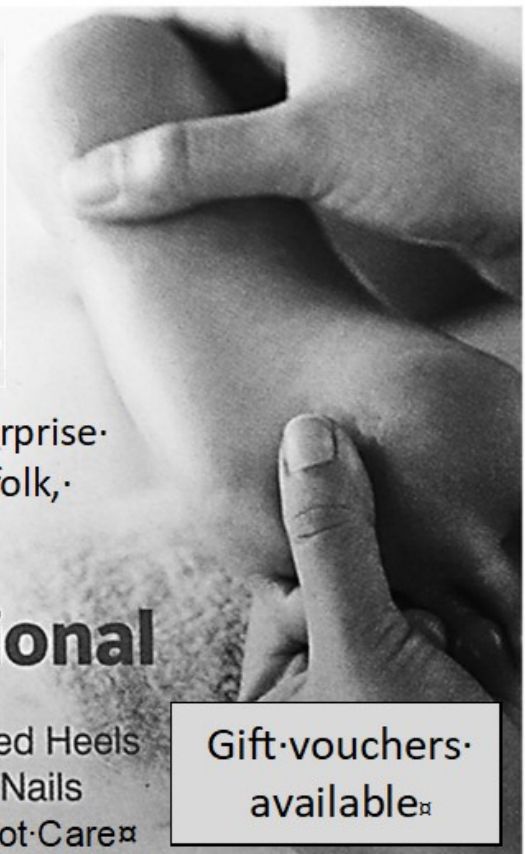
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Cold Calling Alert – Telephone cold calls regarding ‘loft insulation’

Scam Alert – Reports of advance fee lottery frauds

Information Alert – Don’t get Petfished *(See next page)*


Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to be from ‘Amazon’

Cold Calling Alert – Telephone cold calls offering warranty for washing machines

Scam Alert – WhatsApp ‘family member’ scam messages

Scam Alert – Fake NHS ‘Omicron PCR test’ emails

**Apply now for Free Omicron PCR test to avoid restrictions**



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NHS scientists have warned that the new Covid variant Omicron spreads rapidly, can be transmitted between fully vaccinated people, and makes jabs less effective. However, as the new covid variant (Omicron) has quickly become apparent, we have had to make new test kits as the new variant appears dormant in the original test kits.

**What happen if you decline a COVID-19 Omicron test?**  
In this situation, we warned that testing is in the best interests of themselves, friends, and family. People who do not consent or cannot agree to a COVID-19 test and refuse to undergo a swab must be isolated.

**How to request a Free Omicron PCR test?**  
You can order your Omicron pcr test via NHS portal by clicking the link below:

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**What happen if you are positive?**  
If positive, they must isolate for 10 days and should be reported to Public Health England.

### For more advice and updates

Visit our Consumer Alerts web page and catch up on previous alerts

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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.

You can report scams and get further advice from our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline: **0808 223 1133 (freephone)**

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



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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. Please call **01842 863400** or e-mail [lakenheath@rspb.org.uk](mailto: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 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!

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.

Tuesday 11 January (2pm—4:30pm)

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.

## Scam Alert – Account Takeover

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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 final set of questions, **ENDING IN 'Y'** Each answer is 2 word phrase, both words ending in 'Y' e.g. **BINGO = HOUSEY HOUSEY**

Answers on page 19.

1	COCKNEY SONG AND DANCE	11	SLAP AND TICKLE
2	EMBROIDERY STITCH	12	TELETUBBY
3	ARTISTIC	13	STRINGED INSTRUMENT
4	ICE CREAM	14	PLUMP
5	FLIMSY	15	PANTOMIME CHARACTER
6	ARGUMENTATIVE	16	STUCK UP
7	WOBBLY CHILD	17	UNDERHAND
8	SENTIMENTALLY CHILDISH	18	OLD FASHIONED
9	INSIGNIFICANT	99	EASY DOES IT
10	UPPER CLASS IDIOT	20	KISSES AND CUDDLES

### Sudoku Puzzle

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

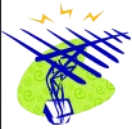
Answer on page 79

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The speaker for our 4<sup>th</sup> December meeting was Pat Baldwin who spoke to us about the history of the fire brigade and his time as a fireman.

Pat brought along a lot of items to illustrate his talk including a variety of helmets, hoses and uniforms.

After brief recap of part 1 he focused on the post 1930 era when fear of war was starting to arise. At that time there were over 1600 separate fire brigades, all with incompatible equipment. The government created the Auxiliary Fire Service reliant on volunteers but few came forward until the bombs started to fall, and they provided the pumps which were towed by taxis and larger commandeered cars. The AFS worked alongside the existing brigades and some 300,000 people were involved.

During the Blitz the brigades pumped water from the Thames and London lakes through yards and yards of hose. The Germans got wise to this and only bombed when the tide was out thus exposing acres of mud that the firemen could not get through.



Eventually, in 1941, the government nationalised the fire service and provided 2-ton lorries to tow the 1000gals/min pumps. The AFS was disbanded in 1948 and 148 fire authorities established. Over time these have amalgamated and we now have 45 separate fire brigades across the country.

The Men's Breakfast Club 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 8th January and the speaker will be Dave who will talk about his relationship with Radio Caroline.



# METHWOLD AUCTION MART EVERY MONDAY

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| 7  | Jelly Baby        | 17 | Jiggery Pockeryt |
| 8  | Namby Pamby       | 18 | Fuddy Duddy      |
| 9  | Tuppenny Ha'penny | 19 | Softly Softly    |
| 10 | Hooray Henry      | 20 | Lovey Dovey      |

### **Plastic TEA Bags??!! Na, you're kidding!**

Even though you may be wondering how a seemingly paper tea bag could contain plastic it is sadly a reality. The Environmental Audit Committee has said that tea bags are a major source of water pollution because of the plastic components.

The so-called 'paper tea bag' often contains a plastic sealant, the plastic used is polypropylene which stops the bag from falling apart. This plastic then releases microplastics into your tea and therefore cannot be recycled in the compost bin.

Even worse, some tea bags are made out of plastic entirely, and these are often the premium ranges that will provide a strong quality tea. Unfortunately, the bag has not been factored into the product's idea of quality, and instead releases 11.6 billion micro plastics from one single bag, a study has found. Some of the regular black tea brands that contain plastic in their bags are Tetley and Yorkshire Tea, to name two.

PG Tips asserts that its teabags are plastic-free and compostable.

Of course, for a better taste in tea and to be even more environmentally friendly, buy leaf tea and go back to using a teapot. (Not the grains of tea (tea dust) in supermarket loose tea). Trust me, it tastes heaps better and you don't get scum on top of your cuppa.

*Mike Wilkinson*

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# *Your Good Health*

by Dr Ian Nisbet

A note for new readers: Those of you “died in the wool” readers who have been reading these articles for about 30 years, if not more, when jokes were not diluted to suit the politically correct brigade, will be aware that my wife, Deannie, is known as Head Office or Management as she used to be practice manager. I mention this to avoid confusion amongst the new readers.

Life has been fairly quiet recently, but we have been going out a bit. We went to an Irish night in the Malvern Theatre, to a recording of the radio programme “I’m sorry, I haven’t a clue” in Birmingham with Rory Bremner, Jack Dee and others (I was disappointed to see that the whole show was scripted, even the asides) and then we went to the Hippodrome in Birmingham to see Russell Watson, much admired by Management but

not really my scene. Today, we were inducted as members of the Hagley Free Church where the Minister is a Baptist academic theologian well worth a listen. I have previously mentioned the four organists and the vigorous hymn singing by the congregation. We really miss all of you in Norfolk but this is a good follow-on. We are booked to see the pantomime in Birmingham on Boxing Day, unless the Omicron variant of Coronavirus screws it up!

