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A GIFT FROM THE PAST

We thought we'd put this note on the first page in order to answer the questions that you are probably thinking and that is, "*Why have I got two copies of the magazine this month and why is one dated March 2020?*" The answer, dear reader, is quite simple.

If you can cast your mind back to this time last year you will recall that Lockdown 1 had just been imposed. From the point of view of the magazine's printing schedule this was awful timing as the magazine had just gone to the printers and, in their usually efficient manner, they had already printed it. As Ian, our distribution manager, couldn't go and collect the printed copies they sat at the printers until Lockdown 1 ended. The March 2020 issue went online in lieu of fact that we couldn't deliver it even if we had been able to collect it. However, the question arose as to what to do with the printed copies once we were able to get hold of them. It was decided that I would store them and issue them a full year later as a 'souvenir' copy. Little did I imagine that we would be in a third Lockdown, albeit not as restrictive as the first. Also, you'd all paid for a printed copy so it was only right that you got one! And besides, we didn't want to throw 400 copies away without giving at least some of you the opportunity to read what you had paid for.

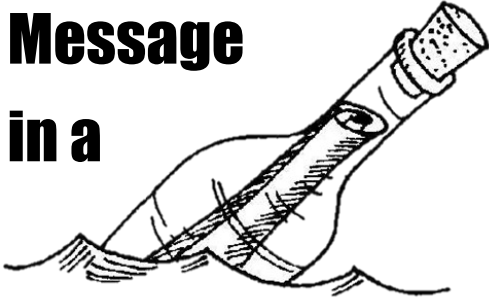
We hope you find the March 2020 issue as interesting as the March 2021. Such a shame that so much had had to be cancelled.

Please note that the March 2020 issue is not being given away through the shops as they have limited space.

Stay safe everyone.

Paul and Susan

Message in a



Simon Enderby Tells Us About Filming With Will Smith And Tiger Sharks

I am fully blaming my lack of communication (for well over a year now), on a wild combination of a bizarre turn of events, predominantly comprised of a Worldwide pandemic, subsequent lockdowns, homeschooling, easing of lockdowns, rush to get back to work, subsequent pandemic spikes, further lockdowns, more homeschooling, followed by not much happening apart from homeschooling (sorry did I mention that already?), then too much happening (Year 1 & 4 arts and crafts, projects and topic work mostly!) followed by easing of lockdowns and religious holidays resulting in further pandemic spikes, lockdowns, a cessation of all work plans and to round it all off a return to homeschooling, double sided sticky tape, tinfoil, cotton balls and cut out cardboard projects once more!

Phew! At this moment in time, I feel more qualified to audition for a presenter role on Blue Peter than I do for the a Director of Photography position for the next BBC David Attenborough wildlife documentary!

However, let me back track just a little too before the COVID Pandemic Tsunami swamped the world as we know it.

The end of 2019 actually went really quite well as I was called upon to go and film Hollywood super star Will Smith (Fresh Prince of Bel Air, Bad Boys, Men In Black, A Pursuit of Happiness and a bunch more) on the Great Barrier Reef for a new nature documentary series. A massive, extremely high calibre film production with a bunch of people, tonnes of equipment, boats, charter planes, the largest green turtle rookery on earth and a good number of big tiger sharks! My job was to film the underwater scenes of coral reef, green turtles (see over) and yes, the beautiful 4-5m long Tiger



Sharks, along with Will Smith and other guests.

The shoot went well and at times I felt almost guilty as it felt more like an end of year holiday trip than hard work as I was surrounded by some good old friends

as well as making great new ones. Our life aboard boat, the Aroona, was amazing with a great captain, fantastic crew and an even more amazing chef and, oh yes, every now and then I had to dive into the warm tropical waters of the Great Barrier Reef to film turtles and sharks.

The trip led up to and culminated in catching a 12-foot tiger shark on a baited line and then reeling her in to the back of the boat to measure and fix a satellite radio collar to her dorsal fin. All action above the water was handled by our hero, Will Smith and a local marine biologist, whilst I swam around under the water with the slightly aggrieved Tiger Shark and another marine biologist, oh! and did I not mention 3-5 other free swimming tiger sharks and about 10-15 reef sharks. But never fear I have my trusted safety diver with a broom stick in hand! Now in all my 24 years of scuba diving I have trained for but never experienced what is called a “Free Flow” situation. “Free Flow” results when the breathing valve of your

scuba regulator mouth piece sticks open and the air freely and forcefully flows, under pressure unchecked, out of the regulator. Annoying and slightly concerning at the best of times but whilst swimming around with an angry 12-foot tiger shark (and others) and your onscreen talent which you have to film I realised I



Simon with camera, left, getting ready to dive.

had little option but to carry on. I quickly checked to see how fast I was losing air from my tank gauge and worked out I might have enough to continue with the filming dive and so stuffed the flowing regulator under my arm out of the way and grabbed my spare regulator mouth piece and breathed from that. Now there was the small matter of swimming and positioning myself into the underwater current to sweep my free-flowing bubbles away from the shark and biologist I wanted to film, otherwise it would have looked like we were swimming around in a bath full of fizzing Alka-Seltzer or a whirlwind Jacuzzi. Anyhow long story short I managed to film all whilst keeping it bubble free and once the irate shark was finally released and we finished the dive I just had enough air left to swim back to the boat - no-one else had noticed a thing!

As I returned home after the shoot I flew through Sydney just as the wild fires raged around its outskirts, thick smoke clogged and cloaked the skies in the distance but everyone seemed unperturbed. There were also reports of some virus in china starting to become more mainstream. I managed to get back a few days before Christmas and celebrated the holidays and New Year as normal.

Come the first week of 2020 and although the news from Wuhan, China, was starting to get more serious the new year here in Malaysia kicked off as usual and we planned and completed our film shoots as normal, which with hindsight was very fortunate for us. I spent the beginning of February filming for the World Wide Fund for Nature and their Living Landscapes programme here in Borneo from which we had to make a multitude of educational films for them in several languages. Within a week of finishing up in the jungle I then flew over to Sri Lanka to film Blue whales underwater and from the air with my drone for a European production company who wanted to show the importance of whale poo to the whole ocean ecosystem. In a nutshell whales often feed in the ocean depths and then generally poo at the surface resulting in the feeding of the often nutrient poor surface layers of the ocean with oodles of faecal fertiliser which subsequently feeds the basis of the whole ocean

food chain - plankton. The plankton in turn are responsible for soaking up millions of tonnes of Carbon Dioxide from our overburdened earth's atmosphere! So, I bet you didn't know you are able to breathe easily due to whale poo, did you?

Anyhow, as we bobbed and boated about the Indian Ocean waiting on and then following blue whales the COVID situation was becoming increasingly more serious and more widespread than just in Wuhan. We successfully finished the shoot and headed home just in time before Malaysia decided to close its borders to international travellers and begin its first Movement Control Order (MCO) and lockdown whereby all residents were asked to stay at home for 4 weeks with only necessary trips to the shops for food allowed.

Schools were closed and Homeschooling began!

To be continued.....

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FELTWELL IN THE HUNDRED OF GRIMESHOU PART 2

Two months ago I began serialising the Feltwell section from Francis Blomefield's, 'Hundred of Grimeshou: Feltwell', in An Essay Towards A Topographical History of the County of Norfolk: Volume 2 London, 1805), pp. 187-200.

This is freely available online at <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/topographical-hist-norfolk/vol2/pp187-200>.

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BISHOP OF ELY'S MANOR—PART 2.

There was also another marsh belonging to this manor, called *Northfen*, in which the whole town might feed, dig, &c.; but the town of *Methwold* could only feed, unless between *Slevesholm* and *Totesholm*; though the jurors say, that the bailiffs of *John Earl Warren* (1231-1304 or 1286-1347 see later note), and the Countess his mother, hindered them from digging between *Redlake* and *Wysenhe*, for seven years last past. The free fishery of the Bishop, called *Baldebeck*, is bounded, which *John Colston* of *Brandon* then held, for 40s. *per annum*, at the lord's will; as is the fishery of *Bruneslode*, which *Jeff. le Paumer*, and *Richard*, son of *Hamon*, then held, at 8l. *per annum*, also that of *Feltwell-Fen*, which *Rich. de Coldham* and *Richard Grut* farmed, at 22l. *per annum*. There was also a watermill belonging to this lordship, called *Brigge-Meln*, which the whole village farmed at 32s. *per annum*, and a windmill. The stock was 20 cows and a free bull, 60 hogs and a free boar, 1000 sheep, besides those of the customary tenants, &c. which ought to be in the lord's fold; and the Bishop had all *weifs* found on his fee, or in the highways within the town. *Humphry*, son of *Walter*, and his *parceners*, held 360 acres free, the rest of the

Manor — a unit of land rented to tenants.

Weif, Middle English, from Anglo-French, from *waif*, *stray*, *unclaimed*. By default they belonged to the Bishop.

