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GROWING UP IN FELTWELL IN THE 1950S & 60S

BY ROBERT WALDEN

16. More Shops

In the High St just past Broadwaters, was Hyam's baker's shop. My youngest sister was employed there on Saturdays when just 14 and felt very important being left in charge for hours at a time. Mr Hyam would drop off bread, doughnuts and cream buns baked at the Mill early in the morning and would sometimes make a second delivery of the still-warm, jam doughnuts around midday. At Mrs Edwards stall in St Marys' Street you could buy fresh cut flowers. You rang the bell for service as her house and land were set well back by the church.

The Post Office was another important destination. Lots of personal letters were written and "new issues" were popular with philatelists. You also purchased your dog licence (7/6d) and your TV and radio licence (£2) there. More importantly, mum cashed her family allowance there each week - 17/6d for us 6 children. The cashier would ink his rubber stamp with a heavy thump on his pad followed by another just as heavy on the relevant page of her book and its counterfoil. My sister assures me mum would then take us to Derby's "for a little something nice" but I remember no such thing. There were 2 steps up into Derby's small shop and it sold a mixture of toys, ornaments, ladies' make-up, cardigans and nylons.

Orange's newsagents (Hill St, just before the Chequers) would have held little interest for me had it not been for their comics of WW2 stories. When my Welsh uncle visited us he would send me out to Orange's first thing on a Saturday morning so that he could read his Reveille in bed! (Hill St was not far from our end of Munson's Lane via the old drift lane and the Hythe Rd). The colourful front covers of the War comics at 1/- (5p) each month, soon caught my eye. These were just a little smaller in size than the magazine you have in your hands right now and told an action story with captioned black and white drawings. "Air Ace", "War at Sea" and "Battle" covered the various armed forces and once read you could always swap them. Stories had titles like "Kill or be Killed!" and "Fear of the Deep". My

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father said I had more money than sense when he saw a pile of them in my room. A year later, aged 44, he suffered a slipped disc (an ailment mentioned far more then than today) and he had to stay in bed with an old door under his mattress. He got very bored doing crosswords and Mum handed him some of my comics. "You never told me you had these!" he said. He read the lot!

We moved to Cambridge House in the High Street in 1961, directly opposite the Old Primitive Methodist Chapel occupied then by Danny and Beryl Wortley's green-grocery and flower shop. They were a happy, good natured couple selling what was in season or could be imported. We would beg empty orange boxes - ostensibly to build carts, though the wood was a bit thin for that and the rectangular two-compartment boxes were more suited for hens' nest boxes. But we delighted in dismantling them. We would extract the shiny nails to use again, without cracking the strips of wood. Given its store of earth-covered root vegetables the shop smelt a little of damp. It also had an Eldorado ice-cream freezer and sold small portions of lemon mousse which could be eaten like an ice-cream once partly thawed. My father insisted he could taste the building's smell in his mousse.

You had to step down into Basil Vincent's cycle shop – where, in winter, a drip-fed paraffin heater would glow comfortingly and a huge, very old, ornate silver till occupied the left end of the counter. He and my father were good mates in their youth. I once went in for a new battery for my front bicycle light and he took me to his back store where some 6 or 7 brand new cycles had just arrived. They still had their handle bars in line with their cross bars and brown paper wound round them: his assistant Dennis would be preparing them for their new owners as they were all pre-ordered. When I was 15 my older brother gave me the bike he had bought new from Vincent's some 7 years earlier. As it was tired and a little rusty I decided to spend my new earnings (details in a later article) on renovating it. Dennis said he could easily polish and derust the wheel rims but suggested he should fit a new 3 speed gear system which entailed respoking the entire wheel around the new hub.

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In Long Lane, Hockley's was a somewhat unkempt little shop, a perception not helped by the outside aviary visible through the open rear door. It contained the usual budgies and canaries but also a silver pheasant and a peacock! Sometimes, with storage space at a premium, crates of Hubbly Bubbly (pop) would be stacked outside on the pavement – which were soon covered in dust and traffic grime. Just beyond was one of the 2 fish and chip shops (the other was in the Beck, just down from the Post Office) and which later became a little cafe we nicknamed The Binky. Beyond that and opposite the old British Legion Hall was the Blade Cafe – the place in the 1950s for the young to hang out and play the pin ball machines and listen to the Everly Brothers and The Shadows on the juke box; but which was looking a bit tired by the mid-sixties.

Mr Field's new Central Garage occupied the site of Lovell's former taxi garage and sold Super National petrol with its very modern blue and yellow sign. They also did MOTs and welding. Not long after opening Tom the mechanic was working on a big American automatic raised up on the new hydraulic lift. He revved the engine while the car was still in "Drive" and it shot off the lift and through the end wall of the new garage! In April 1970 as a student living in Nottingham I booked an MOT appointment with Mr Field for my newly acquired 1934 Riley (£35) which had not been on the road for 2 years and was not taxed and had several (not-minor) defects. Fortunately, Mr Field had replied to my letter by scribbling on it "OK See you Saturday!" So, when the policeman stopped me on the A1 dual carriageway I was able to produce not only a Norwich Union cover note confirming the car was insured for 7 days but proof that I was on my way to an MOT appointment and hence the reason why the car was displaying a 1968 tax disc. It got me as far as Hilgay under its own power that day and 52 years later it has yet to run again on the road...

FELTWELLBEINGS

Thursdays 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 around the hall. The hall is cleaned before and after all meetings. Everyone is welcome. £3.00 per session to cover hall costs including insurance, tea, coffee and snacks. We start off with gentle exercises which are mostly sitting in your chair. This is followed by a organised game session which can include a Quiz, Bingo, Countdown, a talk, Beetledrive, Candle abstract making and glass painting. Other topics will be included. After the first hour, we play games that you want to play, these include scrabble, table tennis, small snooker table, cards, chess, draughts and dominoes to name a few. Tea and snacks provided throughout the session. New members always welcome.

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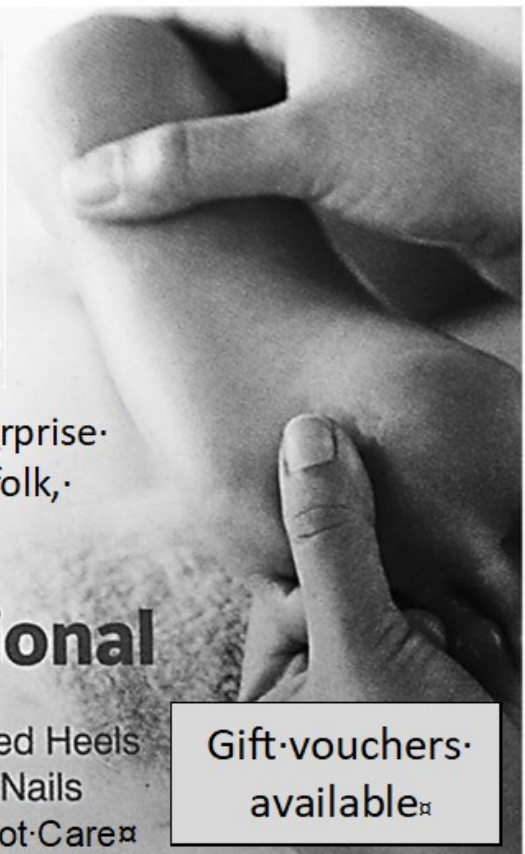
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Back in 2019 we pushed barrow loads of radishes from the Love Radish factory to the Wellington Pub, this year we are going to take them back home!

We hope you'll support us in our efforts by sponsoring us.

Every year over 47,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer. We have, therefore, decided to push 47,000 radishes, that's several barrow loads, from the Wellington Pub to the Love Radish facility on the Southery Road. The distance of our Radish Push is, coincidentally, 4.7 miles (approx.) so each mile travelled represents 10,000 men diagnosed with Prostate Cancer.

47,000 radishes weigh approximately 211kg assuming the average weight of a radish to be 4.5gms.


Every year over 11,500 men die of prostate cancer, 1 every 45mins. Most of our members know someone who either has, or has died from prostate cancer so this is a cause close to our hearts.

Sponsorship will be sought for the Radish Push from friends, family and our community. A donations box will be in the Wellington for those who wish to donate rather than sponsor. A sponsorship form is available in the pub for anyone to pledge their support for this event at, say, £1 a mile (make it a fiver) or even more if they so wish.

All monies will be given to the Norfolk and Waveney Prostate Cancer Support Group. In 2019 we gave them just over £3,400. It would be wonderful to beat this total this year but we do appreciate that times are getting harder.

If anyone who is not a member of the Breakfast Club would like to

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 Thank you to all who supported us on 11th June. We are pleased to announce the next

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From back in 2019. Everyone was keen to get pushing.