Mention of the Omicron variant reminds me to have a rant. Last week, when we first heard of this variant, the BBC was telling us about the “ommecron” variant, named from the Greek. Now, I am no Greek scholar but I know we do not say “alpha to ommega”. I thought it should be pronounced “Ohmycron” and did some research. According to classical Greek scholars, the emphasis should be on the

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second syllable so they want “oh-MY-cron” the same as me. However, as the Romans used to say “Quot homines, tot sententiae” (There are as many opinions as there are men- Terence c190-159 bc) except for doctors, when a group of 5 doctors will have 6 or 7 opinions) and, sure enough, there is another opinion about the pronunciation of our variant; according to the Lexicon of Greek Personal Names, the emphasis should be on the first syllable and the O is short (as in object), not long (as in over), so they want “Omycron” with a short o and the emphasis on that first vowel. In Greek, Omicron means “little o” as opposed to Omega which means “large O”. Whichever pronunciation you favour, the BBC pronunciation is incorrect and they should sort it out!

Another rant: Head Office and I tend not to watch the channels with advertisements as they drive us nuts (reminisce about the man who attended the doctor with a steering wheel stuck between his legs). However, what has the BBC

done? Made every programme about 5 minutes shorter so that they can screen trailers for all manner of their programmes; the repetition of these trailers is even more tedious than the adverts on the other channels.

*A businesswoman, travelling home, saw an elderly lady walking on the side of the road. She stopped the car and asked the lady if she would like a ride. With a silent nod of thanks, the woman got into the car. Resuming the journey, the driver tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with the woman. The old woman just sat silently, looking intently at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she noticed a brown bag on the seat next to the driver. 'What's in the bag?' asked the old woman., 'It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband.' The old lady was silent for another moment or two. Then, speaking with quiet wisdom, she said, 'Good trade.'*

*A husband was addicted to smoking and drinking. One day, his wife got so angry that she told him: “If you keep on smoking, all of your intestines will fall out.” Her husband*

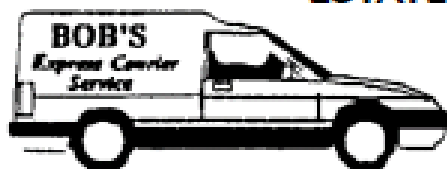
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didn't believe her, so he kept on smoking and drinking just like he always did. His wife was determined to prove herself right, so one day she went out early in the morning and bought some big intestines. She stuffed them in her husband's underwear as he slept. A short while later, he woke up, let out a huge scream, and then fell silent for the next 30 minutes. After another 30 minutes of silence, he came downstairs, sweating profusely. "What happened?" asked the wife. "You were right! My intestines did come out, but don't worry honey - after a lot of work, I finally managed to push them back in."

Three technicians went into an interview for a job at the local telephone company. They were all three great candidates and very well qualified. The boss said "Okay, you three look the best on paper but I need to know if you have what it takes for the day-to-day work. So, I'm

going give you one day to impress me - set as many telephone poles as you can and report back tomorrow."

Next day, they all set their telegraph poles and reported back. The boss asked one by one how many they set. The first man set 13, "Wow, 13 - that is impressive!" The second man set 9. "Well," said the boss, "not as good as the first guy but still it is impressive." He asked the third man "How many did you set?" "Two." the man replied triumphantly. "TWO" The manager was shocked. "That's barely any! What were you doing all day?" "Well, I didn't want to have to be a snitch... but these other two men only put theirs halfway in the ground!"

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We are of mixed ability, many members never having painted before they joined us. We work in a variety of mediums, water-colour, acrylics, pastels, but we often start with a quick pencil sketch. Before Lock-down we often had a professional artist visit and do a workshop or demonstration but on ordinary meetings we help each other with suggestions, useful criticism, and inspiration.

You may have seen some of our work when we have exhibited in local art galleries or at Hockwold Country Fair. However, the main essence of the group is in the title – the pleasure of painting and socialising with like minded art lovers.

So if you have always wanted to try your hand at drawing/painting, or want to return to a hobby you once enjoyed, we would love to see you any Thursday at Weeting Village Hall.

Beryl Pountney, Secretary.

## BIRD FLU

Bird flu returned this winter. The Government reintroduced the housing order for all poultry and captive birds meaning that all birds are to be housed. This is a tough ask for some small holdings, but is essential to stop the disease spreading. Biosecurity measures must be maintained to high standards.

Bird flu is a notifiable disease. If you suspect any type of avian influenza in poultry or captive birds, you must report it immediately by calling the Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301. Failure to do so is an offence.

If you find dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks) or other dead wild birds, such as gulls or birds of prey, you should report them to Defra on 03459 33 55 77. Do not touch or pick up any dead or visibly sick birds that you find.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has said that Avian Influenza is primarily a disease of birds and the risk to the public's health is very low.

The Food Standards Agency has said that based on the current scientific evidence, Avian Influenza poses a very low food safety risk for UK consumers. Properly cooked poultry and poultry products, including eggs, are safe to eat.

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At our recent meeting all those who attended (listed below) were enthusiastic and committed to the project. We discussed what was possible and it was suggested that bulbs would be a sustainable, low maintenance element of the project and could be planted at all the entrances to the village.

Which bulbs do we plant? Who will plant the bulbs?

British native bulbs should be the focus. A cautionary word was shared about safety when working on the project, on roadside verges.

Do we display hanging baskets and create plant troughs?

Where will we place planters? The Parish Council are prepared to provide several planters in two designs. There were several sites where these could be placed, and residents of those areas would be invited to look after them.

**Please get in touch with one of the people listed below or contact Mike Wilkinson [mikegw15@gmail.com](mailto:mikegw15@gmail.com) message me or text me 07712578721.**

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

BY ROBERT WALDEN

### 10. Learning to Talk

It was quite possible in the 1950s to be summoned to Methwold Magistrates for using foul language in public – the sort of words which leaders of political parties might now claim to be “cool” to use. I recall several occasions when a group of us might be hanging around workmen when one might say quietly: “Steady now Fred – there are children about, there are children about!” By the time I had heard such expletives I was 9 years old, by which time I was old enough to know never to use them in parents’ hearing. Now, children much younger than 9 use such language. In fact, when my youngest son was 6 I caught him listening to a rap song with that common 4 letter word in it and I gave him a little lecture and he gave me one back: that 4 letter word was nowhere near as bad as a word he had heard me use (eh?). My word? “Bloody!” His mates declared it had to be one of the worst swear words of all ....because only adults used it!

Language evolves: oaths like “Zounds!” (by God’s wounds) and “Strewth!” (by God’s truth) were once strong swear words but now archaic, they are considered harmless. Some substituted “safe” words while still making their meaning clear. Thus “Oh fudge!” if parents or children were in earshot, or “Oh sugar!” And there were words used which didn’t raise an eyebrow even back then (“you daft bugg\*r!”) probably because people were not aware of their derivation. One of the least offensive for me to include here was the expression of irritation: “oh he gets on my wick!” which was very common but probably few understood it was cockney rhyming slang. Mother used expressions like “*I’m all behind like a cow’s tail today*” and being Welsh she spoke words a little differently from everyone else. Unlike my mates, I never noticed her Welsh accent – she was just my mum (our Norfolk-Welsh connection had begun with the previous generation and ended with my brother marrying a Welsh girl) – but expressions like “*Come yur now!*” and “*Be silly!*” (“Don’t be so silly!”) do stick in my mind. Others included “*Oh*

*that's just a sprat to catch a mackerel..*" and *"Talk about mutton dressed up like lamb!"* Perhaps they have faded from use as sprats, mackerel and mutton have ceased to be placed in shopping baskets. Upholstery or shirt collars which were showing signs of wear were all *"going home."* Another expression mother used was *"there's no getting off it!"* which meant (I think) *"there's no getting away from it."* In return, our language has obtained really useful words like *"So!"* (to be used before anyone responds to a radio or TV presenter's question) and of course *"Oh absolutely!"* Given the great changes in the media over the past 60 years it is unsurprising that what we say and the way we speak has changed too. On BBC 1950s recordings people sound clear and precise but also stilted and strange. Not everyone spoke with BBC cut-glass accents but neither did they speak like people in those Antipodean soaps which encouraged the modern style of raising the voice at the end of a sentence. (I bemoan the use of the word *"regularly"* when what is really meant is *"frequently"* or *"often"*!).