Parcener, a person who takes an equal share with another or others;

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freeholders and copyholders, &c. with their rents, services, &c. are particularly specified. The tenants paid *tallage*, *childwite*, and a fine on the marriage of their sons and daughters, and could not sell an horse-foal, or an ox, of their own breed, without the lord's license, and the lord had the best beast for an *heriot*, and if there was no beast, then 32d. was paid in lieu of it, and the heir paid *relief*. The quitrents were 23s. 5d. *per annum*, 46 hens, and 9 capons, 210 eggs; and the whole sum of the days works 4348, by the small hundred, and every man's day's work, out of harvest, is valued at an halfpenny, and in harvest at a penny.

Tallage, An occasional tax levied by the Anglo-Norman kings on crown lands and royal towns.

Childwite, was a fine paid by a man to a lord for unlawfully impregnating his bond-woman (female slave). The term was also selectively used of free women.

Heriot, was the right of a lord to seize a serf's best horse, clothing, or both, upon his death. It arose from the tradition of the lord lending a serf a horse or armour or weapons to fight so that when the serf died the lord would rightfully reclaim his property. A death tax.

Relief, a payment to an overlord by the heir of a feudal tenant to licence him to take possession of his inheritance.

Quitrent, Under feudal law, the payment of quit rent freed the tenant of a holding from the obligation to perform such other services as were obligatory under feudal tenure, or freed the occupier of the land from the burden of having others use their own distinct rights that affected the land (e.g. hunting rights which would have hindered farming). Thus it was a payment for distinct rights that were connected with the full enjoyment of the land but not parcelled up in the ownership of the land.

Hundred, an administrative division that was geographically part of a larger region. A division of a shire for military and judicial purposes.

The name **Earl Warren** appears several times in this account and it refers to **William de Warenne, 1st Earl of Surrey, Lord of Lewes, Seigneur de Varennes** (died 1088), and his descendants. This first Earl Warren, William, was a Norman nobleman created Earl of Surrey under William II (1056-1100). He is among the few who are known from documents to have fought for William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. For his services he was awarded (his fee) lands in 13 counties including most of Norfolk. Two of his descendants are named John.

To be continued next month

LATEST CONSUMER ALERTS AND TRADING STANDARDS NEWS

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

Scam Alerts:

- Text messages about your accounts or payments

- Watch out for COVID-19 scams and fraud

- Coronavirus Vaccine Scams

- Watch out for COVID-19 fake products

- Fake COVID-19 Vaccine emails

- Automated telephone cold calls claiming to be from 'Inland Revenue'

- Fake courier emails

- Telephone cold calls claiming to be from 'Amazon'

Where residents have interacted with the call, they have then been connected to a person who attempts to gather personal, account or financial details.

These calls are a scam and are not connected with Amazon in any way. If you receive this or a similar call our advice is **do not** interact with the call and hang up.

Cold Calling Alert – Telephone cold calls regarding 'loft insulation'

The cold caller claims that 'your insulation could be causing mould'. The caller then attempts to gather a

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>> NHS - Accept invitation
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range of personal information from the resident before trying to make an appointment for a home visit. **NEVER** engage with any caller who asks for personal details.

– Fake COVID-19 Vaccine emails, even more!

It's fake if it asks for financial details or payment.

– Fake HMRC text messages

If you receive something like this, take five to think before clicking on any links or responding. Criminals often include the branding and logos of trusted organisations in emails to trick you into thinking they're genuine.

– Emails claiming to be from 'BT'

– Scam callers claiming to be Police Officers

– Online scammers selling pets

- Text Messages claiming to be from Royal Mail

- Fake 'NHS COVID-19 relief grant' text messages

- Automated telephone cold calls making claims about 'your National Insurance Number'

HMRC: Records show that you have a pending tax rebate 10/01/21. To calculate your claim, click here: rebate-claim.gov.com

More advice and updates

For more advice and updates you can:

Visit our Consumer Alerts web page and catch up on previous alerts at: <https://www.ConsumerAlerts.co.uk> - Norfolk County Council

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Citizens Advice consumer service website (*Live link in online issue*)

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Citizens Advice Scams Action website (*Live link online*)

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

0300 123 2040 Action Fraud website (*Live link online*)



Imagine two boys lazing away a weekend fishing in a pond. What do they talk about?

Frederick James has some ideas.

I HEARD TELL.

“ere, I 'eard tell Willie Wrigglesworth's gonna be a jockey when 'e leaves school! Wot you gonna be? I don't reckon I'd wanna get up there, though. It's a long way down off an 'orse, innit? I think I'll sweep roads, or summat safe like that! I'd 'ave all me own brushes an' a trolley an' all that other stuff wot roadsweepers 'ave!”

“Who's bin tellin you that about Fatty Wrigglesworth? 'E ain't the right shape for bein' a jockey! E's too fat already, an' besides, 'is legs is too short. Never reach them stirrup things, they wouldn't. Who told ya that about 'im, any road? Can't be true, is my opinion. Ya gotta be a toff to ride one of them, is wot I thinks. Ya sees 'em, don't ya. In their fancy 'ats and jackets an' shiny boots up to their knees, an' tight trousers wot shows up their wobbly back-sides! Can't see Fatty Wigglesworth dressin' up like that. E'd look a right pillock, an' no mistake!”

“It were Sparrer wot spread the word. 'E seems to 'ave an ear to owt wot's goin' on. Don't miss much, don't Sparrer!

“Might a known it were Sparrer! 'E just says wot 'E reckons folks wants to hear, 'E does! Wouldn't want 'im to know my secrets, an' that's a fact! They'd be all round the option in no time flat, they would! That Sparrer's nowt but a spinner, mark my words!”

“What's a spinner? Does they spin wool for jumpers, like? So's grannies can knit jumpers an' stuff?”

“No, ya great numpty! A spinner is 'im wot tells fibs an' stuff wot ain't true. That's wot a spinner is! You've heard folk sayin' 'E's spinnin' a yarn, ain't ya?”



“Wot's a yarn? Sounds like summat my Gran would use to darn my socks!”

“Gawd 'elp me! 'ow did we get from Willie bein' a jockey, to your Grannie darning socks? I despairs sometimes, I really does!”

“Sorry! Well I thinks Sparrer could be right, cos I's seen Willie practicing on their Clara's rockin' 'orse in t'garden at their place. Pretty good, 'E is, too! Don't fall off much neither, an' if 'E does, 'E don't cry, neither! Not so's you'd hear, any road. And 'E's got all the gear, like. E's got tight trousers tucked in 'is wellies, a tin 'at an' a stick 'E belts t'rockin' 'orse with ta make it go!”

“Never 'eard so much rubbish in my life, not never! Willie Wigglesworth a jockey! T'way E' carries on in t'tuck shop, by the time E' starts jockeying, E'll be so fat, t'poor bloody 'orse won't be able to stand up!”

“Well, all I says is it could be true, an' it's each to 'is own in t'end, after all. Anyway, wot's this I 'ear about you gonna be an astronaut, an' goin' ta Mars next year?”

Frederick James

More conversations from the pond edge next month.

FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB

For a start, and I know its a bit late, but here's wishing all the readers a very Happy New Year with the hope of much better things to come, and maybe we can look forward to being able to start bowling in May.

There is little to report at the moment, Bowls Norfolk have contacted to ask if we are entering a team for 2021, it appears that only about 10 have shown any interest. It would appear several are still unsure about mixing, probably wise to show caution.

We will not be entering a team as based on last year some members were reluctant to play. If we can make a restart in May, we will have roll ups a couple evenings a week and hope to arrange some local friendlies.

MUTTERINGS FROM THE FARMYARD

As we live in a predominantly agricultural area I'm delighted to present a new semi-regular column by Farmer Bob

2020 was the wettest year that we have ever recorded with our various rain gauges since we arrived here in 1964. This is not all bad as our soils in this area are generally very free draining and we all need the deep aquifers to be replenished every year to maintain plentiful supplies of drinking water.

The Internal Drainage Board did a good job in that there was no serious flooding and they maintained reasonable levels in the rivers and drains to enable us to irrigate our crops when there was not enough rain as was the case in May.

Despite the fact that we farmers will always complain about the weather, we managed to plant all our crops into reasonable soil conditions last year and we can now turn our thoughts to this year's spring sown crops.

The sugar beet crop is normally established during March and April. The crop has been an important part of farming, particularly in the eastern counties, since the 1920's. Many people are beginning to fall out of love with the crop. This is partly because the price paid has halved over the past 30 years but this has been compensated by huge increases in yields as a result of great improvements through plant breeding and plant protection technology. Last year, however, was a disaster for many farms. Sugar contents and total yields were very low for many and the main culprit appears to have been virus yellows disease.



Virus yellows disease is transmitted by aphids which infect the young plants. For many years these were controlled by a variety of quite nasty insecticides which had to be sprayed on the crop. For the past twenty odd years the crops have been protected by

insecticides incorporated into the pellets that coat the seeds that we sow. This means that the actual amount of insecticide used has reduced dramatically and it was placed exactly where the young plants needed it. Sugar beet is a biennial and as it is grown for just one year to produce its roots it doesn't flower and therefore any insecticidal activity in the plant cannot affect pollinating insects.