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Your Good Health

by Dr Ian Nisbet

AIRBORNE GARDEN-WRECKERS

I now live in a bluebell-free zone and my other bete-noir, Convolvulus (bind weed) is rare in my garden (imported with some topsoil) and easy to control. However, Nature has seen to it that I cannot relax. Having sorted out my lawn to my satisfaction a couple of years ago, there was a massive cloud of cotton wool type seeds which blew in one day. And another cloud last year! I now realise that they might have been Couch Grass seed (*More couch plants arise from seeds than is generally supposed, - Bayer Crop Management*) as my lawn is infested with Couch Grass which is “*a stealthy invader that creeps underground through tough, wiry rhizomes which can spread several metres in a season*” (*A bit like Bluebells!*). *It can be tricky to get rid of because the*

rhizomes insinuate themselves between the roots and stems of established plants and into nooks and crannies at the bases of hedges, fences and walls. The rhizomes have sharp tips that can pierce other plants, plastic sheeting and even pond liners. (Which Gardening).

I was going to dig out some of the worst patches and lay new turf. I went down to the Garden Centre, big plastic tray in the back of my car, and loaded up with massive rolls of turf, almost too heavy to lift. At home, I opened one of the rolls, only to discover that it contained more Couch than the lawn I was hoping to restore. I took it back, had a row because they told me that this is normal for new turf and that I should not be so fussy. I got a refund and spent some of the money on Ibuprofen for my back.

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hours on my hands and knees digging out the couch, filling the holes and re-seeding the grass. Probably a waste of time because there are obviously loads of rhizomes underground, spreading metres a season only to pop up again next year (think Bluebells!). Head Office thinks I am mad.

While kneeling for hours on end, I made best friends with a couple (yes, two) robins who kept bringing me worms and bugs before eating them. All the garden birds have become used to my presence in their domain, especially as I now have a small dental plate which enables me to produce a piercing whistle and I have long chats with the garden birds, imitating their calls. Yeah, sad, isn't it? We have always enjoyed goldfinches, often 50 or more at a time, enjoying our sunflower seeds. I have two feeding stations, each 6ft high with five feed baskets hanging on top. Originally, there were platforms with water dishes, wire racks for meal worms, etc but I have had to remove the platforms. "Why?", I hear you shout. Because we have been

suffering from another infestation – Magpies, Crows, Pigeons and Jackdaws. They have taken to eating from our feeders, displacing all the Goldfinches. They were using the dishes and wire baskets to perch on while emptying the feeders at a rate of knots! I have removed all the platforms and the big birds, which are now very fat, struggle to feed. They hang upside down, often with unilateral wing flapping, and manage to steal some food, but very little. I have had to move plant tubs from under the feeders as the mucky birds drop so much seed that the blackbirds (ground feeders) tour the tubs, munching away and trampling the plants underfoot.

So, Bluebells and Convolvulus have been supplanted by Couch Grass and big fat birds as my garden problems. Let's find a joke or two to lighten the mood:

A young woman ran up to me at the cemetery and said, "I need to pass through the cemetery but I'm scared to walk alone. Can you walk with me across?" "Sure," I said, being

Sudoku Puzzle

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the gentleman I am. As we walked through, she told me that she had tried to ask other guys before me, but no one would do it. What has come of this world, when a man won't give a hand to a lovely lady to walk her through a dark place? "Thank God you're not like that." She smiled at me. "I suppose it's silly, being afraid of cemeteries at my age." I said, "Oh yes of course. Don't worry, I used to be really scared of cemeteries when I was alive.

I was out for the night to a party and had more than several whiskies coupled with a bottle of rather lovely red wine. It was held at a great Italian restaurant. Although relaxed, I

still had the common sense to know I was well over the limit. That's when I did something I've never done before... I took a taxi home. On the way home there was a police roadblock, but since it was a taxi they waved it past and I arrived home safely without incident. These roadblocks can be anywhere and I realized how lucky I was to have chosen to take a taxi. The real surprise to me was that I had never driven a taxi before. I am not sure where I got it, and now that it's in my garage I don't know what to do with it. If you want to borrow it, give me a call.

Best wishes to you all

Ian Nisbet



FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB



We made a great start to the League and Friendly season with a win against Hockwold (friendly), Mundford and Hockwold (Rosie Smith league), then a shuddering halt with a loss to West Row (friendly), Weeting and Swaffham B (Rosie Smith league). Anyway onwards and upwards.

The green is looking great and bowling well, albeit the weather still needs to warm up a bit, but we are getting great attendances at the practice/roll ups. Must apologise as I reported in the last issue practice/roll ups starting at 6-30 this should have been 6 o'clock.

We had a new prospective member at the last roll up so why not come along and join him? You will be made most welcome.

Advance notification: our next Quiz night is being booked for August, please make a note. It's a great night and I am sure you will enjoy it.

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Now for the normal type of information, the Monday evening crib sessions are going well. The numbers are varying from week to week as a few of us are involved with the bowls league which also takes place on a Monday evening. The Thursday morning carpet bowls is also going well, the evening sessions are going from strength to strength so it is carrying on for the foreseeable future. The June coffee morning was also well attended thank you.

This is a little reminder that the RBL (Feltwell and District) will be holding a VJ quiz night on the 6th Aug. £3 PH, max 8 to a team, doors open at 19.00 (7pm) start at 19.30 (7.30pm). There will definitely be a VJ round so start swotting. (VJ = Victory in Japan) The next coffee morning will be the 13th July.

John Linkin

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We are again warning Norfolk residents about 'computer fault' scam telephone cold calls.

These callers claim to work for well-known computer software, telecoms or broadband suppliers. The caller advises that there is a problem with the user's computer or broadband equipment, often making claims about 'viruses', 'criminals controlling your machine' and 'hackers accessing your router' and that they will be 'blocking you from the internet' or 'cutting off broadband access' if the recipient does not agree to immediate remedial work.

The caller will then attempt to gain remote access to the computer. This could give them the opportunity to plant malicious software onto the computer or access personal information held on the computer, including account log-in information and bank details, which can be used to commit fraud.

Victims can also end up being asked to pay for the 'fixes' the scammer has made to their computer.

If these people do not succeed at the first contact they are known to try calling again repeatedly. Also where they have been successful in charging a fee the scammers have targeted people again telling them the 'problem' has returned.

We have been issuing warnings around 'computer fault' cold calls for a number of years but reports continue. Fortunately many reports we receive are from residents who are aware of the issue and have terminated the call without giving access to their computer or making payment.

Please continue to share with others the information that well known computer companies, telecoms or broadband providers never cold call offering to fix problems with computers or requesting personal or financial details.

If you are concerned about the security of your home computer or to fix problems or issues with it we would advise you to find a quality local business like a Norfolk Trusted Trader, you can search the [Norfolk Trusted Trader Directory](#).

Scam Alert – Text messages claiming to be from 'Disney Plus'

Be aware of text messages circulating from random mobile telephone numbers claiming to be from Disney, the on-demand streaming service. These messages state "DisneyPlus: your payment could not be processed. To continue using our service, please update your details here: <https://billing-disneyplus.com>."

You may receive these messages even if you do not have an account or have never used the streaming service.

Anyone following the link will be taken to a website which claims that you can "update your personal details" or "opt-out and manage email settings", these links are likely to be fraudulent and used in an attempt only to gather your personal or financial details.

These text messages are **not genuine** and are not connected with Disney or Disney+ in any way.

If you receive this or a similar text message, delete it without clicking on any of the links.

You can report contacts you think are fraudulent to the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on **03454 04 05 06**.

Scam Alert – Fake parcel delivery text messages

We are continuing to receive reports of fake parcel delivery text messages which lead to bogus websites that attempts to gain personal information or take payments for 'redelivery'.

Recent examples have included texts claiming to be from Royal Mail, EVRI, DPD and the Post Office.

These texts have been sent by criminals who have created the fake website to look similar to the genuine websites, with the same branding, layout and font choices.

If you receive these or similar texts **do not** click on the link.

If you think you have provided scammers with your financial details you should contact your bank immediately.

If you receive what you think is a fake message, forward the text message, including the phone number or company name, to 7726. All phone operators now use this number as the short code to report spam and scam texts, which is free of charge. It won't cost you anything and it means your phone provider can investigate the sender.

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Fraudsters are very quick to take advantage of the current situation as we have seen reports of scam emails headed with the logo of the energy regulator Ofgem. This fake correspondence promises to give money through an “energy bill rebate scheme”.

Links on these pages take you to the fraudster’s website showing boxes enticing you to fill in various blanks.

As with all emails requesting you to follow instructions, take some time to check its origins and look for some common errors.