*So!* Can I safely state that the Norfolk accent in Feltwell was much stronger in the 1950s & 60s, than now? *Oh absolutely!* There was little actual Norfolk dialect still spoken then: you would hear bishy-barney-bee (ladybird); *"mawther"* (girl); *"having a right ol' barney"* (a loud argument) *"dussent"* (dare not), *"frit"* (frightened) and *"Bor"* (boy or mate). I learned *odman* (snail) at school but never heard it spoken in context. A strong Norfolk accent however was common: Feltwell resonated with it – notably the flat pronunciation of words like *"tube"* (toob not tchewb) or *"human"* (hooman not hewman) and *"beauty"* (booty not bewty). When all other traces of a Norfolk accent have gone, pronunciation of those words often persists. The Norfolk accent back then might have changed *"He should have scored!"* to *"He should ha' scored!"* but never would it be said *"He should of scored...!"*. After all, there is no such verb as *"to of"*! (And on the subject of accents, just east of King's Lynn Norfolk people still call boots *"boats"* and the game of bowls is called *"bowels"*!). *"Dockey"* was the farm worker's packed lunch and *"bread and pullet"* was just bread (with possibly dripping)



- but often used just to express a very meagre choice from a depleted pantry.

Young people generally lead the way in finding new words and in the 1950s the “beatniks” (forerunners of the 60s’ “hippies”) had a weird speak of their own. They called the older generation “squares”. On the other hand any “cool” adult could be called “daddy-oh”. If something was good and a bit unconventional it was “gone” - or more emphatically, “really gone!” (and probably just an extension of the more common expression “far out”?). Thus Elvis Presley was really gone for a lot of fans long before he died (you dig?). I could find no reference to that use of “gone” on the internet but a joke I recall involved a lady serving in a students’ cafeteria when a beatnik walks in and asks for a doughnut. “The doughnuts are all gone” she replies. “Oh crazy man” (sic) replies the beatnik, “I’ll have two then!”

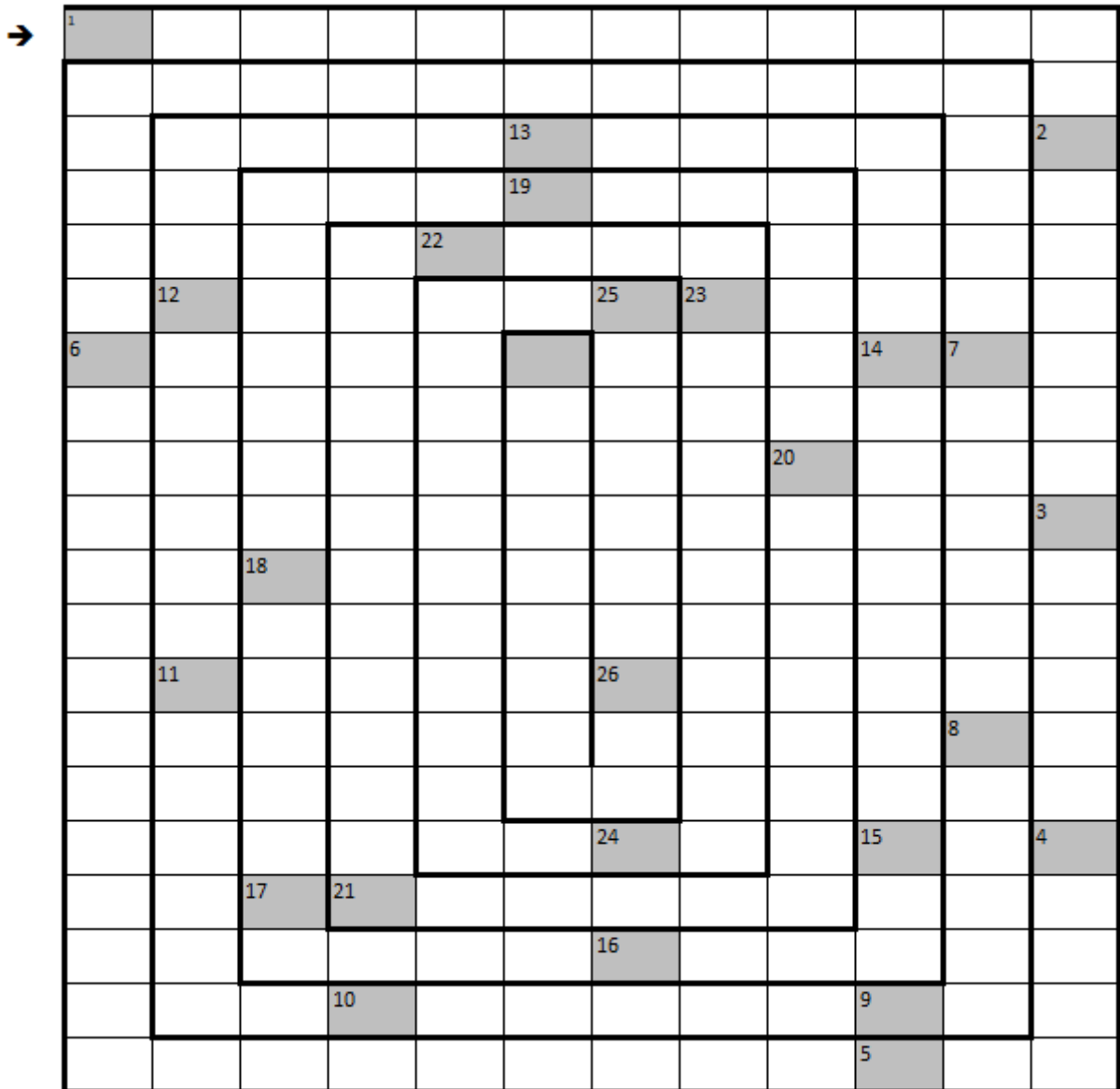
Until the early 1960s when washed hair became the choice of most popstars and especially the Beatles, hair cream was favoured by males of all ages and small napkin-like pieces of cloth called “antimacassars” were commonly draped over the backs of upholstered chairs to protect them from hair grease. Elvis Presley’s early hair style owed much to grease: it allowed the hair at the back to be combed into the centre and turned up. Universally known as a “DA”, it mimicked a duck’s backside and was loved by “Teddy Boys” of the 1950s. From 1960 the “beehive” was the style for ladies. Hair was back-combed into a tall conical shape which actresses and stars like Helen Shapiro and celebrities like Jacqueline Kennedy, all sported.

Nearly every male wore ties at some time back then and a garish but stylish tie might be described by the older generation as very “snazzy”. In the 60s we called our “hip” clothes “gear”. But the 2 words that resonated most during the 1960s were “cool” and “groovy”. They meant much the same thing: good, perfect, fashionable etc. The former came back in the 1990s but use of the word groovy after the 1960s was a sure way of showing your age. When I once used “groovy” light heartedly in front of one of my young sons he said simply: “Dad, you shouldn’t use words like that – it’s so old fashioned....and sounds so *uncool!*”

## WORD TRAIL NO. 12

*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 This King was born around 849 and was son to Aethelwulf (6-3-5)
- 2 Today's eqivalent to two shillings (3-5)
- 3 Words inscribed on a tomb (7)
- 4 Person in charge of locomotives when not in use (7)

- 5 R.A.A.F. in full (5-10--5)
- 6 Song: Lionel Richie and the Commodores sang this in 1977 (4-4-6-7)
- 7 French Soldier, mounted or on foot, employed in police duties (8)
- 8 Uncertain in movement, irregular in conduct (7)
- 9 General customs and beliefs of a particular group of people (7)
- 10 Set up on a permanent basis (9)
- 11 A visible star group named after a Greek mythological figure (8)
- 12 This action hero was born on Krypton (8)
- 13 The name of a Japanese WW2 Destroyer (9)
- 14 To make bright, light up ( 10)
- 15 Tolerate, bare (6)
- 16 An insect with pincers (6)
- 17 Rothschild is one species of this animal (7)
- 18 The name of a climbing Rose that is red in colour (3-8)
- 19 Which sports presenter, presenting rowing, made this slip of the tongue: 'And later we'll have action from the men's cockless pairs' (3-6)
- 20 This fish can alter its colouring according to its moods but is usually coloured yellow to gold with a horizontal black bar (7-7)
- 21 To confuse someone, upset, disorient (14)
- 22 Access point, an item that is recorded (5)
- 23 A small European bunting (12)
- 24 A group of muscles in the belly region (6-9)
- 25 A type of tree (8)
- 26 Using new ideas or methods (12)

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

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## **DOGS WORRYING LIVESTOCK**

We are seeing a worrying rise in reports of sheep being attacked by dogs not under proper control. Given many ewes are in the early stages of pregnancy this is an incredibly vulnerable time for them. Simply the act of being chased can cause serious harm and distress to the animal.