Despite this neonicotinoid seed dressings have been suspended for the past two years but the situation is so dire that the British

Government is having to reconsider this ban. The products are already available in France and Belgium and our Government is currently carrying out a risk assessment that may allow their use again here. If so, they would be subject to very tight controls and no flowering plants could be grown for twenty-two months following sugar beet.



I am certain that this is a reasonable way for us to proceed and I understand that within three years we should have beet plants resistant to aphid attack provided by the new techniques of accelerated plant breeding. In that case we would be able to revert to using little or no sprayed insecticides but still be safe from this disease.

FACTS ABOUT SUGAR GROWN IN BRITAIN

- Britain's first sugar beet crop was grown and processed in Norfolk over 100 years ago.
- Today the homegrown sugar industry involves 3,000 sugar beet growers and supports up to 9,500 UK jobs in the wider economy.
- In 2017/18 the UK produced over 300,000 tonnes of sugar which makes up around 50% of the UK's demand for sugar.

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Your Good Health

by Dr Ian Nisbet

When I bought a new iMac computer 10 years ago. I assumed that it would outlive me. For nearly 10 years, all went well. However, in November, as I was coming near completion of a 100 page photobook, the composition of the book went haywire. I had long conversations with the book producers (Colorland – in Poland – absolutely fantastic-buy Groupons to fund the books at 85% discount) who, after investing the matter, declared that my computer had suffered some sort of nervous breakdown because my book contained several hundred pictures and a lot of dense text. They asked the age of the computer and fell about in amazement that we had achieved the construction of the photobook thus far. I was shocked and felt bereaved so I consulted the world wide

cobweb which informed me that computers should last at least 3 years but some do manage to survive for 5 to 8 years. Apparently, you should replace any desktop like mine after a maximum of 4 years. As these things cost £1,500 - £2,000, this came as an unpleasant revelation. As you can imagine, all this made me sad, to say the least. Management took pity on me and treated me to a new one for Christmas. Initially, I set it up as a “stand alone” to finish my book. The new machine flew through all the procedures and I came to realise how slow the old one had become. My Ipad is still going strong aged 6 years – it should have died 3 years ago!

Moving on: Christmas came and went and son Scott wanted to buy the old iMac for “the going rate” as it would still run

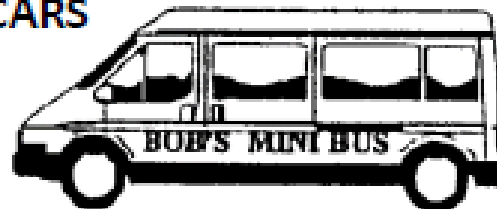
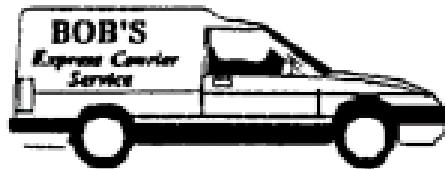
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all the planning programmes for his Chartered Surveyor business. All I had to do was move all the information from the old computer to the new one, wipe the old computer and reinstall to factory settings. I looked at the ww cobweb and was reassured that the process was dead simple – hook them together with an ethernet cable, press the buttons and have a cup of coffee. Three weeks later, I am still trying to sort it out! (I think I inadvertently wiped the reinstall programme). I have discovered that all the helpful information about “how to do it” on the internet is written by people who understand computers and make no allowance for drongoes like me who don’t. I really miss my Bury St Edmund friend, Simon (known as Colin) Barford. In time of trouble, he could access my computer remotely, screens would fly about as his fingers flashed over the keys, and all would be well!

The good news is that the new IMac is working well. I have a new list of passwords as I was not good at keeping passwords

for the programmes I set up 10 years ago, or any time since then now I think of it. Sons Grant and Calum both have a computer wizard and I think I shall involve one of them. Yes, I know, I should have done that in the first place. I have installed Word and this article is the first time I have used it. Hopefully all will be well.

A mother and a baby camel were talking one day when the baby camel asked, "Mum, why do we have these huge three-toed feet?" The mother replied, "Well son when we trek across the desert, our toes will help us stay on top of the soft sand." Two minutes later the young camel asked, "Mum, why do we have these long eyelashes?" They are there to keep the sand out of our eyes on the trips through the desert," the mother said. "Mom, why have we got these great big humps on our back?" "They are there to help us store water for our long treks across the desert, so we can go without drinking for long periods of time." "So we have huge feet to stop us from sinking, long eyelashes to keep the sand out of our eyes, and

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these humps to store water."
"Yes dear," said the mother. "So why are we in the London Zoo?"

There was a young fellow who was quite inventive and was always trying out new things. One day he thought he'd see just how fast a bicycle could go before it became uncontrollable. He asked his friend, who owned an old Porsche, if he could tie his bike to the bumper of his car to test his theory. His friend said, "Sure." So the young man tied his bike to the back of the car and said to his friend: "I'll ring my bike bell once if I want you to go faster, twice if I want you to maintain speed, and repeatedly if I want you to slow down." With that, off they went. Things were going pretty well, with the car driver slowly speeding up to well over 60 mph. The young fellow on the bike was handling the speed just fine. But, all of sudden, an orange Ferrari came up beside them and the driver of the Porsche forgot all about his friend on the bike and took to racing the Ferrari. A policeman's radar gun

registered 105 mph. He called ahead to his colleagues down the road and told them to be ready because a Porsche and a Ferrari were racing down the road at 105mph with a man on a bike ringing his bell, waving his arms trying to pass them!"

Four men were discussing coincidences at a bar. The first man said: "My wife was reading a Tale of Two Cities and she gave birth to twins." "That's funny", the second man remarked. "My wife was reading The Three Musketeers and she gave birth to triplets" "My goodness," the third man chimed in. "The same happened to me. My wife had quintuplets after reading The Five People You Meet in Heaven." The fourth man shouted, now looking quite ill, "Excuse me, I have to rush home!" When asked what the problem was, he exclaimed, "When I left the house, my wife was reading Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves!!"

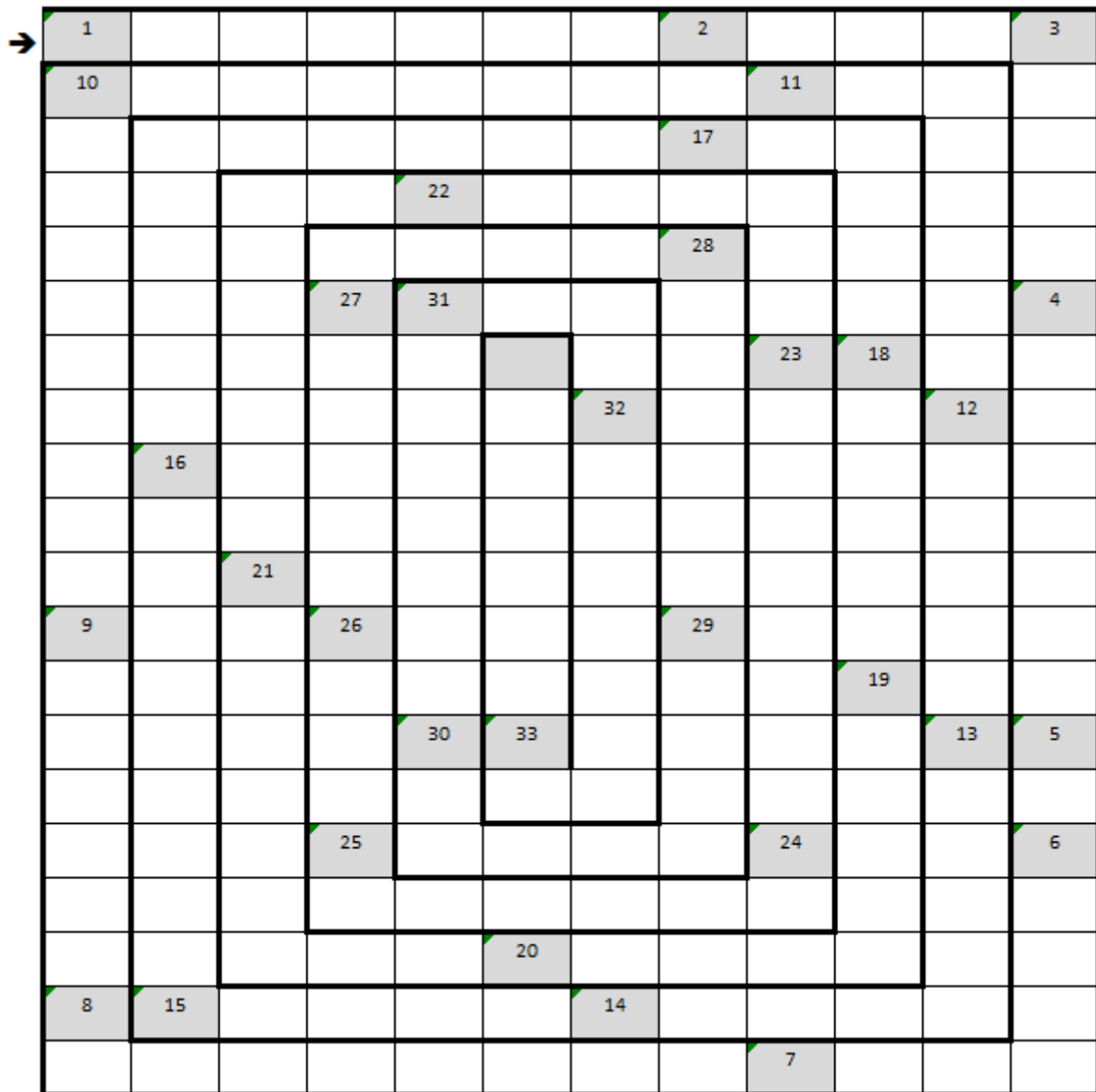
Best wishes to you all .