- Pay close attention to the URL, Ofgem’s current URL is @ofgem.gov.uk
- Check to see if the logo is distorted, stretched or blurry
- Look out for differences in the typeface or font sizes
- Note spelling mistakes and grammar errors

These unsolicited mailings are phishing email scams, designed to persuade you to click on links seeking your personal details or release spyware to infect your computer with viruses for no other reason, than stealing your passwords. We are warning consumers to be aware.

You can report contacts you think are fraudulent to the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on **03454 04 05 06**.

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: **0808 250 5050 (freephone)**

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Our speaker for April was Andy Moore who talked to us about the history of Downham Market aerodrome which was located at Bexwell on the A10.

RAF Downham Market opened in 1942 with three runways, one a mile long and two at 1400yds. Built by W.C. French who employed Irish labourers and a small contingent of Welsh miners and used enough concrete for 11 miles of motorway! Many women were also employed digging trenches and one very small lady who spent her days crawling through pipes pulling cables!

In 1942 it received its first squadron, 218, operating Sterlings which had a wingspan of 99ft and so would just fit a 100ft wide hanger. Unfortunately this short wingspan meant that they couldn't get lift easily and the long undercarriage had a tendency to snap but aircrew loved it. 218 was involved in all major operations at that time including sea mining which was dangerous and on one operation resulted in 50% losses. The RAF had an expectation of 30 operations/aircrew but in reality there was only a 1 in 7 chance of achieving this.

Senior officers lived in Bexwell Rectory, everyone else in cold Nissan huts located behind where Arbuckles now stands. Stories are told of aircrew using GPO telegraph poles for heating.

623 squadron was formed and disbanded in Autumn 1944 with 10 aircraft, all lost. They were replaced by 214 Squadron flying Stirlings. Downham was the first installation of the FIDO system—Fog Intensive Dispersal Operation—in which petrol was pumped through pipelines running down both sides of the runway and lit to create a 20ft high wall of flame to disperse the fog. It used 60,000 gallons/hr! It is said that the orange glow from FIDO could be seen up to 30 miles away.

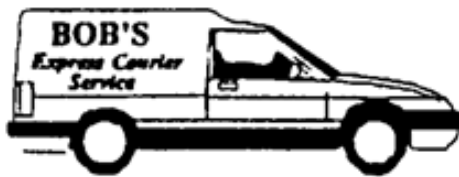
In 1944 635 squadron arrived, equipped with Lancaster bombers as part of the Pathfinder force, under their CO Wing Commander Sidney (Tubby) Baker. At the grand age of 27 he completed his 100th mission. Pathfinder crews were extremely experienced and had usually completed at least one if not two 30 operational tours. The

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aircrew serving with the Pathfinders usually faced a 45 operational tour of duty . After the 45 tour was finished they were given the options of 6 months rest or a further 15 ops . Most chose the latter. Two Victoria Crosses were earned by servicemen at Downham. The first by 21 year old Flight Sergeant Arthur Aaron in 1943 on his 20th mission. Despite being very seriously wounded, part of his face had been torn away, his lung was wounded and his right arm useless, he continued to give instructions, written with his left hand, to his bomb aimer in how to fly and land their aircraft. He died 9 hours after landing.

The second VC was awarded posthumously to Squadron Leader Ian Bazalgette, aged 25. On 4th August 1944, Bazalgette was piloting a Lancaster from 635 Squadron. They were on their way to mark a V1 storage cave when the plane was badly damaged by flak and set on fire. Despite this they continued to the target, dropped the flares and Bazalgette ordered his crew to bail out but two were unable to jump due to injuries. He attempted to land the burning plane to save their lives and was successful. Unfortunately it exploded immediately upon alighting killing all three.

In April 1945 the Pathfinders carried out their last offensive operation with their target being Hitler's retreat at Berchtesgaden. The last bomb of WW2 was dropped by a Downham plane.

Members found Andy's extremely interesting and as he has more material available to talk about he is being invited back next year.

The Men's Breakfast Club usually meets on the 1st Saturday of the Month at The Wellington in Feltwell at 9am. (*Second Saturday for July*) 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.

Our next meeting will be on **9th July (2nd Saturday)**. Our speaker will be Emma Watson who will talk to us about salad growing on the fen.



Do you have an unusual or interesting garden? If so would you like to open it to visitors for Feltwells first annual open gardens event on August 6th 2022?



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Open gardens

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Feltwell
in Bloom



Feltwell in Bloom

We've created some colour on some of our grass verges.

We have now put over 250 plants in the flowerbeds we created in the village. With YOUR HELP to keep them watered you will see a kaleidoscope of colour in the coming weeks.

Watch for dates & details on Feltwell Village News Facebook page or the Feltwell in Bloom Facebook page.

There are NO AGE RESTRICTIONS.

THE HAPPENING



While planting the first plots at Mulberry Close, a local family company, Bird Brand of Feltwell, kindly donated Hi-Vis vests.

Feltwell Lodge have promised compost. Another local company has donated some garden tools.

We have also been successful obtaining a community grant of £2000 from Warren Energy of Methwold.

We must thank these very generous local companies for their support.



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The project also needs you. As one of over 2000 residents of the village your contribution will make a huge difference to the village. Why do we need your help? We will need to get more plants to keep us blooming through the autumn, winter and spring months.

- 1 Just 50p each will help us secure funding from other sources to help us buy some large plant tubs. Some of you may have seen the beauties in Brandon.
- 2 We also need willing helpers to tend the plots by soaking them when the weather is dry. If you have a watering can, you'll be invaluable to us.
- 3 If you are clearing out your spring bulbs/plants, plants consider donating them to us to go in the plots. Just drop them off at the chapel.

Open Gardens – **Saturday 6 August 2022** - an opportunity to let others enjoy your garden. You are invited to take part this event. Your last chance to register your interest with one of our committee members below.

- Want to help in some way?
 - Make a donation
 - Help to plant the plants/bulbs
 - Watering/weeding
 - Register for Open Gardens
- Are you a member of an organisation which would like to take part, Brownies, Scouts, WI, Feltwellbeings, Bowling Club, Playgroup, Monday Meet-Up, Church, Parish Council, etc., etc.

Please get in touch with one of the people listed below or contact mikegw15@gmail.com message me or text me 07712578721. We have a letter box at the Methodist Chapel if you want to drop us a note.

Janet Clements, Mike & Brigitte Wilkinson, Stevo Saunders, Martin & Jo Blackman, Carol Fletcher, John Bone, Geoff Dennis, Christine & Stuart Samuels (The Wellington).

SCHOOL PROM LOGISTICAL

Match the prom guests to their dates and their mode of transport.

The solution is on Page 69

	Laura	Sophie	Naomi	Heather	Helen	James	Brian	Stephen	Christopher	Jonathan
Stretch Limo										
London Taxi										
Tractor										
Muscle Car										
Vintage Car										
James										
Brian										
Stephen										
Christopher										
Jonathan										

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.