Dogs must always be on a lead around any livestock and it is a criminal offence to allow a dog under your control or one that is your responsibility to worry livestock.

We take any reports of incidents like this seriously and they will be investigated. This crime causes financial loss to farmers and is avoidable.

## **HERITAGE CRIME**

There are an abundance of historic buildings, monuments, and areas of significant historical value in Norfolk. These areas are part of our history and afforded significant protection under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act.

The Norfolk Archaeological Trust currently manages 11 of these sites. Sadly, their staff are increasingly being abused by members of public who fail to follow the guidelines around these sites. There have also been reports of criminal damage – incidents where people have daubed graffiti. Alongside the trust, we are encouraging visitors to follow the advice when visiting these sites, including keeping dogs on leads. If you see anything suspicious, please tell us about it immediately. Please call 999 if a crime is in action or you can report a crime online or by calling us on 101. If you would prefer to do this anonymously, you can do so by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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## WHAT HAPPENED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IN DECEMBER

December in the countryside can look a little bleak; there are very few plants in flower or even green and the landscape looks a little bare.

Many of our birds this time of year appreciate a little extra feed from kind gardeners and as such many are rewarded with visits from the bird that lights up December: the Robin. If you own a pond of any sort, now is the time to think about maintenance as most newts and other creatures have moved out of the cold waters for winter so you're unlikely to disturb any of them.

Hedgehogs will now be deep into their winter hibernation and while some may still venture out, it is very unlikely you will see them. Be very careful when moving piles of leaves and litter as they could be tucked up inside and take care when preparing a bonfire. Ideally, move the pile of leaves and debris again before burning to be sure there aren't any animals trapped inside.

Our waterways and lakes are now full of waders and ducks, many which have arrived from the Arctic or Northern Europe.

In the farming calendar, it may be considered a slower month on paper but with farming it never stops. If the weather is dry, many will be still ploughing and preparing soil for next year's crops as well as rushing to get the sugar beet out of the ground again. Farmers prefer to get this done during dryer spells as it does less damage to the soil structure.

Also, our winter crops are generally harvested at this time of the year, including many of our Christmas Day favourites: sprouts, parsnips, swede, leeks, and cauliflowers. In Norfolk, we have a number of these crops grown in the free draining soil of the west of the county.

Alongside all of this, December is seen as an important month for carrying out maintenance jobs and taking care of conservation areas - the laying of hedges (a traditional method of maintaining hedges which remains popular in some areas) needs completing before birds start nesting.

Livestock farmers are busy keeping indoor sheds clean and fresh and continue to meet the ongoing cost of feeding the livestock. That straw that was baled in the summer is now rapidly disappearing and the cut grass which was put into silage clamps or baled up is now a pleasant reminder of warmer months.

## TOOL THEFTS AND PROPERTY MARKING

Tool thefts have seen a small rise from vehicles. This is believed to be because criminals are looking for smaller plant items that are currently in short supply together with a buoyant second-hand market. Always mark your property, keep photos and serial numbers, do not leave tools in vehicles overnight.

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## FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB



For a start may I wish all the readers a very Happy New Year and may it bring a much needed improvement to the Covid pandemic.

Now is a time to reflect on the past year and hope for better prospects.

We held our coffee morning on 3rd. December. It was well attended by over 25 and all had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

The club room decoration were complete, all the curtains rehung and furniture replaced, just need to update the results boards.

The indoor bowls continues with many ups and downs mostly downs but we still enjoy it all the same.

### **FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB QUIZ NIGHT**

Saturday 15th January, doors open 6-30pm for a start at 7pm.

£3.00 per person. Please bring your own nibbles and drinks.

There will be a raffle and prize for the winning team.

Call Trevor on 01842 827079 to book a team of 4 or more or just come along and we will arrange for a team to join. You will be made most welcome.

To be held in the large room in the British Legion. There is a large carpark for off road parking, entrance is through the main entrance.

Maybe we can interest you in joining the club. You will find everybody friendly and make you most welcome.

Max

### **A Reminder**

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## JANUARY WEATHER LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday								
					3°C	4°C	5°C	6°C	-5°C	-4°C	-3°C	-2°C
Rain												
Sleet												
Sunshine												
Overcast												
-5°C												
-4°C												
-3°C												
-2°C												
3°C												
4°C												
5°C												
6°C												

Match each day to the weather pattern, the overnight low temperature and daytime high temperature

1. The Coldest Night was on the Coldest Day, it was Sunny.
2. It Rained the day after it Sleeted.
3. On Friday the temperature peaked at 3°C.
4. On Saturday the difference between the temperature Low and High was 6°C.
5. The day it Rained; the temperature dropped to -3°C overnight.
6. On Sunday it was 5°C, it Sleeted.

*Answer on page 49*



## **FELTWELL METHODIST CHURCH & COMMUNITY HALL**

Next to coronavirus and masks, the hot topic of conversation is the environment, climate change and recycling. COP26 appears to have been a repeat of the previous 25 international meetings on climate change with little or no decisive action by governments around the world. Delays and procrastination are no better than doing nothing.

So, it's down to us as individuals to do something. Well, actually it was any way!! If we hadn't chosen to buy our food wrapped in plastic and chosen to buy food which has travelled 1000s of miles just to please us we could have .....

Well, you figure it out!

So, we have started another recycling scheme at the Methodist Church in Bell Street.

Probably 80% of the village take pills of some sort, whether its just paracetamol or some prescribed medication. Many of the pills come in "blister packs" out of which you have pushed your daily medication.



These blister packs can be recycled. Just think how many we could recycle if everyone in the village delivered theirs to our recycling point.

And don't forget, your cell batteries, AA etc. cannot go in your bins, but we offer you a drop-off point where we send them for recycling.

### **CRAFT GROUP continues on MONDAYS – 2.00pm to 4.00pm**

.... A new era of craft with new members. We make topical banners for events during the year. We made Nativity and Harvest banners and a "Remembrance" banner. 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.

And we have refreshments. No membership fee!

No gender discrimination!

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

**TUESDAYS—9.00am to 10.00am – Pilates with Helen**

## **WEDNESDAYS**

### **10.00am to 12 noon – Community Garden & coffee**

Not much to do in the garden in winter except some tidying and preparing for the new growing season. So it's a chance to meet and make friends construct raised beds, climbing frames for this year's beans 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, along with the village....

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

## **THURSDAYS**

**10.00am to 12 noon – Feltwellbeings....** See the program of activities in Feltwellbeings article in this magazine.

**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.

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## NEWS FROM THE POPPY APPEAL ORGANISER.

Hope you all had a good Christmas.

It was really good to be able to hold the Remembrance service and parade in November, getting back to a bit of normality. The weather was in our favour as well.

Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal this year it is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, the school in Feltwell were unable to take a box this year due to their covid restrictions.

The boxes in Feltwell collected **£796.96**, donations for the wreaths, church collection and other fundraising events made a total of **£1851.96**. There are still some donations not received at the time of writing this article.

Hockwold boxes collected **£591.68** including the church collection and the donations for the wreaths made a total of **£986.68**. There are two house to house collectors in Hockwold.

I have also taken on Northwold from George Lambourne this year. Fortunately, it runs very well. Volunteer Julie comes to collect the boxes, delivers them round, then collects them up and brings them back for me to count. Julie has five house to house collectors there being no shops in Northwold. The boxes collected **£554.09** with the donations for the wreaths and the church collection made a total of **£687.76**.

The three villages have raised **£3526.40** so far.

Thank you to Sylvia who helped me count the money over two days. Thanks also to One Stop post office that banked all the money with me and for his patience.

Mary.

*In order to squeeze everything in this month readers will have noticed that I've had to reduce the size of the text for some articles. I apologise if this causes some readers difficulty but we can't increase the page count unfortunately.*



## YESTERDAY'S MEMORIES

It was on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1946 at 4pm that Sgt Peter Jordan "saw the fen and thought he'd been brought to a desert! There seemed to be only a few bushes between Feltwell and Ely, certainly not the trees that there are now."