Ian Nisbet

WORD TRAIL NO. 2

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 Exertion of energy (8)
- 2 A light sailing vessel (5)
- 3 A Knight's short emblazoned garment worn over armour (6)

- 4 Acting strongly or severely (9)
- 5 A positive response (3)
- 6 To make germ free (8)
- 7 Localised facial inflammation caused by streptococcus, also known as St. Anthony's Fire (10)
- 8 Liquid scum formed in glass-making (8)
- 9 Provençal stew of vegetables (11)
- 10 Indispensable (9)
- 11 Hard working, toilsome (9)
- 12 Coal box (7)
- 13 Protrusion of the eyeball (10)
- 14 Slim, slender' graceful (6)
- 15 Destroy utterly (11)
- 16 Style of painting or drama (13)
- 17 Comm Yarrow with small white flowers (7)
- 18 Gum resin from plant used in perfumery (7)
- 19 Evil-doer, criminal (10)
- 20 A member of an originally Jamaican religion (11)
- 21 Weakly sentimental, lacking vigour (10)
- 22 Young lamb or kid (8)
- 23 Involving bodily or mental exercise, discipline (10)
- 24 Strongly built, sturdy, courageous (8)
- 25 Film: The last ***** in Paris (5)
- 26 Opposite to inward (7)
- 27 English naturalist (1809-1882) theory of biological evolution (6)
- 28 Native or inhabitant of Nazareth (8)
- 29 Breathing out (10)
- 30 Study of the clouds (9)
- 31 American white flowered plant with swordlike leaves (5)
- 32 The study of human antiquities (11)
- 33 Skull cap worn by Jewish men (8)

This month's Word Trail solution can be found on page 58.

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A poem for --- "Mothering Sunday" --- March 14th.

Dear Mother

There's something I'm longing to say to you
As your special Sunday comes into view,
All year round you are steadily there,
Always busy and so full of care,
And whatever I have or whatever I do,
So many roads lead back to you --
Provider and minder in all sorts of ways,
While you lead a life of selfless days.
I am truly lucky, I really am,
And I always try to do what I can,
But there are many times when I hopelessly fail,
Giving you every reason to weep and wail,
Yet you're patient and kind and keep soldiering on,
Showing me gently just where I went wrong,
And I love you more than words can say --
A love that grows deeper with each passing
day.
So to have a day that's especially for you
Is the very least that we all can do.
From a tiny one to where I am now,
It is you who has taught me when and how
To discern my surrounds and make my choices,
As I'm all too aware of other voices --
Some that are wise and some less so,
As I reflect on which way to go.
I'm certain when young I led you a dance
And would fight and defy you at every chance
Of testing your rules and driving you wild,
Yet you understood -- I was only a child.
And should it appear that I take you for granted,
I'm doing my best to bloom where I'm planted.



Your love of family and values true
Make it oh so easy -- my devotion to you.
And so as your special Sunday comes round,
I want you to have all that's best to be found --
A lazy start with flowers on a tray,
Not a single chore to come your way.
I know what you like and so it will be
That you leave all the day's busy 'doing' to me,
For Mothering Sunday is 'feet up' for you,
And for me to say 'thank you' for all that you do.
Your example so fine is hard to measure,
And something that I will always treasure .
And there's just one more thing that I'd like you to know,
That however life leads me and wherever I go,
There's a special place for you deep in my heart,
And it's how it's been from the very start.

With all my love,

xx.

Judith Porter.

Judith's mother would have been 104.

On the Origin of Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is a day honouring mothers and mother churches, celebrated in the British Isles and elsewhere in the English-speaking world on the fourth Sunday in Lent since the Middle Ages.

On Mothering Sunday, Christians have historically visited their mother church—the church in which they received the sacrament of baptism. Constance Adelaide Smith revived its modern observance beginning in 1913 to honour Mother Church, 'mothers of earthly homes', Mary, mother of Jesus, and Mother Nature. It gained popularity in response to the American Mother's Day and its narrowly biological definition of motherhood.

The next Mothering Sunday will be 27 March 2022.

ARE YOU FED-UP WITH DOING THE SAME OLD WALKS?

Some readers may know about this website already but I've recently discovered the **Walking in Norfolk** website by John Harris at www.walkinginengland.co.uk/norfolk

There are hundreds of walks that can be downloaded and printed for free, as well as books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

There is so much walking information on the internet that it is often difficult to find just what you want. Walking in Norfolk which is, apparently, part of a suite of Walking in England websites— (www.walkinginengland.co.uk) one for each English county. It's a one-stop shop for walking from home, or away on holiday. Wherever you are in England it looks like you will be able to find a suitable walk.

Walks range from half a mile to over twelve miles long, with a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So whether you are at home or away, check out the website, put your walking boots on and get walking in the fresh air!

Sudoku Puzzle

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

Answer on page 69

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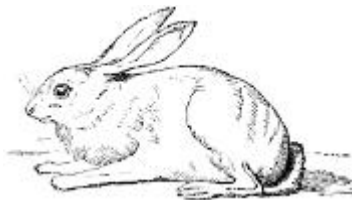
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‘Stay Local’

Again I want to remind people that the message is very clear: stay local when considering where to take a dog for a walk, just go for a walk yourself or for your daily exercise. This should be done as close to home as possible. Ask yourself if you have to drive to the location to carry out your planned activity, is that local? As a force we continue to patrol particular ‘hotspots’ or ‘beauty spots’ which has resulted in a number of fixed penalty notices being issued as you may have seen in the press recently.



Hare Coursing

While we remain in the season, I will continue to update you with what is currently happening.

Despite the continued lockdown we have encountered quite a busy period. For those unaware, hare coursing typically happens on soft ground,. Perpetrators don’t like the frozen hard ground as this can cause harm to the dogs’ legs. That said, the recent cold snap has not deterred them and they just waited till late in the day when the land had defrosted. All of the recent activity has been in the west on the Cambs border with the team in the west being kept very busy. Results have included one man being issued with a Sec 35 Dispersal Order that required him to leave the area immediately or face being arrested.

After that on Sunday 24th January, three men were arrested and two dogs seized on suspicion of hare coursing in the Wisbech area. They are due to appear in magistrates' court.

We have not had so much of an issue in recent weeks in South Norfolk or Breckland but that has not stopped the team patrolling the usual hotspots.



Wildlife Crime

So the bat issue I touched on last month continues. This acts as a timely reminder that all bat roosts are protected whether bats are present or not. If you have any concerns around doing work on your property or trees where you suspect or know that bats are present, please get it checked out rather than fall foul of the law. There are plenty of resources online and if you have trouble finding these, please contact me and I can point you in the right direction. Bat populations are delicately balanced, in particular the Barbastelle bat, and their conservation must be taken seriously.

In other matters, should you see any evidence of deer poaching, please contact myself and your local authority. We are looking at the larger intel picture on this matter so any information would be greatly appreciated.



Engagement Event

I finally have some news on this! We have planned a new six monthly OP Randall/rural crime briefing session. Obviously, given the current Coronavirus situation, this will take place online via Microsoft Teams (software similar to Zoom and free to use) for the time being.

The first one is on Monday 8 March 2021 at 6pm. Save the date!

We will be joined by our Chief Constable, the PCC and a prosecutor from the CPS. We are asking for questions to be submitted beforehand.

the meeting so we can ensure we have stats ready. More details will follow very shortly but please start thinking about anything you would like to discuss

Dog worrying/out of control

This is an issue that has come to light significantly over the past month or so. This could partly be down to the fact that people are out walking more with their dogs.

We have seen a number of minor dog incidents around the city whereby dogs and their demeanour are scaring people. So far we have had no significant injuries from any of these incidents.