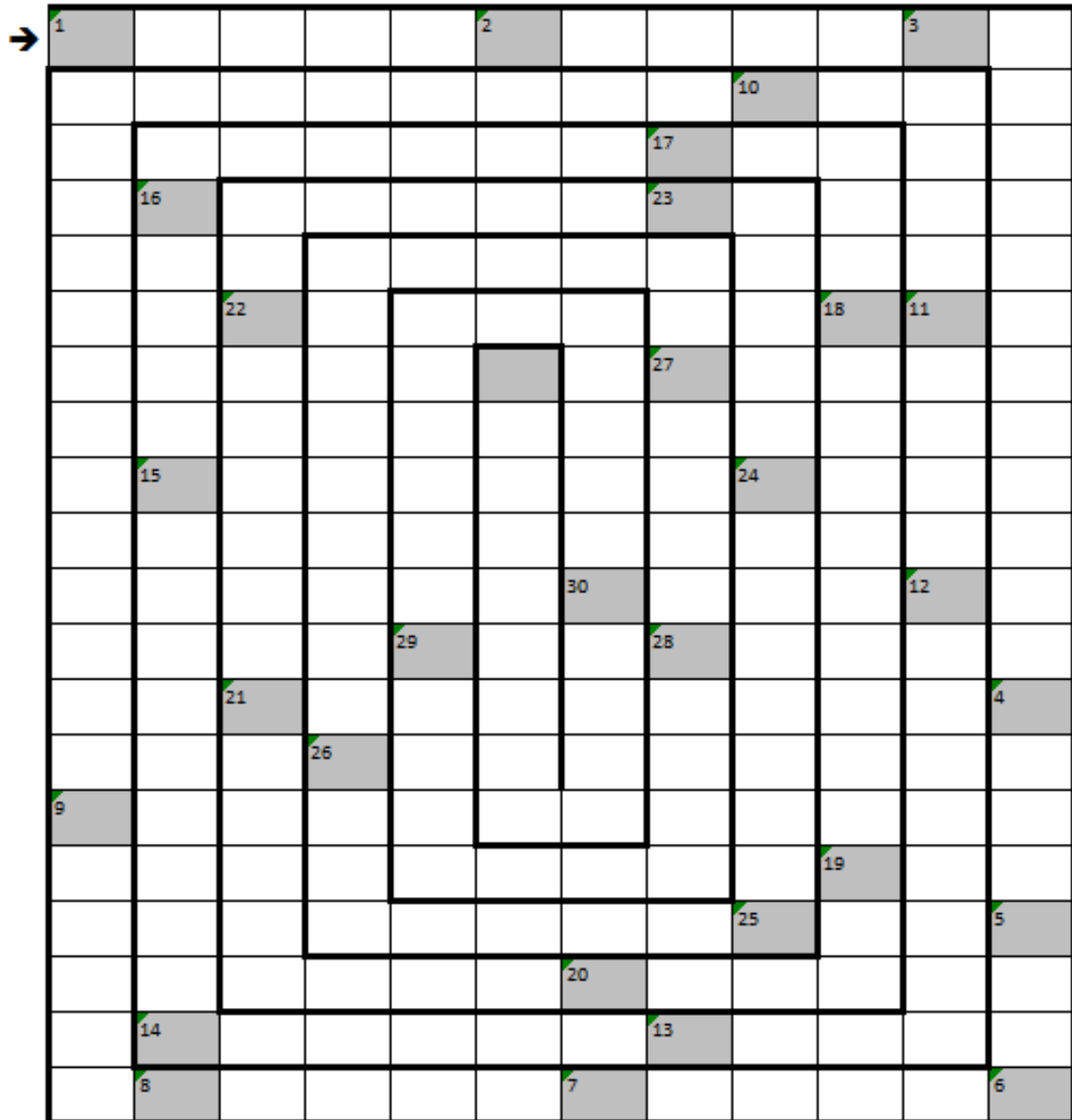
- 1 The Taxi carried Sophie whilst Heather travelled in the Limo.
- 2 Laura, Naomi, James and Brian all arrived in different vehicles, none of them travelled in the Tractor.
- 3 Heather didn't travel with Stephen, Christopher or James.
- 4 Stephen travelled in either the Muscle Car or the Taxi, those vehicles didn't carry Laura or Helen.
- 5 Jonathan and Helen travelled together.

ART FOR PLEASURE

Every Thursday 10.30 am – 12.30 pm in Weeting Village Hall.
Contact Beryl Pountney, Secretary, for details on 01842 828750

WORD TRAIL NO. 18

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 Roman roof tile (6)
- 2 The historical region of Greece that includes the capital Athens (6)
- 3 MUSIC: In 1991, which song from 'Joseph & His Technicolour Dreamcoat', sung by Jason Donovan became a UK number one hit
(3-5-4-2)
- 4 U.S. Cinema award (5)

- 5 Irritate (4)
- 6 Extended Kingdom (6)
- 7 Background Actors (6)
- 8 The capital of the Falklands Islands (7)
- 9 This little bird is widespread in New Guinea and Northern Australia (6-6-10)
- 10 Ceausescu ruled this country from 1965-1989 (7)
- 11 Llama-like animal (6)
- 12 12 Often used for the portrayal of characters in films and in theme park attractions (12)
- 13 This ingredient is included in food in a Florentine style (7)
- 14 A bitter Herb used as a medicine in the Middle Ages (11)
- 15 A confectionary sweetmeat of sesame flour and honey (6)
- 16 Suicide by disembowelment, as practised by Samurai (4-4)
- 17 Mental image, idea, fallacy (6)
- 18 Easter Islands are famous for what monolithic figures (4-7)
- 19 Egypt's desert (6)
- 20 To wander from one's path or main direction (10)
- 21 Grotesque church carving (8)
- 22 The act of reducing something unpleasant (as pain or annoyance) (8)
- 23 Striking artistic grouping (7)
- 24 Glenridding and Pooley Bridge stand at opposite ends of this Lake (9)
- 25 MUSIC: Richard Starkey is better known as who? (5-5)
- 26 This term, in sport, is referred to as 'catching a crab' (6-2-8)
- 27 _____ Delicious, apple (6)
- 28 Not likely to catch fire (3-9)
- 29 FILM: 2014 film starring Tom Cruise and Emily Blunt (4-2-8)
- 30 An insignificant but pretentious or cheeky person, often a young one (14)

This month's Word Trail solution can be found on page 71

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FROM THE CLASSROOM

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

On Friday 27th May we held a Jubilee Day in school with everyone dressing up in red, white and blue. We took part in different activities including making decorations for the school float the following week, attending a special assembly organised by the School Council and many classes developed their cooking skills by making cakes, sandwiches and even trifles.

Continuing the celebrations of the Queen's platinum Jubilee the school took part in the village festivities. We used our decorations from school and decorated a lorry trailer and paraded around the village as part of the carnival, it was lovely seeing so many familiar faces in our community. The school choir then also performed on stage and were applauded for their efforts. It was a great event, and many people shared their appreciation afterwards.

Back in school some children have used their writing skills to recount their experience.

"In school, to celebrate the Queen's 70th Jubilee we had a picnic made up of sandwiches and butterfly cakes which we made ourselves. The choir (which I am in) sung, not only at the fete, but also in assembly. We made flags and bunting to put on the float which rode around the village. On Saturday, we rode the float to the fete at the park, then the fete began. Everyone had fun and I think that it was a great experience. We have done lots to celebrate and it has been a great experience."

By SC – Kingfishers Class

"At the Jubilee party we sang on a green lorry as Feltwell School Choir. It was a great day with burgers, ice-cream and games like wheel of fortune and splat the rat. Before the party we went on a lorry and drove around the village waving at lots of people along with lots of other vehicles. "

By LB – Hawks Class

"I really liked being on the float and waving at everyone, but my hand did hurt afterwards from all the waving. Then we sang on a stage, we sang Row, Row, Row Your Boat, then Reach by S-Club 7 and Happy by Pharrell Williams and finally God save the Queen. It was a little scary. At the end the crowd clapped."

By CT – Hawks Class

During the half-term holiday, her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II celebrated reigning over England for 70 years. To celebrate, my family went to a party at the meadow. When we were there, I saw lots of people that I knew as well as my old best friend who I hadn't seen for 5 years! It was nice that everyone got together to celebrate something so amazing. At about 10 o'clock, some men lit a huge beacon that made a small flame. It was very calming and sweet that when the flame went out a band started singing the National Anthem.

After an hour there was a huge amount of fireworks that made an awesome sight. They lit the sky up making everyone relaxed in a wonderfully good way. The booming, bright fireworks made the sound of an elephant stomping through a sandstorm. They were wonderful! Right at the end of the celebrations, a band sang many nice, sweet songs with crowds cheering happily. Its so good to see everyone coming out to celebrate. I would rate this event 10/10 for definite!

LS Kestrels

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PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY



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To register your Yard Sale please complete a Registration Form available from The Fish Piper and Central Garage

THE JUBILEE WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

What a fantastic weekend it was. A massive thank you must go to all those who helped organise and run both the Party in the Meadow and the Village Fete and Carnival.

The Thursday night Party, Beacon Lighting and Firework Display was an excellent event. It was lovely to see so many people turn out for the event, over 3000, and thanks must be given to Judith and Jeremy Porter for opening up their meadow. Maybe we can do it again next year? The *West End Jerseys* singing group entertained us twice during the evening with highly professional shows that got feet tapping and lots of folk on their feet dancing. Food and drink were on hand to purchase and it was all good. The atmosphere was calm and friendly and it was a delight to see people having such a great time. The beacon was lit to the singing of God Save the Queen and the firework display was worthy of any city's display on Nov 5th. Well done to everyone involved and, again, a huge **Thank You**.



Feltwell Community Group Members



Thousands celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Porter's meadow on the Thursday.





The Beacon is lit!



An excellent Firework display lit the sky.



The *West End Jerseys* entertain the early evening dancers during their first set.



Saturday 4th June, 2022, saw the return of the ever popular village Carnival and Fete. Again, it seemed as though the entire village had turned out to enjoy a wonderful, relaxed sunny afternoon. Stalls aplenty, run by village organisations from the WI to the Football Club, offered games of chance such as tombola, bagatelle and Splat the Rat.

As usual the carnival began with a parade of floats around the village. The parade was led by the flag bearers of the British Legion who were followed by a number of floats and an old 1920s single decker bus, with passengers.