Sergeant Jordan had been brought truck, driven by a German driver with escort in the back, to take command of Poppylot POW Camp just opposite where Fletcher's soil processing now stands. At that time Fletcher's was Ernie Elmer's Farm. This was Peter's third POW camp and was to be his last before being demobbed in 1947.

All of these camps were working camps and also open camps, no barbed wire, no Crows-Nests, only three guards, a Sergeant, a Corporal and a Lance Corporal. They lived on the camp, ate the same food as the POWs and between them they looked after 250 German prisoners, their only protection being a Sten gun each, loaded with 35 rounds. The POWs had a Camp Leader; the most senior ranker there and Peter communicated his orders to him through an Interpreter, another prisoner. The prisoners were infantrymen aged from 25 upward and in their spare time they played football on one of Ernie's fields. They had a very good team and played against other camps and once against the village.

A typical day for a prisoner would begin at 5.30am, breakfast and roll call at 6.30. After that he would get on his bicycle, supplied by the War Ag. and travel to his designated farm to begin work by 7. Work would consist of leading horses, ploughing, weeding, harvesting, etc. Arriving back at camp by 6pm he would have tea and be free to go to bed at whatever time he liked.

### JANUARY WEATHER LOGISTICAL SOLUTION

Friday	Sunshine	-5°C	3°C
Saturday	Overcast	-2°C	4°C
Sunday	Sleet	-4°C	5°C
Monday	Rain	-3°C	6°C

## 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:*

### **F.J. WILKIN, 1ST LANCASHIRE FUS.**

On the Church Roll of Honour he is also recorded as F.J. Wilkin.

The Roll of Honour site believes it is this man:-

Private WILKIN, FREDERICK

Service Number: 6127

Died: 04/06/1915

Unit: 1st Bn.Lancashire Fusiliers

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CWGC: [www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/684463/wilkin,-freder...](http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/684463/wilkin,-freder...)

SDGW records that Private Frederick Wilkin was Killed in Action on the 4th June 1915 whilst serving at Gallipoli with the 1st Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment. He was born Feltwell, Brandon, Suffolk, resident Cambridge and enlisted Salford, Lancs.

The Medal Index Card for Private 6127 Frederick Wilkin, Lancashire Fusiliers, is held at the National archives

[discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/D5875688](http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/D5875688)

He qualified for the 1915 Star, having landed in the Gallipoli Theatre of War on the 2nd June 1915.

He also qualified for the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. The related Medal Roll shows he only served with the 1st Battalion. His Card notes that he was "K in A 4.6.15".

The Army Register of Soldiers Effects records that his War Gratuity was paid to his sole legatee, an Edith Enefer(?), in August 1919. However, that still leaves a balance of his wages which appears not

#### **Abbreviations used.**

CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves Commission

SDGW – Soldiers Died in the Great War

IRC – International Red Cross

MIC – Medal Index Card

to have been paid out, although there is a note to say relatives informed of the outstanding balance.

The Bolton Remembers site records that Private 6127 Frederick Tonkin Wilkin, 1st Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers was working for Salford Corporation Borough Engineers Department prior to enlisting. He is remembered on the Salford Corporation Employees Memorial.

[boltonremembers.org/name/wilkin-frederick-tonkin-private-...](http://boltonremembers.org/name/wilkin-frederick-tonkin-private-...)

A picture of the memorial can be seen here:-

[www.salfordwarmemorials.co.uk/salford-corporation.html](http://www.salfordwarmemorials.co.uk/salford-corporation.html)

### **1881 Birth? and baptism?**

There is no likely match in the birth records for a Frederick, (or Fredrick\Frederic\Fred), Tonkin Wilkin, the name shown on the Bolton memorial.

Nor is there a likely candidate for a Frederick J Wilkin, the most likely name match for the initials recorded on the War Memorial and Roll of Honour. There is however a birth registered with the Civil Authorities in the Thetford District in the July to September quarter, (Q3) of 1881 of a Frederick John C. **Wilkins**.

The baptism of a Frederick John Cole **Wilkins**, no date of birth recorded, took place in the parish of St Mary and St Nicholas, Feltwell on the 4th June 1882. Cole Wilkins is shown as the surname. His parents were Robert, a Labourer, and Ruth. The family live in the parish.

Source: [www.freereg.org.uk/search\\_records/5818f8a4e93790eca32c732...](http://www.freereg.org.uk/search_records/5818f8a4e93790eca32c732...)

There is no comparable match for a Wilkin.

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

There is a 10 year old 'Fredrick' C Wilkin, born Feltwell, recorded living in a dwelling in that village. This was the household of his parents, Robert Cole Wilkin, (43, an Agricultural Labourer, born Northwold, Norfolk) and Ruth Wilkin, (aged 38, born Feltwell). As well as Fredrick their other children living with them are:-

Edward Cole      aged 18 born Feltwell      Agricultural Labourer

Robert C	aged 14 born Feltwell	Agricultural Labourer
George C	aged 12 born Feltwell	Agricultural Labourer
Mary Anne C	aged 3 born Feltwell	

Also in the household is Robert's widowed mother-in-law, (and so presumably Ruths' mother), the 66 year old Mary Ann Gathincole, a Charwoman born Chippenham, Cambridgeshire.

*A possible candidate for his future 'wife' on the 1911 census is the 6 year old Edith M. Enefer, born Hockwold, who was recorded living on Hockwold Fen, Norfolk. This was the household of her parents Luke, (aged 33, a Farmer, born Hockwold Fen) and Mary Ann, (aged 33, born Little Downham, Cambridgeshire). As well as Edith the couple have 9 other children living with them, plus a live in household servant.*

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

The 19-year-old 'Fred' Wilkin, an unmarried Concrete Layer, born Feltwell, Norfolk, was recorded living in the household of his brother William, (26, married, a Joiner and Undertaker) at 78, Bridson Street, Weaste, Salford, Lancashire. William was living there with his wife Bessie and their three children.

*The 16-year old-Edith M. Enefer, born Hockwold, Norfolk, was recorded as a live in General Domestic Servant in the household of her employers on Hockwold Street, Hockwold. They were a farmer, John Peacock, and his wife Elizabeth.*

Fred's parents Robert Cole, (52, Roadman for Norfolk County Council) and Ruth, (48), were recorded at a dwelling on Lodge Road, Feltwell. Four of their unmarried children were living with them including new additions Walter Albert Cole (9), and Ruth Cole, (6) – both born Feltwell.

### **1905 – Marriage?**

On the 1911 census, (see below) Frederick states he has been married to his wife Edith for five years. However, a check of marriages in England and Wales between 1904 and 1907 in the civil records brings up no marriages of a Wilkin or Wilkins to an Edith,

and no marriages of Frederick Wilkin \ Wilkins in either Norfolk or Lancashire. Based on the named used for payment of his War Gratuity and the possible census entries identified for his partner on the 1911 census, it's possible she was in fact his common-law wife.

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

The 30\* year old 'Frederic' Wilkin, a Furniture Removers' Labourer, born Feltwell, Norfolk, was recorded as the married head of the household at 38 Ariel Street, Weaste, Salford, Lancashire. He lives there with his wife of 5 years, Edith, (aged 26 and born Hockwold, Norfolk). The couple have had one child so far, the 2 month old Walter, born Weaste, Lancashire.

(\*Due to blotch in the ink it looks like Frederic had actually given his age as 80 and this is how it has been transcribed in the genealogy sources I use.)

There is no separate match for a 26 year old unmarried Edith Enefer, born Hockwold, on this census. She may have died, emigrated or married or a combination of some or all of those. However, one other explanation is that she was using the surname Wilkin.

'Frederic's parents were still living on Lodge Road, Feltwell. Robert Coke, (62, Roadman for the County Council) and Ruth Cole, (58), have been married 28 years and have had 9 children, of which 8 were then still alive). Still living with them was their unmarried son Walter Cole, aged 19 and a Farm Labourer.

Walter would also die in the Great War.

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 children of a Wilkin and an Enefer recorded.