Then at the beginning of January, we received a report of a dog chasing sheep around a field for over an hour. These sheep were in fact heavily pregnant ewes and some of the ewes were injured. This could also cause some loss of lambs because of the stress caused within the flock. On top of all that, sections of fencing were damaged as the ewes panicked. This incident remains under investigation and I will provide an update as and when I can.

Then more recently, we had another upsetting incident in which a dog was reported to be off its lead and chasing a wild deer.

These are distressing events for anyone to witness, let alone the impacts this has on the owners of the livestock and their livelihoods. This is all in addition to the awful suffering caused to the animals involved.

These sort of incidents come under two main offences;

Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 that makes it an offence for a dog to worry any livestock on agricultural land.

Worrying livestock means attacking livestock, chasing or being at large in a field or enclosure.

The other offence is Section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 that makes it an offence for a dog to be dangerously out of control whether in public or private.

We will always look at opportunities around these offences and

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whether the evidence is there to secure a successful prosecution. Sometimes other options are used and wherever a dog is identified as being involved in such an incident, we record those details so if the dog is involved in an incident for a second time we can take more appropriate action.

It's also important to remember, especially around wildlife, that it is an offence to hunt wild mammals with dogs under the Hunting Act 2004. So, anyone with a dog who fails to take appropriate preventive action when they know their dog is likely to hunt a wild mammal could also be guilty of this offence.

Many of our domesticated dogs still retain that natural instinct to some degree to hunt and it is important as a responsible owner that you keep your dog under control.

Failure to acknowledge your dog may cause an issue that could lead you to having a criminal conviction.

Wherever possible keep your dog on a lead and this is a must when around livestock!

Final Thoughts

Thanks for your time! If there is anything you want to be covered in the newsletter, please do get in touch.

I will send out further details of the engagement event, mentioned earlier in the newsletter, in the next week or so.

If you have any issues or concerns please contact me. In the meantime, please keep safe and enjoy your local area, make the most of these unusual times!

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To...



Sarah Wright and John Waites
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both.*

Lots of love from both families. Xxx



*The above is reprinted in its corrected form and
with apologies to all and to John in particular.*

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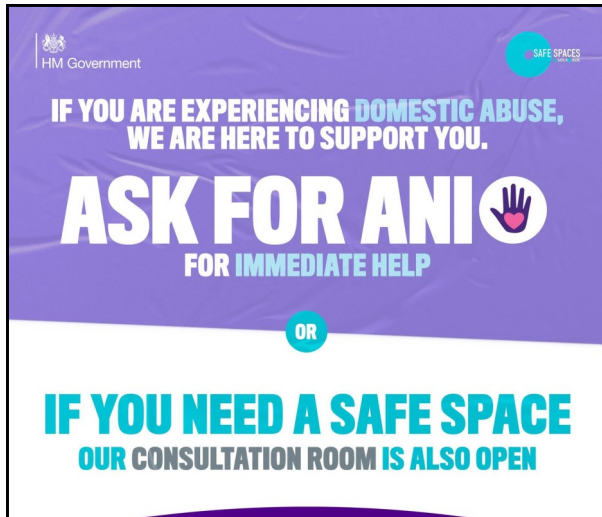
This group has never really stopped since its inception in March 2020. Members have changed and some of the needs have changed in the village. We still have a food help scheme based at St Mary's Church.

I have a group of six volunteers who have offered to shop for people in the village or collect prescriptions.

One of the most common difficulties in this modern world is communication. Many people have internet and social media, but by quirk of fate, the people who most need help do not have computers, mobile phones, internet or social media. Hopefully they will read this magazine but if you have a neighbour who is lonely, shielding, isolating, has no transport, or is unable to shop for some other reason, please ask if they need help. If you and you cannot help them please ask them to contact me and I will activate the shopping/help team.

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Mike Wilkinson



A scheme to help victims of domestic abuse access help is rolled out across Norfolk.

Victims of domestic abuse are being urged to use the code 'Ask Ani' at a number of pharmacies across Norfolk by the police, the Police and Crime Commissioner's office, councils and health organisations to enable them to get access to help.

The **Ask for ANI** (Action Needed Immediately) scheme was launched by the Home Office earlier this month to allow those suffering from abuse to discreetly signal they need help and support at a time where many victims are isolated at home with little opportunity to go out and access services.

The scheme has so far been adopted by all 2,300 Boots stores across the UK and includes stores across Norfolk (see full current list attached) and is growing in momentum with independent pharmacies signing up.

The Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Group in Norfolk (DASVG), which involves Norfolk Constabulary, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk (OPCCN), councils and health organisations, is encouraging anyone who may be struggling to access support during lockdown to **Ask for Ani** – pronounced Annie - at participating pharmacies.

Gavin Thompson, Chair of the DASVG, said: "Home should be a place where people feel the safest particularly in the current climate. However, we know the lockdown restrictions caused by the pandemic can be very difficult for those affected by domestic abuse. It is vital we do all we can to ensure those who need immediate help and support are able to access it in a way which doesn't put them at further risk. We welcome the introduction of this scheme and hope as many pharmacies as possible across Norfolk will take part – we must do all we can to protect those for whom home is not a safe space."

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Andy Coller, head of safeguarding for Norfolk Constabulary and Vice-Chair of the DASVG, said that the police are prepared for the **Ask Ani** calls coming in through the pharmacy network. He added:

"Throughout the pandemic we have worked with partners to reach out to victims of domestic abuse and have promoted various ways to get in touch with support services. **Ask Ani** provides another opportunity for victims of this terrible crime to seek help."

Participating pharmacies in the scheme, which went live on January 14, will be displaying **Ask Ani** posters in their windows. When someone uses the code words, a trained pharmacy worker will offer a private space where they can speak freely and contact the police or get access to support services or a domestic abuse helpline.

The **Ask for ANI** scheme is part of the national #YouAreNotAlone campaign, launched by the government, and supports local partnership campaigns, such as the See Something, Hear Something, Say Something initiative launched by partners in Norfolk, to help those affected by abuse to get help during lockdown. As part of the campaign the DASVG funded the roll out of 300,000 stickers for pharmacy prescription bags to signpost victims of abuse to help and support.

To find out more: You can visit the Home Office website: www.GOV.UK/domestic-abuse. For information on how to adopt the **Ask for ANI** scheme, go to: www.gov.uk/homeoffice/pharmacy-codeword-scheme. **Ask for ANI** is available at Boots pharmacies across the county. Please visit the Boots website to find your nearest store.

How to get help: If you need to speak to someone about domestic abuse then please call 999 in an emergency or to make a report to police, call 101.

Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care offer a 24hr support line for immediate emotional and practical support for all victims of crime. Call 0300 303 3706.

For more information on help numbers for organisations and charities that can offer tailored DA support visit the Norfolk Police , Norfolk County Council or OPCCN websites for more help.

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The Wesleyans

A public tea in connection with the Wesleyan Church took place at the Coronation Hall on Wednesday week. Following the repast, a service of song was rendered, entitled "The Royal Law". The narrative was given by Mr A. Whitta, and the soloists were Mrs V. Walker, Miss B. Addison and Mr V. Walker. The organist was Mrs W. Addison.

Parish Council

At a Council meeting on Friday, Mr. Joseph Porter was unanimously elected chairman and Mr A.W.A. Spencer vice-chairman.

The overseers were appointed as follows: Messrs A.W.A. Spencer, F.E. Rudland, E.H. Cock and W.J. White.

Mrs W. Addison was appointed a manager of the Elementary School and the two managers appointed for the Feltwell Anchor School were Mr A.W.A. Spencer and Mr W. J. White.

Patricia Dawkins

My family and I would like to offer our most sincere thanks for the condolences and cards that we have received in memory of my wife, Patricia Dawkins.

Thank you so much for your loving support.

Sincerely Yours

Stan Dawkins, Vincent Close



LOCKDOWN MISERY LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.

	Jonathan	Bridget	Christina	Abraham	Black Coffee with 2 Sugars	Hip Flask	Orange Juice	A Cup of Despair	30 Minutes	1 Hour	1 ½ Hours	2 Hours
Online Grocery Shopping												
Zoom Call to the In-Laws												
Watch Daytime TV												
Homeschooling 3 Children												
30 minutes												
1 hour												
1 ½ Hours												
2 Hours												
Black Coffee with 2 Sugars												
Hip Flask												
Orange Juice												
A Cup of Despair												

Match the persons to their activity, the time spent and their drink.

1. The Coffee Drinker, the Zoom Caller, Bridget & the Orange Juice Drinker are all different people.
2. Jonathan spent less time drinking his Orange Juice while Shopping than Abraham spent Homeschooling.
3. Bridget spent 30 minutes drinking from her hip flask during her activity. Christina spent half an hour longer.
4. The person Shopping took longer than the Despair drinker but less time than Abraham.

The solution is on page 77.