British legion flag bearers leading the parade. Well done guys, it was a long march around the village.

A 1920s Green Line bus driven by John Heath and representing the Feltwellbeings group.





Even the Royal Family was kind enough to put in an appearance!

As were members of the primary school.



But the honour of the most enthusiastic and noisiest float was difficult to judge. It was between the Cubs and ...



... the Pink Ladies and T-birds. They were all in good voice!



Right from the start teas and cakes and bacon butties on the hard-standing were very popular from the ladies of St Mary's Church.



And long queues quickly formed at the Football Club burger stall and the Social Club bar. Sounds like the perfect meal—burger and a beer. I can't blame all those who waited in line.



Face painting is always a popular attraction for the little ones and this year was no exception.



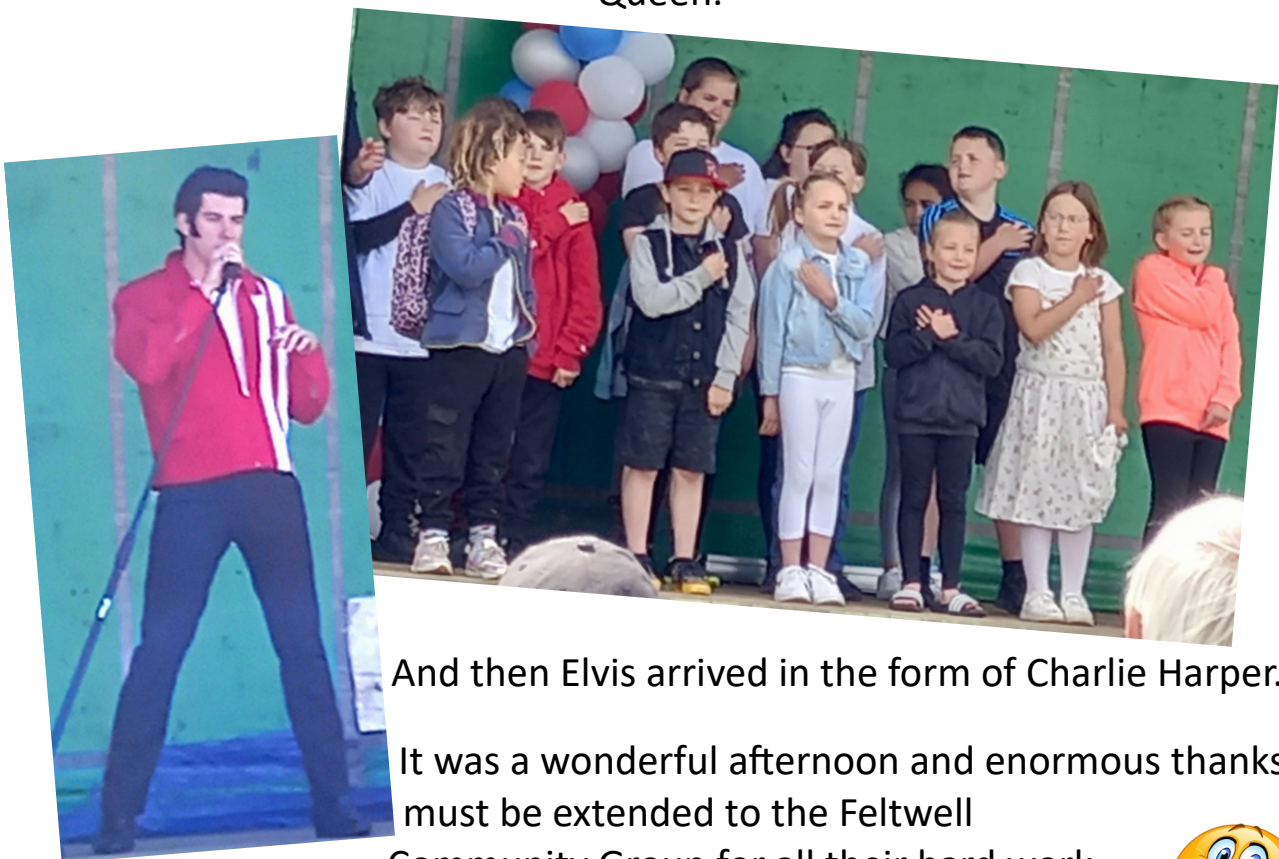
In addition the inflatable play area had a constant queue but unfortunately they only allowed children on!



Hay bails provided seating in front of the stage where...



...children from our Primary School entertained us with a collection of songs ending with an enthusiastic rendition of God Save the Queen.



And then Elvis arrived in the form of Charlie Harper. It was a wonderful afternoon and enormous thanks must be extended to the Feltwell Community Group for all their hard work and hours of planning and organising that made the weekend so successful. Very well done everyone.



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE VILLAGE CELEBRATIONS

We have received lots of praise and positive feedback over the past few days for organising the Party in the Meadow and the Grand Village Fete & Carnival Parade in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee but we couldn't have done it without the help and support of many others. So, now we would like to say our own thank yous:-

PARTY IN THE MEADOW

A huge thank you to:-

- Mrs Judith Porter and her son, Jeremy, for letting us use their land and preparing it for us. We are sure you will agree it was the perfect setting. We would also like to thank them for commissioning the village beacon and J M Ayres & Sons for manufacturing it.
- Our sponsors who gave generously which allowed us to put on such a great show: National Lottery Community Fund, S. Peckham Haulage, Wilson Reclaims, Niagri Engineering Ltd, Feltwell Parish Magazine, the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk Jubilee Fund and Borough Councillors Adrian Lawrence and Martin Storey for donating via their Borough Council Community Fund towards the event and also towards the cost of a defibrillator.
- Bacton Transport for donating a trailer for the entertainment, R H Lindsay for financing the portaloos, Freedom Recycling for donating a skip, the 43rd Fighter Wing RAF Lakenheath for supplying a lighting rig, Harrowden Turf for supplying two more lighting rigs and rubbish bins, and Ross Jack for supplying the green cones.
- Feltwell Social Club for providing the bar, and Feltwell Café and Feltwell Kebabs for providing the food. Thanks also to Candy Chaos, Martin's Ice Creams and Discover Coffee for selling their delicious wares on the night.
- The West End Jerseys who were a huge hit and White-Lightning Pyrotechnics for the fantastic firework display.
- Brenda, the Town Crier, and Lady Georgina Roberts, the deputy Lord Lieutenant for Norfolk who lit the beacon.
- Reed Events for the lighting and sound system, and Phoenix Event Security. Made by Shannon for supplying our T-Shirts and Hoodies.

Lastly, we are so grateful to those who gave up their time freely to help us that evening - Leisa Bebee for being our Gin Palace barmaid, Jay Cock for providing the disco and Steve & Linda Peckham for helping us litter pick the next day.

GRAND JUBILEE FETE & CARNIVAL PARADE

Another huge thank you to:

- The creators of the fantastic floats and all the participants in the parade: Cubs & Beavers (winners), Feltwell Primary School, some dear Feltwell friends & their children (Grease), Feltwellbeings who we are sure thoroughly enjoyed their ride on a 1952 London Greenline bus, our local Mildenhall Fen Tigers Speedway star Sam Bebee, John Linkin of Royal British Legion Feltwell, Feltwell Parish Council and Wards Medical Services Ambulance.
 - Bacton Transport for supplying two trailers for the parade.
 - Graham Waters and Chris Mills who helped marshal.
 - S. Peckham Haulage for sourcing us a free trailer for the entertainment and providing steps for both Thursday and Saturday's events.
 - Everyone who donated towards our raffle, we had some really fantastic prizes which in turn raised a lot of money for our cause. Top prizes were a huge hamper worth over £100 from LazyDaze/Tangled/Feltwell Cafe, one night's B&B at Hill House worth £85 and a voucher for a specially-made cake from A Taste of Elegance worth £65, so very generous of everyone who donated.
 - Our DJ Jay Cock who again gave his time, free of charge, to provide entertainment, Charlie Harper as Elvis and the primary school choir for performing for our crowd.
 - Milly Wheatley for the magnificent balloon displays which she supplied free of charge despite our repeated attempts to pay her!
 - Feltwell Social Club for providing the outside bar, Feltwell United FC for providing the barbeque and St Mary's Church who sold bacon rolls, cream teas and exceedingly good cakes throughout the day.
 - Our stallholders - Feltwell Brownies, Methodist Church, Feltwell in Bloom, The Food Pantry, Women's Institute, Royal British Legion, The Wildlife Lounge, A Taste of Elegance, Lakenheath Camera Club, Simply Crafty, Steven & Laura Anderson, Belle & Bear, Heather Foulger, House of Paint, The Pigeon Hut, Utility Warehouse, Lakenheath Firefighters Association, RAF Lakenheath Booster Club, Little Luna Melts, Lupie Loo Creations, Naturally Angel, Wheely Sweet, Mildenhall Cadets, Wards Medical Services, R&K Castles, Martin's Ice-creams, Feltwell Golf Club and Cherry Tree Farm.
 - Derek Leader of Lakenheath Camera Club for taking photos during the day.
- Feltwell Parish Council for their donation towards the fete and R K & J Jones who donated directly to the Feltwell Community Fund for the purchase of new adult gym equipment

SCARECROW COMPETITION

Thanks to Mrs Jo Leveridge for judging the competition which was no easy task and to all those who took part, the standard was incredible.