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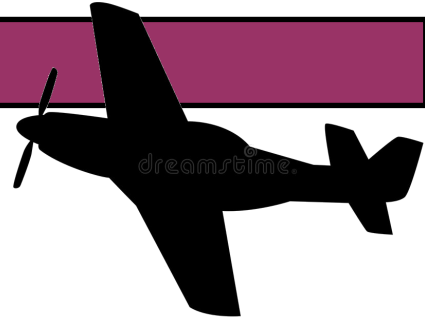
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## THE WEST NORFOLK AVIATION SOCIETY



It was a dark and stormy night when the crew of the WNAS returned to the Mundford Bowls club base last Tuesday evening. The few that didn't make it back for fear that their high sided vehicles would be overturned in the wind deprived themselves of entertainment they will regret for weeks to come.

Steve and Jean again, provided the ammunition to shoot at the ten foot screen. It took the form of long range stills that Steve had shot himself with a camera that could compress an image from two miles into two feet; the same distance that existed between participants' wing tips. The fighter squadrons in the field of view were multinational: those represented were British, French, Spanish, Italian, American and Jordanian. It was the consensus of opinion in the mess that the Italians were best and, having met all crews, it was Steve's opinion that the Jordanians were the friendliest.

After the Fare-stewardess's banquet Steve returned to the cockpit with a period movie demonstrating how pilot training and experience was paramount to an aircraft's safety, particularly when it was landing. The scenario was proven by a series of clips of battered B24 Liberators making various attempts. The film showed how a skilful pilot could not only cope with an aircraft's inherent foibles but also the way he adapted his landing strategy to the type of damage the aircraft had suffered.

To demonstrate the society's appreciation for the caterers' culinary qualifications Val and Len were presented with a rose bush in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The next meeting will be later than usual: 19-30hrs Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April. All are welcome.

*Nigel Tooth*

*Thank You!*

Thank you to the Doctors, nurses, dispensary staff, receptionists and volunteers in giving their patients such a wonderful service in these difficult times. We should consider ourselves very lucky.

*Ian Webb*

## THE STORY OF A TIRED OLD WALL



It was a dark, dank January day in 2019 when I picked up the phone to The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB.) It was more out of desperation than any hope that they could offer us help. St Mary's PCC carry the responsibility for not only the church, churchyard and wall of St Mary's, but also the churchyard and wall of the

redundant church of St Nicholas.

We knew the wall was in a terrible and in some places dangerous state of repair, but had been quoted £38,000 for its repair and looking back that was probably a conservative estimate. What were we to do? There is no way we could find that amount of money and we knew that the Heritage Lottery Fund were very unlikely to fund a wall. Hence the desperation.

What I didn't know at the time was that Johnny Garlic – who doesn't normally answer SPAB's phones on a Monday – was exactly the person I needed. I explained our predicament and when I used the word flint, he became extremely animated. (Actually his default state, as we were to find out!) SPAB had just decided to make flint repairs one of their key objectives for 2019. Within ten days, Johnny had organised a site meeting with Chris Parker and myself, Tony Smith from The College of West Anglia, Maggie Goodall in charge of SPAB courses, John Lord our local Flint Knapper, Holly Isted, Ely Diocese Historic Buildings Officer and Edmund Lambert along whose boundary the wall stands.



Now we had become very used to people saying no to our ideas, no because we couldn't raise the money, no because we didn't have enough people, no because we didn't have the expertise. Suddenly, the 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 was not a grey day. A bunch of people turned up who said YES. Yes, we can help you, yes, we can do the majority of this using volunteers, yes, we can offer expertise. You literally could have bowled us over.

That day they left us with a list of things to do. We had to find £9,000 of funding to mend the wall on Hythe Road, considered too dangerous for volunteers, liaise with SPAB, appoint a Heritage Building Contractor, recruit





volunteers to mend the rest of the wall and seek permission from the Diocese of Ely to carry out the work.

With all of this in place by April, we were able to begin with a small working party completing a trial panel on the wall. Building students from the College of West

Anglia completed a survey of the whole wall and we are proud owners of “The Book of the Wall” an extremely detailed document detailing materials as well as the condition of the wall.

Following this came a massive working party over four days in Sept 2019. SPAB sent volunteers, we recruited locals, provided food and accommodation for those who needed it.



The Wellington fed those staying for two nights, people camped in St Mary’s Church and churchyard. SPAB ran a delegate course in working with flint. In all we had 63 volunteers coming from all corners of the country, including some very experienced architects and building contractors, SPAB Fellows and Scholars. None of this cost us a penny.

However, the work was not completed in that time so we hoped to organise two more weekends in 2020. But of course, we all know what happened next...

So, the next time we could meet and feel safe was July 2021. SPAB once more supported us in finding volunteers, the furthest came from Somerset this time, and we called our locals together once more. More camping, more



meals to provide and by now we had quite a reputation for cake – it seemed like kilos of it was consumed and all in temperatures of over 30 Celsius! Surely the wall was finished? NO!

It took another two days, this time with the sole help of our dream team of local people and on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 120 coping stones were laid by the said dream team in one day.

There has to be special mention of a guy called Jo Orsi. He is a SPAB regional volunteer and has stood by us throughout this whole event. He has been our go to for everything, he taught us skills, he sourced materials, he allayed our

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worries. He has also told us that we haven't yet finished, that there will always be work to be done! Without him though I'm not sure we could have begun.

So, what have we taken away from this gargantuan project?

- People like cake!
- People are incredibly generous of their time and enthusiasm.
- New friends.
- The knowledge that we have collectively made a difference to an historic building in our community.
- The knowledge that we have shown respect to the people who are buried in the churchyard.
- Our community can pull together.
- Many of us learnt new skills.
- Memories of a great deal of fun and laughter.



And what of the Hythe Road stretch of wall? We managed to procure a grant of £9,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund. We assume they supported us because we could prove that it was to be such a massive volunteer project and that it offered so much to our community. You may have noticed as you pass by that that work is now complete.

People often ask us why we haven't yet sorted the wall of St Mary's in Bell Street. My immediate feeling is that there is much more complexity in doing this wall than repairing St Nicks, the truth being that we can't use volunteers to do it because the work is on the edge of the road and we would have to involve traffic management. It has to be done by a paid contractor. We do not have the money to do this at the moment, but it is on the list of priorities and we intend to run some fundraising events to support the repair of this wall; we know it looks a mess. So, the next time you see a quiz night advertised, support us, some of the proceeds will be going towards the wall repair.

Finally, we want to give our sincere thanks to everyone who supported us in this venture. That support came in many guises, be it the physical work of repairing the wall, expertise offered to us, people who made cakes and those who filled hundreds of rolls to feed the masses. Thank you, a hundred times. We can now look on that part of our village with pride. Our village mended the "Tired Old Wall."

Sue Garland and Chris Parker



*Imagine two boys lazing away a weekend fishing in a pond. What do they talk about? Frederick James has some ideas.*

## **DO YOU LIKE GIRLS?**

“D'ya like girls?”

“Ain't given it much thought, I guess. Suppose they're good for summat, otherwise they wouldn't be different to us. I've got a sister, but she don't count.”

“Yeah, I got one too, but like you say, they ain't like us. Still, I suppose they 'as to be good for summat, or there'd just be us, wouldn't there?”

“I know t'world would be a quieter place wi'out 'em! All that screaming an' shoutin', an' gigglin', an' all that caper! Our 'ouse is bedlem when Top of t'Pops is on t'telly. Can't hear ya self think wi' all that racket goin' on.”

“Mine's t'same! Posters all over 'er bedroom wall, wi' Cliff Richard an' 'is lot prancin' about in their tight trousers an' daft 'airstyles. Mind you, she does 'ave photos of girl singers too, so maybe she fancies doin' a bit 'erself when she gets bigger! She does practice, an' that, but I don't reckon she'll be any good, 'cos she sounds like next door's cat when 'e gets in a scrap! Fair splits yer ears, she does!”

“I agrees with yer there. 'avin' a sister ain't t'best arrangement to 'ave. Still, like I said, they gotta be good for summat. Maybe they grows outa that daftness as they gets older, so we'll just 'ave ta wait for it ta 'appen. I's just lookin' forward to mine growin' up, getting' sensible, findin' a numpty who'll marry 'er, an' then bu\*\*erin' off, so's I can 'ave her bedroom!”