THIS MONTH FOR US IS SPECIAL

This month for us is special
As it has been for many a year
A time for celebrations
But not now I fear

The pandemic is stopping us
To have our family close
And celebrate together
We have never failed we boast

The reason I will tell you
It's for a time so long ago
When my wife and I were married
And for a meal we always go

It's sixty seven years
From the time we made our vow
But due to the pandemic
The meet will not allow

We are both now in our nineties
So our time is getting short
And it feels wrong to us
That our meet we must abort

But of course we know the reason
We can't get others ill
So we'll wait till much later
Then our family's stomachs fill

Harry Gill



FELTWELL METHODIST CHURCH

So, what's in the entrance this month?

You may have seen the basic Christian symbols of a cross and a Bible during January & February. Now we are entering the period of Lent, the forty days and forty nights when Jesus was in the desert being tempted by the devil. You will find more detail of this ordeal in **Isaiah 58:6-7** and in **Matthew chapters 4 and 6**

Many Christians follow the tradition of 'giving up something'. Chocolate is often considered used as their symbol of sacrifice, although alternative luxuries have joined the list of sacrifices. Unleavened bread, (like flatbread, pitta) was the order of the day 2000 years ago. We have tried to depict that sacrifice during Lent. We open the doors on Thursdays and Sunday mornings, so do pop in and have a look and hang around for a minute or two and wing a prayer to The Almighty. Not your thing, then we can do it with you.

Sunday morning worship – Although we are permitted to open for public worship, we have decided that this does not demonstrate the spirit of the current Lockdown rules, so, along with most other churches in the UK, we have decided to suspend public worship, but remain open for individual prayer and solace. We are happy to share a prayer with you. We welcome anyone and everyone to share our moments of peace in this hectic world. Families can sit together and other visitors have safely distanced seating. We all wear masks.

FELTWELLBEINGS – may soon be open again. In the meantime, two of us will be in the Methodist Church Community Hall for anyone who needs a listening ear. The church will also be open for your private prayer or moments of solace. Please remember your mask

and sanitise your hands when you come in, and follow the arrows.

ELEVENZES – will hopefully start again soon, but probably not until after Easter, and will be on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10am**, when our usual home-made cakes & pies will be available and served with all the necessary protective clothing and behind a protective screen on the table.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Now the weather is getting milder and we can get a fork in the ground, spring veg will be planted. There still may be frosts so we have to be careful about those tender plants. Also, there are still restrictions on what we are allowed to do during the pandemic. We have raised beds to construct, meadow to tend, seeds to sow, e.g. peas, runner beans, radishes, lettuce, tomatoes and more. I have Butternut Squash plants to put in and broad beans, so plenty to do if we want a good harvest later. This harvest will help local people who want fresh, organic fruit and veg on their meal tables.

THE CRUNCH!!!

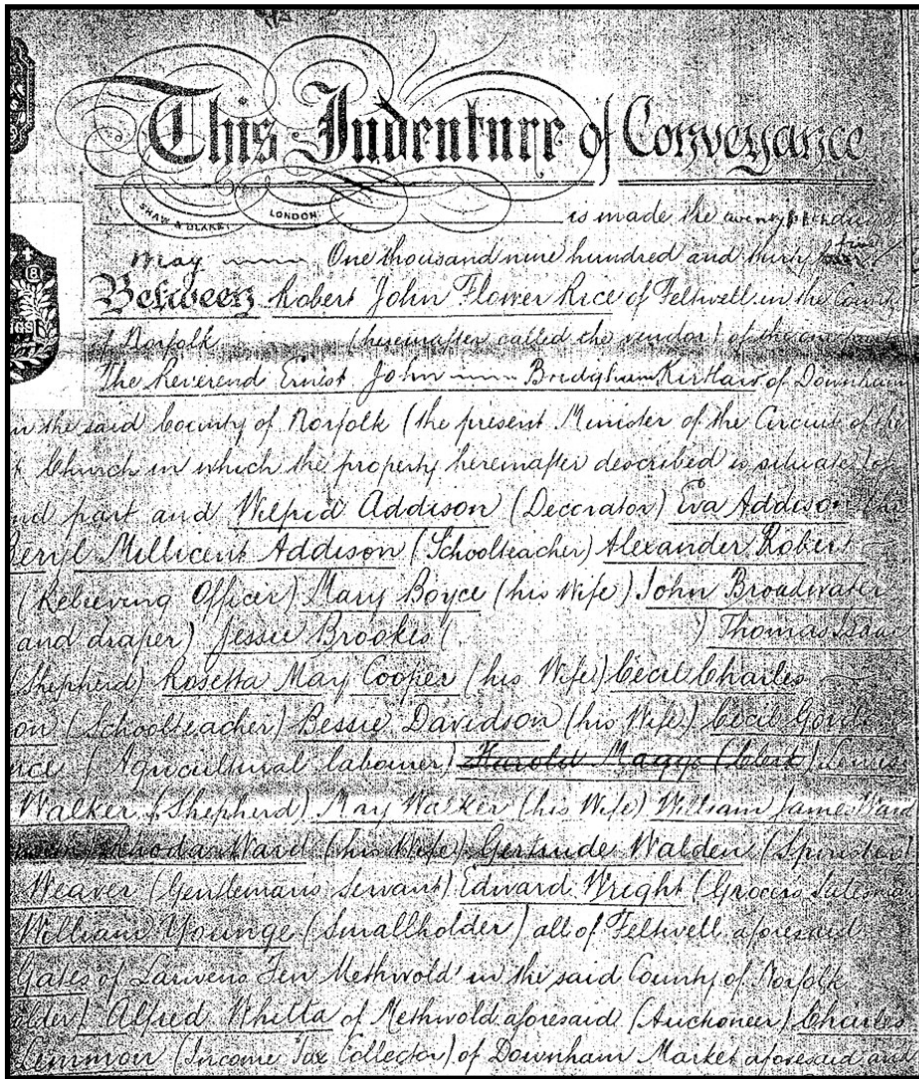
We could really do with some help with all this.

We invite you to break your loneliness and join us for a chat, sharing knowledge, and a bit of light exercise and a cuppa. A bit of weeding, pruning, dead-heading or hoeing, whatever you feel comfortable doing. Once you've registered You are welcome for as long as you want when you want.

**We will be there on Wednesday mornings,
(weather permitting).**

Land Transfer

As many of you know from personal experience, deeds have been replaced by Register of Title. However, I like a bit of rummaging and recently found a copy of the Methodist Church deeds, or as they are titled "Indenture of Conveyance" for the purchase of the land on which our chapel was built. There are more details of the history of Feltwell Methodism in the Feltwell museum, but I thought there may be villagers who might recognise some of the names on the first



page of the Indenture. Apparently, Robert John Rice was “a dealer” (whatever that means). If you knew or heard of any of them, please tell me what you know so I can build a clearer picture of the development, thanks.

As I’m not sure how well this will print I’m listing the names below –Paul.

Robert John Flower Rice –the vendor of the piece of land, Rev. Ernest J.B. Kirtlan (1893-1937), Wilfred Addison—Decorator, Eva Addison, Beryl Millicent Addison—Schoolteacher, Alexander Robert Boyce—Returning Officer, Mary Boyce—his wife, John Broadwater—Grocer and Draper, Jessie Brookes, Thomas Isaac Cooper - Shepherd, Rosetta May Cooper—his wife, Cecil Charles Davidson—Schoolteacher, Bessie Davidson—his wife, Cecil Gordon Lawrence - Agricultural Labourer, Lewis Victor Walker—Shepherd, May Walker—his wife, William James Ward—Blacksmith, Rhoda Ward—his wife, Gertrude Walden—Spinster, Ralph Weaver—Gentleman’s Servant, Edward Wright—Grocer’s Salesman, Ernest William Younger—Smallholder, all of Felthwell.

And ? Gales of Larman’s Fen, Methwold, Alfred Whitta of Methwold—Auctioneer, Charles Lemmon—Income Tax Collector of Downham Market.

Feltwellians Around The World



Robin Parker

My Gt Gt Grandfather George Parker, his wife Olivia Parker (nee Wagg) and one of their children are all buried in the small graveyard at St Nicholas Church. They moved to Feltwell from East Tuddenham where he was born in 1832 and ran the Grocers Drapers at Commerce House, Short Beck. William Wagg Parker is born in Feltwell in July 1867. Charles Harry Parker, my great-grandfather, was born in Feltwell on 5/1/1873, the fifth of seven children. He would later take over the shop. All the seven children bar one were born in Feltwell. One was born in Liverpool but she was not the last born so that must have been whilst visiting family that had moved up that way. My father states we had a few family members who moved from Norfolk up North.

George remained in Feltwell and died in 1928 and was buried in the small church where he lies with his wife Olivia. There is also another member of the family buried near to them but I cannot recall who that is at the moment. George had brothers who also owned Grocers and drapers shops in Methwold, Southwold and elsewhere in Norfolk.