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

To make an event successful, lots of work goes on in the lead up to it and behind the scenes whilst it is taking place so a very special mention must go to the following people:-

- Mick and Martin Rayner for all their assistance which was invaluable to us and paramount to the success of both events.
- Neil Wilson, Matt Martin and Al Bristow for everything you have done and for putting up with the constant nagging from your spouses, nothing was too much trouble and you did us proud.

John Waites who soon got his hands dirty (literally) and gave up a few hours of his afternoon at the fete to help with the overflowing drains which was not a nice job at all, and to the Mildenhall Cadets for manning the cub hut toilets when we had to shut those in the Changing Rooms.

Massive thanks to all members of the Feltwell Community Group - Helen Wilson (Chair), Jo Martin (Secretary), Ian Rayner (Treasurer), Lindy Bristow, Tracey Fairburn, Liz Gray, John Linkin, Tonia Sheldrick and Laura Sullivan. We have had an absolute blast over the past few months, meeting regularly, late night messaging and brainstorming, we have listened and supported each other throughout, everyone has brought something to the table and we have become life-long friends in the process. We can't wait to get together again to organise the next event!

Finally, a really big shout out to everyone who attended both events. It was so uplifting after two long, miserable years to see everyone coming together and enjoying themselves in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A moment we will never forget is dancing on the stage with the West End Jerseys and looking out to see everyone dancing and having a great time. We have been totally overwhelmed by the lovely feedback and thank you all so much for supporting these events.

We don't know yet the final figure raised but we will be letting you all know when we do.

All that is left now to say is GOD SAVE OUR GRACIOUS QUEEN!

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WILDLIFE CRIME

The first is one you may already be aware of. The below press release explains: Two police officers together with partner agencies attended woodland close to the A1065 in Hilborough shortly after 5.30pm on Friday 29 April 2022 after police received intelligence that a bird of prey had been caught in a trap baited with a live pigeon. This is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. While in the wood, officers discovered a trap set with a live pigeon. The pigeon was released by officers and is being looked after by another organisation on behalf of the police.

At about 7pm, the officers saw two men in the same wood. The men were stopped and searched, and officers discovered a police-style baton in a vehicle being used by one of the men.

Four live pigeons, one deceased pigeon and the police-style baton were among the items seized by police. The pigeons are currently being cared for on behalf of the police.

The police investigation continues and anybody with information or any witnesses are asked to contact PC Chris Shelley, a rural crime officer, at Norfolk Police on 101 quoting investigation number 36/31685/22.

This investigation remains in its very early stages with ongoing work.

Other investigations we have picked up this month include several bat disturbance jobs in building projects. A couple are better examples than others of how to go about dealing with bats. All bats in the UK are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act including their roost (rest or breeding roosts). Bats will roost in some surprising places and go completely unseen until you decide to do something in these structures including sheds, barns and dwellings. Whilst all work requiring planning permission will generally need a full ecological impact assessment carried out which will highlight if any bat roosts are present, some low-level maintenance work won't require this.

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However, should you come across evidence of bats or find a bat(s) all work should cease immediately and ecologist should be contacted before carrying out any further work. This will protect you from breaking the law. It's important to remember the Wildlife and Countryside Act has punishments of unlimited fines and 6 months custodial sentences if convicted of any offence.

We are currently dealing with one property development where it appears survey work highlights a need for a licence and this was not obtained before work was carried out. On the flip side we have had another one we've been notified of where a roof was being repaired and a bat was found - work stopped immediately and the owner immediately contacting an ecologist. They then have a duty to report any possible offences which we would deal with at an appropriate level.

Another investigation reported this month is a landowner appearing to plough over a single badger sett entrance. This is an offence under the Badger Protection Act and you cannot do anything to an active badger sett. We have requested some expert advice on this one.

We have also seen a number of reports of nesting birds being disturbed. It is essential that everyone understands all birds (a few exceptions under General Licences which have strict conditions that must be met) and their nests are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. Whilst the nest is active (including being built) you must not block access to a nest once it becomes active or remove it in anyway. Whilst birds do nest in some strange places they must be left alone. We have seen the usual garden maintenance, hedge cutting and large scale grass cutting destroying nests which all are or have been investigated. We have also seen sea gull nests being destroyed on houses, a nest inside a cavity wall whereby the suspect had blocked access to the nest, and then also a jackdaw nesting in a chimney and the suspect put a mesh over the opening. Thankfully with this one the clever birds continued to feed their young through the mesh until we were able to get the mesh removed. Whilst of course these do cause issues you cannot do anything without seeking a licence from Natural England and often the best way to deal with it is to allow the nest to naturally vacate in late summer and then look at preventative measures ahead of next spring which is completely legal to do.

DOGS WORRYING LIVESTOCK

This is a slight re-hash from last month as I have just this past week reviewed two offences whereby dogs have got into livestock (sheep). On both occasions lambs have been killed. This is not acceptable; we will seek to prosecute where opportunities allow us, and we are working closely with the Crown Prosecution Service on this. If you own a dog, it is your responsibility to ensure it remains under control at all times.

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Remembering the Countryside Code – its core message is leave the area how you found it (respect, protect, enjoy), take your litter with you and leave gates how you found them (if shut, shut them behind you).

I would like to remind everybody, if you own or are responsible for a dog you are liable to prosecution if your dog attacks livestock or disturbs wildlife contrary to the Wildlife and Countryside Act. You will see several signs asking for dogs to be kept on leads, and this is especially important this time of year on many of our popular walking areas as vulnerable ground nesting birds will be disturbed by loose dogs. Just because you can't see the nests doesn't mean they aren't there and the fact you can't see them means the birds have done their jobs correctly! Please always respect the signs that are there to prevent harm and potentially protect you from prosecution. It is also important to remember that not everybody is a dog lover and having your bundle of joy running up to them can be incredibly stressful.

FUEL THEFTS

We have seen a number of thefts of various types of fuel, now prices are at an all-time high. Cooking oil remains a popular commodity so please ensure if you're a business owner, that you are securing your new stock and also waste oil where possible. It should be collected by the correct company who have the correct licences to do so. Make sure your staff know who should be collecting.

We have also seen theft of diesel from tractors, many older machines can be hard to secure therefore it is essential to think where you are leaving these vehicles overnight.

FISHING—ROD LICENCES

We have been out on patrol alongside the Environment Agency tackling illegal fishing during the closed season. The closed season is really important to allow our fish stocks to breed and keep our waterways healthy. As we go through June the closed season comes to a close on 15 June 2022.

Whilst it will be legal to fish on waterways again, it is essential you follow all local byelaws which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/regional-rod-fishing-byelaws-anglian-region>

It is also important you have permission to fish on private land and have the appropriate rod licence. Anybody over the age of 13 require a fishing licence if you're fishing for salmon, trout, freshwater fish, smelt or eel with a rod and line. Under 13's don't required a licence, whilst 13 to 16-year-olds do need a licence but it is free to obtain. More details on rod licences and how to obtain one can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/fishing-licences>

We will again join Environment Agency on joint patrols checking rod licences in the future.

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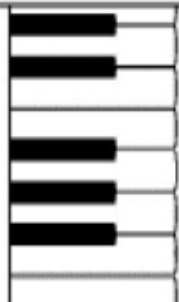
June brought the start of many agriculture shows where livestock farmers displayed the very best of their flock or herd. The prizes won in the ring at the likes of the Royal Norfolk Show carry significant importance to the value of their stock moving forward. If you can breed a champion bull or heifer, it secures more value to that animal and bloodline as breeding stock.

Livestock farmers will spend days and hours halter training these animals to walk around the ring quietly and really show off their best attributes. These animals will be washed, brushed, and have a very thorough trim to make them look their very best. These show days are often very long days but a brilliant opportunity for a very isolated community to come together and engage with each other. They have been a tradition that have been going for 100s of years in various forms all around the country. Also remembering there will still be stock at home that needs looking after so it is often a family affair to make this all work.