“Yeah, how come sisters always gets the big bedroom? I've 'ad a titchy bedroom since mine came on the scene. That's wot I tells Mum. I ain't got room for my stuff, an' that's why it's untidy, like.

Don't do me no good, though. Still 'ave ta put my dirties in t'wash bin!"

"Life's just not fair, is it? It's a good job we can come fishin', an' forget about all that goin' on indoors. An' like you've said afore, it's good ta 'ave a mate ta share it all with. Wot more could a chap need in life? A pond fulla fish, a mate fulla chat, and a sandwich tin fulla scran. Oh, an' a pocket fulla worms! Can't whack it!"

"You're right, of course, about all that stuff, but sisters 'as gotta be good for summat, ain't they? There 'as to be summat, 'ain't there?"

"Well, come ta think of it, I loves me Mum an' Dad, 'course I do, but ya gotta 'ave someone else to love, ain't ya? Share it around, like?"

"There ya go again! It's obvious! Sisters is for lovin'!"



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## WORD TRAIL No. 12—SOLUTION

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### A Message from the Editors

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

[http://feltwell.net/magazines/mag\\_index.htm](http://feltwell.net/magazines/mag_index.htm)

All issues are in pdf format for easy viewing. What you may not realise is that many of the links in the online version are active and, of course, it is in colour. But please buy a printed copy as well.

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## FELTWELL GOLF CLUB

Welcome from Feltwell Golf Club. It has been a difficult year for the club as it has been for everyone. Where has it gone to? Here we are just round the corner from Christmas!

Even with the earlier forced closures we have managed to fill the majority of our fixtures list. We have taken part in county matches, held friendlies with other clubs, all bringing back a sense of normality to golfing.

Membership has increased for the club, which is always good news. Our Junior section is going from strength to strength. With monthly Junior roll-ups, Half term boot camps, the Halloween camp turn up was excellent. The children all dressing up and enjoying the themed activities that Jo puts so much effort at putting in place.

Look out on our Facebook page for upcoming events if you think your child may be interested in taking part. Golf is taught around having fun.

We have new caterers in place, Sean and Sharon running "XIX Nineteen at Feltwell Golf Club" Early days for them but already proving extremely popular. We already have events on the calendar – Elvis night (11<sup>th</sup> December), Booze & Brushes (fully booked ), Breakfast with Santa. Quiz nights are back. Watch out on Facebook for more.

We have an amazing New Year membership offer in place, 15 months for 12. Look out for our advert within the parish magazine.

Do remember that this is not a club for members only. Visitors are welcome to come and play on Green Fees and the bar and restaurant are open to all. For any further information then please do not hesitate to call on 01842 827644.

May I take this time to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Kim Heybourne (Secretary)

## NEWS FROM THE LEGION

December has been a very quiet month with our normal events, crib now operating with 12 to 16 players. Our coffee morning raising £100.00 for the branch and poppy appeal; and of course the carpet bowls. In our carpet bowls there is a block (cheese) to get around, for some it has proved a little difficult because when your bowl hits it you put a penny in the pot for the poppy appeal. We have only been playing for 4 months and have raised £24.39 so thank you for that and all I can say is keep hitting.

All being well next year 2022 will be a better year where we can do more things. So on behalf of the Branch we would like to wish you all a Very Happy New Year.

John Linkin (chairman)



# **RSPB Lakenheath Fen**

## **THE SECRET LIFE OF THE ROBIN**

Robins must be one of the most familiar birds in the UK and at Christmas time they seem to be everywhere- on cards, on decorations and in miniature models on cakes. You may even notice a real one looking at you through the window! Their association with Christmas dates back to Victorian times, when postmen wore vivid red uniforms and became known as ‘robins’ due to their similarity with this garden bird. It was these human ‘robins’ that delivered the cards at Christmas time and it wasn’t long before artists began to depict the birds themselves on the cards, often with a letter being held in the bill or a post box also in the picture.

Have you ever looked at a real robin and noticed how his or her ‘red’ breast is more orange than red? In artwork robins are often given redder breasts than in reality too. Well, until the 1600’s when merchants began to import oranges into the UK, we didn’t have a name for the colour orange and so robins were described as red. When exotic fruit entered our economy, the word orange was invented to describe the fruit but by then, ‘robin redbreast’ had already entered our vocabulary.

Research by organisations such as the BTO reveal that most robins never travel more than 5km from where they hatched, but some do migrate in winter into the UK from countries in Scandinavia, Eastern Europe and Russia. They do this mainly to escape very low temperatures, or snowfall, that affects their food supply and ability to survive. They arrive with other species such as redwings, fieldfares, blackbirds and chaffinches. In the UK we are relatively mild in climate compared to countries to the east of us, because we are usually warmed by the Gulf Stream, a ribbon of warm ocean current that originates in the Gulf of Mexico and traverses the Atlantic Ocean. Although we are at the same latitude as a lot of eastern Europe, we are warmer, on average. The birds have evolved the urge to fly west and seek out the UK if times get hard where

they are.

On the other hand, some of our summer robins leave the UK and travel further south to Spain and other southern European countries for winter- and research shows these are mainly females.

Interestingly, on the continent robins tend to be very shy, reclusive woodland birds and do not share the boldness and confidence of our UK robins. Seeing them in the



*Photo by Chris Robinson 23/11/2020*

garden and at close quarters is a novelty which is quite unique to the UK. It is thought their habit of 'following' gardeners around and looking for worms and insects in earth that has been worked is an adaptation for survival in the UK. Because mammals like wild boar are no longer widespread in the UK, the robin can no longer often follow a boar around as it forages the woodland floor, turning over soil with snout and trotters, so robins have 'learnt' to follow us instead. European bison or wild ponies, such as Koniks, would have similar usefulness for robins too when they encounter them in the forest. It is thought that this habit is why robins can, with patience, become accustomed in the UK to feeding from a human hand.

I hope this has been an interesting read and has revealed a little more about these beautiful birds. Look out for an article in the Spring covering their unusual breeding behaviour- there is more to robins than meets the eye!

As a final note- thank you to those who have read these articles from RSPB Lakenheath Fen in 2021- I have loved writing them and I hope you have enjoyed reading them. I hope you all had a very Happy Christmas. We hope in 2022 to continue to provide an enjoyable and positive environment for visitors to come and enjoy being close to nature.

With best wishes,

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



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## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE NO. 28

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 built by Barley Page Porter in 1911. He used the front window space to display goods available from his shop. Left, the building with the two windows was the Primitive Methodists Chapel, now the fish and chip shop. The hall became the Rex cinema in the 1940s, closed 1959. Then a bingo hall. It's been the Crazy Horse Club, the Fenland Club, the Double Top club, a warehouse and now The Sanctuary beauty parlour, hairdressers and a cafe.



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It can be very rewarding fostering cats for us. Seeing them going off to a lovely new home, which will have been checked out by our Homing Officer, is a great feeling. And there are always other cats waiting to come into our care, so you won't be without a cat for very long.



With the New Year and female cats coming into season, it is important that cats of both sexes are neutered to help us keep the kitten population down. Female kittens can come into season as young as 4 months old and have a litter of kittens by the time they are 6 months old and not fully grown themselves. Unneutered male cats get into fights which may lead to contracting diseases such as Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (Aids), Cat flu and Feline Leukaemia, which is a virus in cats. They can also get abscesses from fighting which can be really nasty and then there is the chance that they can be hit by a car as they are off looking for females in season. If you are on a low income or know of anyone who is on a low income and has an unneutered cat, we can help with the cost. We can give vouchers for £25 for male cats and £40 towards the cost of neutering female cats, which can be taken to any vet. Please call the number below if you need any help or want advice.

Rita Thompson, Breckland Cats Protection, 01842 810018

# Feltwellians Around The World



## James Mahoney

Stationed at RAF Mildenhall from '68-'72, I lived in Barracks 93 and in the NCO Club quarters at RAF Feltwell from October '68-Aug '70. Spent many an interesting evening at Joan's West End Pub, as well as at a friend's flat in East Hall. Consumed substantial numbers of egg and cheese sandwiches at Sid's Blade Cafe--occasionally even after hours.

I have many fond memories of my time there.