Charles married Florence Louise Belton in Feltwell in August 1899. She was the Milner working in Commerce House. They had their first child Donald Charles Parker in Feltwell in March 1901. (He later went on to be involved in the De Havilland Comet Investigation in Italy and the UK). My Grandfather Kenneth Dale Parker was born in 1908 and was the son of Charles and Florence. He lived in Feltwell until his teenage years with his brother Donald, and sisters Beryl, Olivia, Eileen and Lillian (born 5/4/1914) and their mother Florence.

Kenneth was wounded during the battle for Monte Casino while in the 8th Army.

From my understanding Charles was not a good businessman and after he took over from George he would walk into the pub and buy all the drinks. He would write off debts owed on 1st January each year and would gamble. Also Florence loved to spend and buy expensive clothes. They are not here to defend themselves so I am not sure if that is true. My Grandfather's older brother Donald and his elder sister Beryl were both privately educated. My Grandfather never got the opportunity as the money had gone. The story goes that they went broke and loaded all they could onto a wagon one night and left for London.

Some of the employees who worked for them were Aubery PALMER (Bootboy later apprentice grocer) Lillian Belton (Florence's sister who was trained to be a Milner and shop worker) and Emma Coleman.

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Easter
Lilies

IN MEMORY OF
LOVED ONES

Lilies and a list of names of those to whom they are dedicated will be on display in St. Mary's Church over Easter.

If you would like to buy a lily in memory of a family member or friend, cost £3, please contact

Chris Parker on 01842 827152
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Details must be received by Sunday 28th March

In this picture taken outside Commerce House my grandfather (Kenneth) has his hand on my great grandfather's shoulder (Charles). The bootboy stood behind him. My Great Grandmother is seated. Her sister with her hand on the back of the chair (maid). The housekeeper is stood in the doorway with another maid holding one of my grandfather's sisters. His older siblings Beryl and Donald are away at University at this time. The property burnt down a few years after the majority of the family had left Feltwell.



Tim Leonard

I am researching my family history and am trying to obtain material relating to my Great Grandfather and Grandfather who farmed in Feltwell Fen between 1900 and about 1912.

My Great Grandfather, **Cornelius Leonard**, moved from Prickwillow to The Wannage Farm in 1900, and was a tenant there until 1912 when he moved to High House Farm at Fordham. I have been trying



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to collect information about him and his family when they lived at The Wannage. I am interested in them as tenants, how much rent they paid, were they good tenants, what the farm land was used for, was it just arable or did they also have livestock.

I am also interested to try and obtain copies of photographs of the house they lived in and what happened to it. Was it demolished to build the bungalow that is there now, or was it a victim of one of the floods?

I am also interested in the impact of flooding on the farm and their lives and were they forced out in the floods of 1912. I have often wondered this because while family photos exist for after 1912 there is nothing from before then.

This email was forwarded to me by the Agent of the De Moundeford trust in the hope that somebody reading this might be able to point Tim in the right direction. If so, please let me know and I'll send your contact details to Tim. Paul. (garlandp@btinternet.com)

Ann Coleman

My great grandparents Harry Royal Senior and Ada Royal are buried in St Nicholas churchyard. If anyone has a photograph of either of them or with them in it I would love a copy, please.

Please get in touch if you can help Ann—Paul

OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

As Editors we would like to encourage you to put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard and submit some additional content to our village magazine. We have no preference over the content, as long as it is within the law and all submissions will be considered for suitability. Perhaps you'd like to write about your experiences of Feltwell, a biography of a deceased relative, a poem, your hobby or interest, an opinion piece or even a moan or word of praise or a thank you. Please send your submission to Paul or Susan at the contact details on the inside front cover. Thank you in advance.

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FELTWELL'S WW1 WAR HEROES No.29

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:

C.W. PEARSON, 8TH NORFOLK REGT.

On the Church Roll of Honour he is recorded as C.W. Pearson.

The Roll of Honour website has this to say:-

The memorial indicates that this soldier served in the 8th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment. SDGW records that only four Pearsons died with Norfolks and that there was one other with previous service with Norfolks – none of whom is an obvious candidate. Two officers with the correct initials are noted, but neither entry mentions the Norfolk Regiment. Further research is required.

I too could find no clear match on the military side – there were two Charles W. Pearsons who had seen service during the Great War with the Norfolk Regiment and there was no obvious candidate on CWGC or SDGW.

I therefore started looking for a C W Pearson with a Feltwell connection in the Birth, Baptismal, Census and other Civil records.

1892 - Birth & baptism

The birth of a Charles William Pearson was registered with the Civil Authorities in the Thetford District in the April to June quarter, (Q2), of 1892. His mothers' maiden name was Roper.

The baptism of a Charles William Pearson, born 8th October 1892, took place in the parish of St Mary and St Nicholas, Feltwell, on the 6th November 1892. His parents were Arthur, a Brick Layer, and Sophia. The family live in the parish.

www.freereg.org.uk/search_records/5818f8fee93790eca32d277...

Abbreviations used.

CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves Commission

SDGW – Soldiers Died in the Great War

IRC – International Red Cross

MIC – Medal Index Card

The most likely marriage of his parents was recorded in the Stow District of Suffolk in the October to December quarter, (Q4), of 1891, when an Arthur Robert B Pearson married a Sophia Roper.

1901 Census of England and Wales

The 8 year old 'Willie' Pearson, born Feltwell, was recorded living at a 'Private House' on Back Lane, Feltwell. This was the household of his parents, Arthur, (aged 37, a Bricklayer, born Thorndon, Suffolk) and Sophie, (aged 38, born Finborough, Suffolk). As well as Willie their other children living with them are:-

Nellie.....aged 5.....born Feltwell

Aggie.....aged 1.....born Feltwell

1911 Census of England and Wales

On the 1911 Census, Charles William Pearson , (aged 18 and born Feltwell), was one of three servant at 'Hazel Mill' Slad, Stroud, Gloucestershire. This was the household of the widow Fanny Edith Margaret Lang.

His parents were still living on Back Lane, Feltwell. Arthur, (47, Bricklayer) and Sophia, (48), have been married 19 years and have had 3 children, all then still alive. Still single and living with them are Nellie, (15) and Agnes, (11).

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

Army Service

Possible Medal Index Cards.

The Medal Index Card for Private 30367 Charles W Pearson, Norfolk Regiment, is held at the National Archive under the reference WO 372/15/175467.

The Card shows he qualified for the Victory Medal and British War Medal but has no further information, like Battalion, which might

indicate I was on the right track.

The Medal Index Card for Private 19501 Charles W Pearson, Norfolk Regiment, is held at the National Archive under reference WO 372/15/175466.

At some point he was also 42115 Leicester Regiment.

The cards are seldom clear about the order in which each unit was served in, but the card seems to indicate that his medals were issued by the Norfolk Regiment, which would seem to indicate that was the unit he was serving with at the end of the War.

The Card is noted that he landed in France on the 29th December 1915 and so qualified for the 1915 Star, (The MiC also noted this was returned).

He also qualified for the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. There is an additional note that he was moved to Class Z 12.4.1919. For virtually all soldiers Class Z was demobilisation – it was a “we’ll call you back if the Armistice breaks down” set up.

That began to place the idea in my head that perhaps the man remembered here died after discharge in a way that maybe the villagers of Feltwell thought worthy of remembering him as a war death while the Army and the IWGC didn’t. Or possibly he died after the official date in July 1921 for being treated as a Great War casualty.

I then started looking for Army Pensions records for a Charles William \ Charles \ William Pearson.

I came across one interesting potential candidate – a Lance Corporal 3/10848 William Pearson who was awarded a Silver War Badge. He enlisted on the 5th November 1914 was discharged on the 18th March 1916 as no longer physically fit to serve – he had a Tubercle of the Lungs, (Tuberculosis). His last unit was the 3rd Norfolk Regiment. For the long term sick it was quite common for a soldier to be moved off the establishment he was serving with and onto the roll of the Depot Battalion – which in the case of the Norfolks was the 3rd Battalion – pending a decision on whether they would be



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released from the service.

There is nothing on the card to indicate he served overseas and I could not find any Medal Rolls for him. So unless he fell ill before the 8th Battalion went overseas in 1915, it seems unlikely he served with that unit.

On the day

The death of a 27 year old Charles William Pearson was recorded in the Thetford District in the April to June quarter, (Q2), of 1920.

There is no obvious Soldiers Will or Civil Probate for that man.

So I have a candidate for the name remembered here in the pre-war records and a possible post-war death which may relate – and several candidates for the gap in between. The post-war death may have come about after he was discharged but as a result of the cause of that discharge. If for example he was the William that had tuberculosis, a disease with a very high death rate at that time, then he could be one of those the CWGC have missed.



Sadly, during the past few months three retired members of the Methwold Fire Crew have passed away. All three served for many years attending incidents in Methwold, Feltwell and surrounding villages.

Les Fuller of Methwold passed away in November.

Cyril “Andy” Arnold of Mundford passed away in December.

Tony Stone of Feltwell, (previously of Methwold) passed away in January.