On the arable farms, preparations started in earnest in regard to preparation for harvest, grain stores were emptied and cleaned, combines greased and fired up, all ready to go when the grain reaches its sweet spot. Hay making started as the hot sunny weather needed to turn the green grass into a storable commodity for the winter months arrived. Previous to that you may have seen several green fields cut, most of this will have been for silage which is a slightly different sort of feed. This is preserved by a natural fermentation which occurs as the grass is packed in tight to the clamp or bale. Hay uses a different preservation method by completely drying out the grass, stopping it from rotting once baled up. Both these methods provide essential high nutrient value food for livestock over winter months. If farmers get their timings wrong it can be very costly, so as with so many parts of farming, the farmers will be sweating over the weather forecast.

In the countryside many of our early nesting birds will have had their first clutch and fledgelings will have appeared and the possibility of second clutches for many of our common residents including blackbirds, robins, house sparrows, and wood pigeons. Many migratory birds do also try to fit in a second clutch which is a rush against time to be fit to migrate again at the end of the summer. With our migratory birds here it's a great opportunity to see them, the likes of swallows will have been busy collecting flying insects over meadows especially around waterways. Their movements are incredible.

With the flowers out in full bloom in wildflower meadows (of the few that remain) and then alongside many of our propagated plants it was an awesome time to watch bees carrying pollen from plant to plant. If there is one thing you can do to help this British staple, it is to 'rewild' a small part of your garden, planting some wildflower meadow seeds or selections especially designed to attract bees. They are a creature in rapid decline but are essential to our survival and many other species. We need to do everything we can to help them.



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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:

P.W. WRIGHT, 88TH BATTERY R.F.A.

On the Church Roll of Honour he is also recorded as P.W. Wright.

Probably

Gunner WRIGHT, P

Service Number: 155574

Died: 25/09/1918

Unit: .88th Bty. 14th Army Bde. Royal Field Artillery

Buried at BRIE BRITISH CEMETERY

Cemetery/memorial reference: III. F. 10.

CWGC: www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/265357/wright,-/

SDGW records that Gunner 155574 Percy Wright Died of Wounds on the 25th September 1918 whilst serving in France & Flanders with the Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery. He was formerly 2481, Horsekeeper, R.A.V.C. He was resident Folkestone and enlisted Newmarket.

The Medal Index Card for Gunner 155574 Percy Wright, Royal Field Artillery is held at the National Archive under reference WO 372/22/94629

He had previously been Private SE/2481 Royal Army Veterinary Corps. discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/D6027397

He qualified for the 1915 Star, having first landed in France on the 6th January 1915.

He also qualified for the Victory Medal and the British War Medal.

The Army Register of Soldiers Effects records that he died of wounds on the 25th September 1918. The balance of his pay was sent to his father George in February 1919. George would also receive his sons War Gratuity when that was paid out in December 1919.

Abbreviations used.

CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves Commission

SDGW – Soldiers Died in the Great War

IRC – International Red Cross

MIC – Medal Index Card

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The 3 year old Percy Wright, born Bassingbourne, Cambridgeshire, was recorded living in a dwelling on Litlington Road, Bassingbourne – the next address on the schedule is The Mill House. This was the household of his parents, George, (aged 31, a Miller, born Henlow, Bedfordshire) and Elizabeth, (aged 34, born Biddenham, Bedfordshire. As well as Percy their other children living with them are:-

Arthur aged 5 born Islington, London

Charles aged 10 months born Bassingbourne

1901 Census of England and Wales

The Wright family were now recorded living in a Cottage on Wilton Road, Feltwell. As well as parents George, (39, Journeyman Miller, born Henlow, Bedfordshire) and Elizabeth, (42, born Biddenham, Bedfordshire), their children still single and living with them are:-

Arthur aged 15 born Islington, London Journeyman Baker

Percy aged 13 born Bassingbourn, Cambs Journeyman Butcher

Charles aged 10 born Bassingbourn, Cambs

May aged 8 born Bassingbourn, Cambs

Ethel aged 5 born Bassingbourn, Cambs

Reginald aged 2 born Feltwell

1911 Census of England and Wales

The 23-year-old Percy Wright, single and an Ostler, born Bassingbourn 'Hertfordshire', was recorded living in the household of his employer, a Leonard Wm Wright, a 31-year-old Inn Keeper from Norwich. I'm fairly certain they were not related, although his wife Florence was from London. The address in question was The Cock Hotel, Feltwell.

His parents were still living on Wilton Road, Feltwell. George, (46, a Miller) and Elizabeth, (50), have been married for 29 years and have had 7 children, of which 6 were then still alive. Still single and living with them are Arthur, (26, Baker), Charles, (20, Miller), Ethel, (15, shown as Maid but then stated to be working at home), and Reginald, (12).

On the day—BRIE BRITISH CEMETERY

Location Information: Brie is a village on the Amiens-St Quentin road (D1029). The Cemetery lies on the left side of the D88 road about 1 kilometre from Brie in the direction of St Crist-Briost.

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CWGC: www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/26400/brie-british-...

Without a personal source such as his Service record it would be guess work as to when Percy incurred his fatal wounds.

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Our commander, David A, convened the meeting at 1930 hrs on Tuesday 6th June and reported that the Chairman had sent apologies for his absence. He had a sort of excuse; he went fishing in France.

Apologies were also made for the absence of a speaker this month but, to compensate for this an arrangement has been made by John B to visit the Bentwaters Cold War Museum next month. There was a universal vote of acceptance among the crew for this opportunity; details will be posted on the website: <https://sites.google.com/view/wnas-uk/home>

To compensate further for the disappointments the commander announced that a number of film recordings had been made available. The most popular choice was the story of the WW2 Mosquito, a rival in popularity to the Spitfire, the Hurricane and the Lancaster. Some would say it out-performed the latter three challengers; the film certainly demonstrated the Mosquito's versatility: with a lightweight wooden fuselage, twin Merlin engines, and a two man crew, the aeroplane duelled as a bomber and a fighter. It had the ability to fly higher, lower and faster than its contemporaries: higher and faster to escape enemy threats and lower to avoid radar detection when flying at ground level and releasing bombs directly into many Nazi headquarters throughout Europe. Archive footage showed that much of this destruction occurred in 1943; an interesting experience for one or two of our members who were born in the same year; a touch of fake nostalgia perhaps. (It's interesting to note that in a recent Google/Android blog by Botany One there are limited citations recording evidence of the types of wood used for the manufacture of the Mosquito fuselage; there's a tease. It could be that some of our crew are old enough to remember). The film was a joy to watch and, to listen to, particularly since Steve C had procured a new computer and multiple Wi-Fi controlled speakers - for those of us who find audio communication a trifle difficult.

Thanks again to the catering crew and please don't let any of the aforementioned ramble deter any teenagers from becoming members; only £10 a year. Over and out. Nigel Tooth



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WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search is on the **GODS AND GODDESSES**. 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 74

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“Yes, I do, George, and if I remember correctly, you were going to be a brain surgeon, and I was going to keep the streets clean back home!”

“Aspirations of the days of our youth, Henry. Aspirations of our youth! We had different ideas of what the future had in store then, didn't we?”

“I know we've been friends for some time, George, but we've never actually told each other how things worked out, have we? Our friendship has been sufficient for me over the years, but we've never filled in those years in between, have we?”

“It's funny you saying that Henry! I was just thinking the same myself, just the other day! To be quite honest, I've never brought the subject up before because I thought you would think I was prying, and you wouldn't be interested in what I've been up to since those days, anyway!”

“You amaze me, George, my thoughts exactly. We've been friends for over fifty years, and I've never felt the need to know what you've been up to in all that time. I must admit that I've had times when I was curious, but always wondered if it would change our relationship if I did know, and I didn't want to risk that. Our

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friendship has been all that mattered to me. I must admit that my grandchildren found it strange that I didn't feel the need to know your secrets, or tell you mine. Maybe we should spill the beans, eh, George? At least they won't keep pestering me."

"My grandchildren are the same, Henry. They think there must be more to it than just a couple of old friends who like to spend time together fishing. They don't seem to understand that that is all we need."

"So, George, are we going to own up, and get the children off our backs, once and for all, so that we can enjoy the peace and quiet here by the lake?"

"Too late Henry, I think the game's up! Look over there!"

In the distance, the two men could see their grandchildren huddled together by the water's edge, deep in conversation, and pointing in their direction. There was no laughter, just four serious, incredulous faces, as the men's secrets were finally revealed by the excited youngsters.