*I wrote back and asked if James had any photographs or reminiscences from his time at Feltwell and this is his reply.*

Attached is the only photo I have. It was taken circa 1969. If I come across any others of interest, I'll send them along.

As far as stories, most of those would be fairly mundane and shed little light on village life at that time. Since we worked at Mildenhall, we'd arrive back at Feltwell around 5:30-6:00 pm during the week, and were often away on weekends.

Evenings were often spent in Joan's West End pub, playing darts and generally socializing. The pub was just over the fence from our barracks, so it was very handy! The denizens of the West End included RAF blokes, with whom we were quite friendly.

Joan had a daughter, Carol, who suffered from multiple-sclerosis or some similar condition. She was always in the public bar with Joan. Though she could not speak other than to vocalize sounds, she was unfailingly bright and cheery in response to our friendly, "Hello and how are you, Carol." Many of us regulars made it a point to always greet her.

In my experience, the people of Feltwell were always friendly. In all my time, other than the inevitable, transitory incidents involving individuals that occur everywhere people live, we all just got along.

As visitors, we never felt unwelcome.

*Over the page is the terrific photo that James sent. It can be viewed at a larger size on the village website at [RAF Feltwell - Buildings and Planes](#)*



*together with its sister photo on which James has written many annotations that would be unreadable if reproduced here at this size.*



The caravan park was housing for families, as was (and maybe still is) the ranks of buildings in the whole lower part of the photo (within the area bordered by Lancaster Road and the B1112 access road). The caravan park was generally where Vincent Close is now, and the caravans were located roughly where the houses on the north/west side of Vincent Close are now. Because I knew people who lived in the caravans, and they were accessible directly from the base streets, I always thought of them as being on-base. They may not have been, and could have been part of the village and not the base.

I've annotated the photo to give you some idea of where things are in relation to modern times.

You may already know that the reason USAF personnel were housed at RAF Feltwell is because France expelled US Forces based there in, I think, 1967. When I arrived in August '68, the sergeant I was to replace told me that until the French expulsion, RAF Mildenhall had been a "sleepy little base" with about 250 personnel. Within a very short time, the population increased to 2,500. There wasn't enough housing in RAF Mildenhall for all, so space was leased from the RAF at Feltwell. That's

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*Christmas Day & Boxing Day*

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*9pm-12:30am*



how I ended up living there.

At first blush, it seemed like a bad deal to have to travel 14 miles or so to and from work and all the better amenities at RAF Mildenhall. But as we all did, I soon realized that being in Feltwell was actually a good deal. Because we were so far away, our squadron HQ folks largely left us alone, and we were seldom inconvenienced with "AF BS" off-duty. In addition, the friendly reception in the village was a bonus, and the fact that the West End was literally 20 yards from my barracks was a double bonus. It was an unusual opportunity to quickly get to know, and enjoy, the "real" England.

*In a further email John mentions the following:* Separately, another USAF Feltwellian, Steve Thompson, is writing a novel situated in Feltwell and East Hall. We had a mutual friend who lived in Flat 10, East Hall, in '69-'70. Though I visited the flat many times, I have hazy recollections of the layout. I wonder if you have, or could get, any information about the layout of Flat 10 for purposes of Steve being accurate in his description. I realize that the flat layout may have changed and probably has been upgraded over the years, but any information you may be able to provide will be appreciated.

*Can anyone help with this? If so, please contact me, Paul.*

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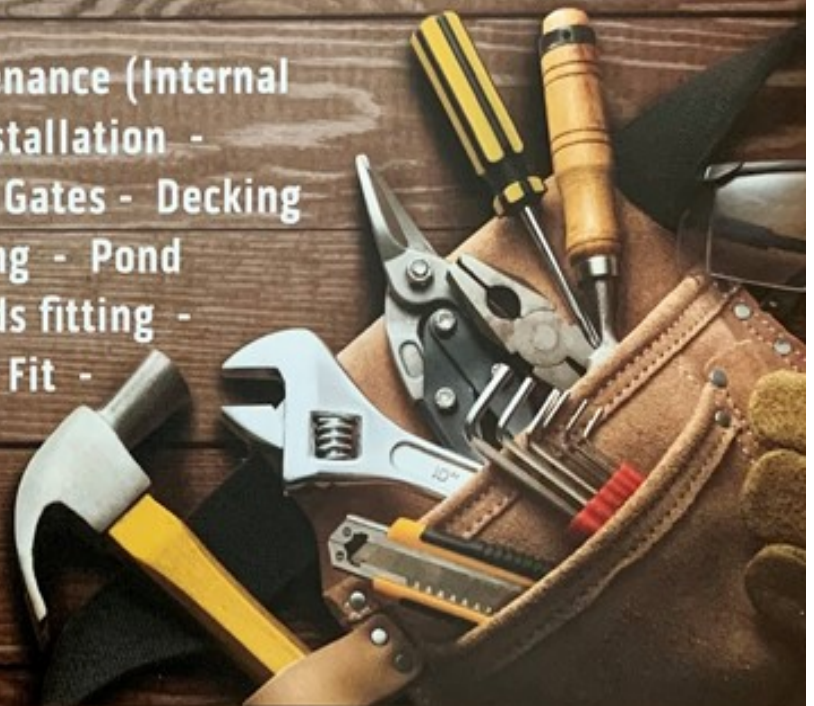
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# WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search is on **MUSCLES OF THE BODY**. 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 79.*

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- BUCCINATOR
- DELTOID
- GASTROCNEMIUS
- GLUTEUS
- ILIACUS
- MASSETER
- OBLIQUES
- PROCERUS
- PSOAS MAJOR
- QUADRICEPS
- RECTUS
- ABDOMINUS
- RHOMBOID
- SARTORIUS
- SCALENE
- SOLEUS
- SPINALIS
- TERES MAJOR
- TRAPEZIUS
- TRICEPS BARCHII
- ZYGOMATIC

And let's not forget the ever popular  
STERNOCLEIDOMASTOID!

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of DECEMBER 2021 in the British Legion, Long Lane. 11 Councillors attended and 5 members of the public

Report from Sqn Leader Geary: The F35A arrival is planned for this week but is subject to change (weather conditions here and in the US, sea conditions etc). The 494th Fighter Squadron have returned from overseas operations and currently there is a detachment from the 336th Fighter Squadron operating from RAF Lakenheath; hence residents will have seen an increase in aircraft sorties over the last couple of weeks.

Resurfacing work on the alleyway from Falcon Road to the playing field has been delayed and pencilled in for week commencing 10/1/22.

New seesaw to be purchased at a cost of approx. £3400 + VAT including removal of existing seesaw and concrete surface. This will be funded by some of the lockdown grants ringfenced for the playing field as well as grants from Warren Energy and Tesco Carriers for Causes.

Quotations to be obtained for repairing cracks and renewing paintwork inside the Changing Rooms. The underfloor heating is currently not working and following an electrician call out, four new timers needed to be installed.

Quotations to be obtained for repairing and repainting the railings around the Memorial Garden and repointing the wall.

Plaque commissioned by Lady Dannatt, Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, to commemorate community resilience during the Covid -19 pandemic will be displayed in the Memorial Garden.

A small area of hedgerow is to be replaced at the allotments at a cost of £85 + VAT. Earlier in the month, Mr Cock resigned from the Allotment Management Committee and Mr Storey, as Chair of this committee, presented Mr Cock with a gift on their behalf, to thank him for all his hard work, time and dedication to the allotments which was all done voluntarily. Mr Fenn was voted in as the new committee member.

The Parish Council will work with the Feltwell Community Group to combine celebrations for the Queens Jubilee taking place 2<sup>nd</sup> June –

5<sup>th</sup> June 2022, with the fete and carnival themed to mark this occasion. Mrs Wilson said the fair has already been booked.

The Councillors thanked Mr Rayner and members of his family, together with Mrs Arnold, Mr Lambert and Mr Storey for their efforts in displaying the Christmas tree in St Mary’s churchyard again this year.

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

At time of going to press, the next Parish Council meeting will take place at the British Legion on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30 pm, all are welcome.

The Parish Council wishes you all a very healthy and happy New Year.

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### Word Search Answer

*Submitted by Mrs J. Clements*  
Next month’s Word Search will feature **IN THE OFFICE**

### SUDOKU SOLUTION

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