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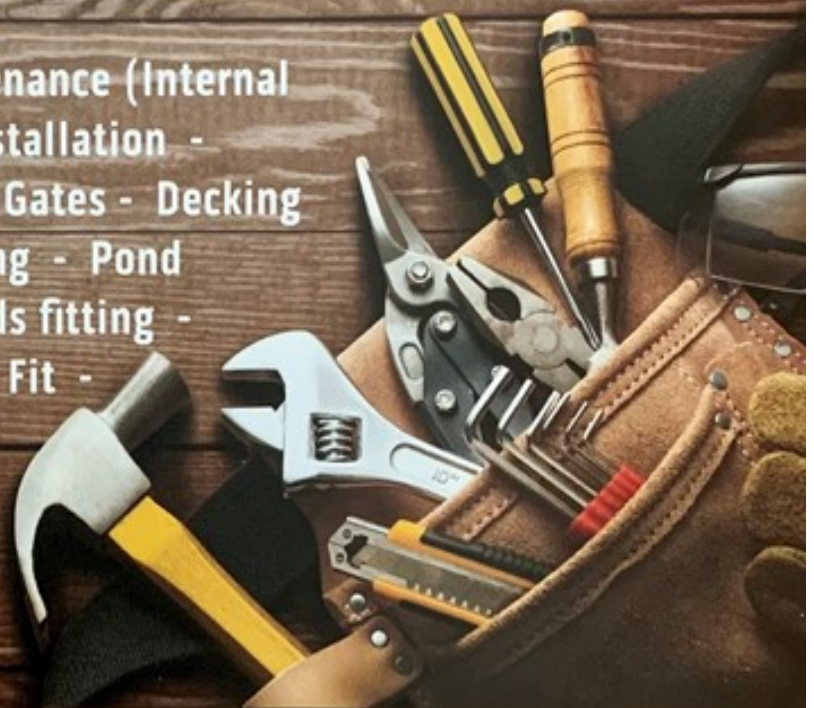


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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE NO. 33

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.



Wilton Road, looking into the village. The photo above is hand-tinted (not clear in B/W!) It can be viewed on the village website in the *Tour Old Feltwell* section.



BRECKLAND CATS PROTECTION

We recently had a female cat come into our care who had a litter of 5 kittens. When the kittens were weaned, the mummy cat went to our vets to be neutered. The cat was collected from the vet later in the day and apparently, she had an abnormal uterus and polycystic ovaries, which is very unusual in a cat. Polycystic ovaries are caused by hormonal changes in the female's reproductive tract, and the vet was surprised that the cat had delivered 5 healthy kittens.

Another condition that can occur in cats and more usually in dogs is pyometra, which is an infection of the uterus and is considered to be a life-threatening condition that must be treated quickly and aggressively. Following oestrous or 'heat' progesterone levels remain elevated for several weeks, stimulating the uterus lining to thicken in preparation for pregnancy. If pregnancy does not occur for several oestrous cycles, the lining continues to increase in thickness until cysts are formed in the uterus. The condition is called cystic endometrial hyperplasia. The thickened cystic lining secretes fluids that create an ideal environment in which bacteria can grow. Additionally, the high levels of progesterone inhibit the ability of the muscles in the wall of the uterus to contract and expel accumulated fluids or bacteria.

Another contributing factor is that during oestrous, white blood cells which normally protect against infection are inhibited from entering the uterus. This normal occurrence allows sperm to safely enter the female's reproductive tract without being damaged or destroyed by these white blood cells. The combination of these factors often lead to infection.

Pyometra may occur in any sexually intact young to middle aged cat, but it is most common in older cats, that has been in heat within the previous 4 weeks.

The clinical signs depend on whether the cervix remains open. If it is open, pus will drain from the uterus through the vagina to the outside. If the cervix is closed the pus is unable to drain and collects in the uterus causing distension of the abdomen. The bacteria release toxins that are absorbed into the circulation and the cat becomes severely ill very rapidly.

The preferred treatment is to remove the uterus and ovaries by performing a spay or neuter of the female cat. Cats diagnosed in the early stages of the disease are very good surgical candidates. If they are not diagnosed until they are quite ill, then the procedure is more complicated and a longer period of hospitalisation may be needed. Antibiotics are usually given for up to 2 weeks after surgery. This can be a very costly time.

To avoid all this suffering, it is best to have your cat neutered as soon as it is big enough – usually by 4 months of age when it weighs 2 kgs. That goes for male cats too as they are prone to other diseases if left unneutered.

If you need help or advice, or assistance in the cost of neutering, please call us on 01842 810018. Rita Thompson.



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Hospital Happenings *by Tony Bennett*



News: Rules are beginning to relax at the hospital, the one-way system on staircases has gone and changes are being made to the way the outpatients department works. Visiting restrictions are being evaluated and the advice is to check the website before visiting patients in the hospital. The outpatient cafe is now open most of the time with seating facilities too.

Other News: The hospital has quite a backlog in many areas and not in others, strenuous efforts are being made to see cancer patients as normal. For those on a diagnostic pathway that needs to confirm or exclude cancer the same effort is in operation. Unfortunately, there is quite a waiting list for many of the less urgent cases. One problem that was not due to Covid is the national shortage of qualified radiologists who report on the images that we create. It takes about ten years to train a doctor from medical student to consultant radiologist so it's not a quick fix when we run out of them. Because we can now create images much faster than they can be reported on (it takes around 15 minutes to report a CT scan) the backlog for non-urgent reporting is measured in months.

New Role: Registered Nursing Associates are now working at WSH, Newmarket and in the community. They bridge the gap between Healthcare Assistants and fully qualified nurses. It's a 2-year apprenticeship-based training course with 1 day a week in class, the rest in the clinical environment. The training leads to a foundation degree. The job seems to be similar to that of the old Enrolled Nurses who disappeared many years ago and who were sorely missed.

Incidents and Anecdotes: Medway Hospital was pretty chaotic when I worked there, everything happened as it should but there was little time for the niceties of life. Patients were processed as quickly as possible through the system and it was always busy. The immobile, drunk or badly injured patients were sent to our x-ray department on a trolley, accompanied by a nurse if needed otherwise they just waited alone on the trolley until we could get to them. One night I had been informed of an intoxicated young male who had hurt his leg and would be on a trolley outside our room. I opened the doors to find a moving lump under the sheets and I wasn't sure what to expect. I announced my presence before gingerly pulling back the sheet from over his head only to find him eating curry from a takeaway container using a plastic spoon! He was clearly a bit pickled but amenable and we came to an agreement that I would do his x-ray as quickly as possible before his curry got cold!

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 13th of JUNE 2022 in the British Legion, Long Lane. Nine Councillors attended and 2 members of the public

RAF Commander was absent but sent an update. 48th Fighter Wing suspended all flying activity over the Jubilee weekend. Lighting stanchions had been provided in support of Feltwell's Jubilee beacon lighting event but no volunteers had been forthcoming to support any other community events. He will investigate a resident's complaint about a constant beeping noise she believed was coming from RAF Feltwell and will look at a boundary fence following a resident's complaint.

Next Ranger visit is scheduled for July, road signs need to be cleaned and weeds sprayed along Bell Street and on a corner in Clough Drive.

Anglian Water have cleared the drain blocked by tree roots on Paynes Lane which caused major issues to the Changing Room's toilets during the village fete. Thanks to John Waites for rodding them on the day. Anglian Water will now undertake a camera survey to check whether drains are blocked on the playing field side. Two external double electric sockets to be installed on the Changing Rooms to assist further outside events.

Application to be submitted to CIL Projects Funding for a new slide at the playing field which will also be funded by lockdown grants received.

Play equipment to be deep cleaned before the school holidays begin.

Clerk has reported sightings of children on the Changing Rooms roof to the Police. If the individuals are identified, they will be charged with criminal damage.

Recycling claim of £483.25 has been received for the 2021-22 year at £64.04/tonne and residents are encouraged to use the bottle banks at the Social Club and the playing field.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH

Repairs to the Doctors' Surgery car park will be undertaken by the end of June.

AGAR has been sent to the external auditors and the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited AGAR has been displayed on the noticeboard and website.

Commemorative coin to be purchased as a keepsake of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

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

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the British Legion on Monday 11th July 2022 at 7.30 pm, all are welcome.

Your **Parish Councillors** are:

Mr Ian Rayner (Chair), Mr Edmund Lambert (Vice-Chair), Mrs Sue Arnold, Mrs Miranda Bane, Mr Christopher Cock, Mr Paul Cole, Mrs Helen Wilson, Mrs Bernadette McGeeney, Mrs Linda Peckham, Mr Martin Storey, Mr Jonathan Fenn.

The Parish Council website can be found at:

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

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



Feltwell Open Gardens

If you have an interesting garden with unusual plants or landscaping and would be interested in opening it to the public on Saturday 6th August in order to raise funds for Feltwell in Bloom, please get in touch with Mike Wilkinson.

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