WORD TRAIL NO. 2—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

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



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Whilst it may seem cold and bleak on many of the days at this time of year, it is an ideal time to make preparations for the warmer months ahead. Have you ever thought of making a small wildlife pond in your garden? You don't need much space or much investment, and its a great way to help aquatic insects, frogs and damselflies, and can even double up as a bird bath too!

If you want to have a go, the first step is to source an old china sink, sturdy washing up bowl or a large plant pot. If you are using a vessel with drainage holes in, such as a sink, then use a bit of silicone sealant (from a DIY store) to seal the plug in the sink, or the holes in a plant pot shut before you fill it with water. Make sure to use something frost-proof, so the pond doesn't crack and leak in very cold weather. Next, onto the small-scale landscaping! Use bricks, pebbles or rocks to create shallow, sloping edges- this will



encourage birds to bathe and drink from it (small birds are frightened of deep water) and will also help any small mammals like hedgehogs or voles escape if they fall in by accident, and will give them easy access to the water for drinking.

Now it's time to fill your pond- rainwater is best, from a water butt or bucket - tap water



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doesn't have the best pH or balance of minerals in it so rainwater is best if you can get hold of it. Once its full, adding some native pond plants is the next step. It's crucial to have a submerged plant such as rigid hornwort or whorled water-milfoil - try ordering online for these or visiting a specialist



aquatics shop. Plants release oxygen during photosynthesis, and as these live underwater, then this oxygen ends up in the water which helps to keep it clean and clear of algae. You might want to add some semi-aquatic plants like water mint, yellow flag iris (especially if your pond is a little bigger) or water forget-me-not, which are all native and will give insects places to shelter, damselfly larvae something to climb up to pupate into adults, and pretty flowers for you.

Over time, your pond should get better and better; if you can get it built in March, then in a matter of weeks you could have pond skaters and water boatmen scudding through the water, shortly followed by large red damselflies, if you are lucky. This species is our earliest damselfly to emerge and they are a beautiful blood-red in colour. Frogs may move in when they emerge from hibernation in April, and common blue damselflies could follow in summer too. To find out more about building your own pond, no matter how small, visit [http://bit.ly/Make a pond RSPB](http://bit.ly/Make_a_pond_RSPB).

All of us at Lakenheath Fen wish you a happy and healthy March - enjoy getting outside when you can. At the time of writing, the nature reserve is open for daily exercise walks for local visitors - our car park, trails and viewpoints are open daily from dawn until dusk.

With best wishes,

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

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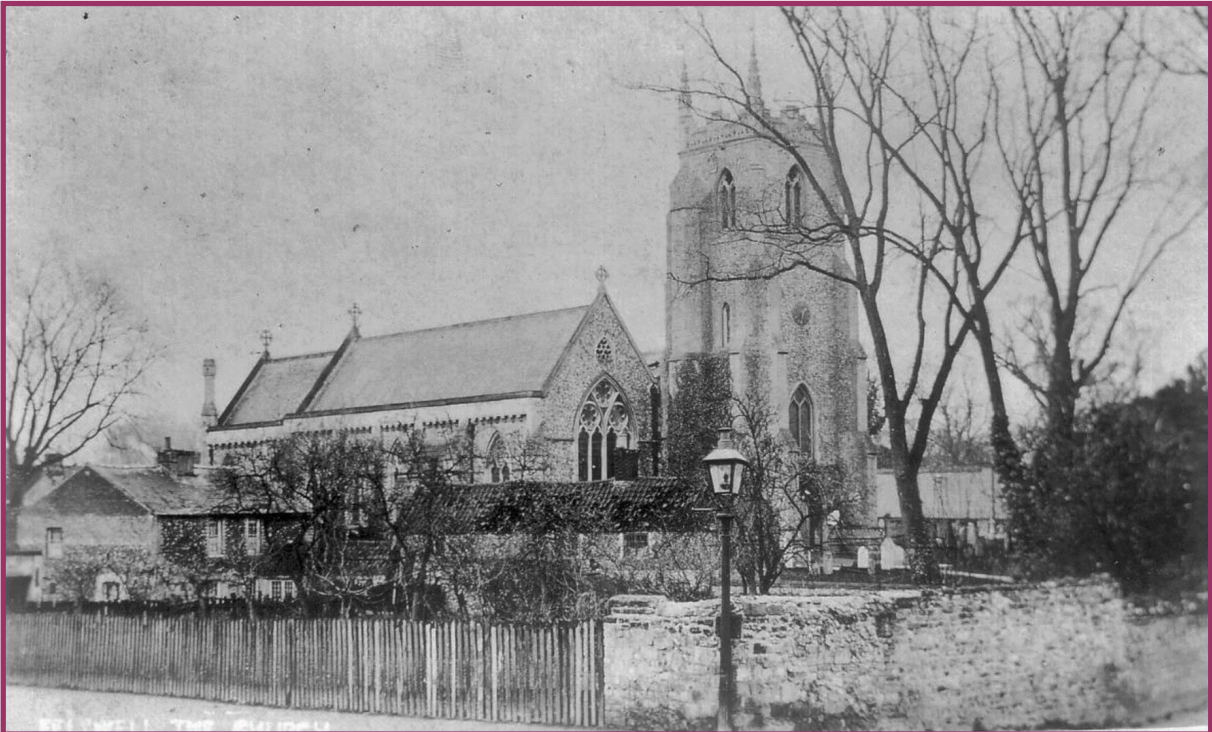
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Photos taken from Mr P. Garland's "Feltwell: Yesterday and Today" presentation first shown in 2018 and provided by Mr C. Cock. Modern photos taken August 2018 by Mr C. Brown.



Above: St Mary's from across "Mud Island," so called because the beck ran through it. Note – the gas lamp.

Below: House built by Mr Frank Edwards in 197?





St Mary's Feltwell

Your Parish Church

The church is open for anyone to come in every day. Please feel free to do that for whatever reason. (Covid regs on the next page.)

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¶
Sadly, we find ourselves still unable to hold services in St. Mary's for the foreseeable future. It is always a hard decision to make, but the safety of people and clergy has to come first. ¶

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If the situation changes, we will update people on the Grimshoe Benefice website www.grimshoebenefice.com, ¶
St. Mary's Facebook page and the church noticeboard. ¶

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Until we can meet again face to face ¶
Zoom services will be held. ¶

- Sundays 10am ¶
- Wednesdays 10am ¶

Please email Chris Parker for invitation details: ¶

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¶
The church will be open daily from 9am until dusk. Please ¶
feel free to come in. ¶

We ask only that you follow the safety measures clearly posted in the church and that you wear a face covering at all times. ¶

The church is NOT cleaned daily. ¶

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Due to the increase in Covid transmission we ¶
must emphasise that you come in. ¶

AT YOUR OWN RISK ¶

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ST. MARY'S, FELTWELL.....QUIZ SHEET 2020 ¶

1st prize-- Dave and Moira (Brandon) 86 correct answers ¶

2nd prize-- Barbara (Brandon).....83 correct answers ¶

Thank you to all who bought a Quiz sheet, your support is much appreciated watch out for the next one due out in time for Easter. ¶

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As space in the magazine was limited this month, we will start printing the answers in the April edition. Ed ¶

Hospital Happenings *by Tony Bennett*



Monthly Ramblings about West Suffolk Hospital

News: February 2021

COVID—BRIEFLY

The new Covid assessment and treatment unit has opened only to coincide with a big drop in patient numbers, now down to 41 inpatients from a high of 161 in January. We are not quite back to the December level of 15 but hopefully it won't take long before we are.

There are 10 beds in the new unit: It cost 2.7 million pounds and



was paid for by government funding at no cost to the hospital. It can be used for other infectious diseases too, not just Covid.

VISITING

Visiting is the same as last month, the hospital is not allowing visiting at this time with the

following exceptions:

Maternity - Children as inpatients - End of life care
Learning disabilities - Severe dementia

As it's a long trip from our area it's probably best to phone before visiting these groups, a list of phone numbers is published on the hospital's website. [Ward visiting times and contacts \(wsh.nhs.uk\)](https://www.wsh.nhs.uk)

NEW TECHNIQUES

In Nuclear Medicine we are excited to be considering two new types of scan. The first I may have mentioned before. It's called DaT Scanning and it shows if someone has Parkinson's Disease or if they just have a normal old age tremor which is called essential tremor.

The second possible new scan is called SeHCat; it looks to see if the patient can reabsorb the bile salts produced in the gall bladder. Those that cannot end up producing watery stool which is most unpleasant. Patient groups who may suffer from this include those who have had some bowel removed and those who suffer from inflammatory bowel diseases like Crohn's among others. It tends not to affect those with irritable bowel syndrome generally.

The Se in SeHCat stands for Selenium, an isotope which we have never used at WSH before. It has a half life of just under 120 days which is much longer than the 6 hours of our usual Technetium. This means the patient could remain slightly radioactive for well over a year! However, because the initial dose given is very tiny, and the fact that the Selenium is excreted down the toilet, the total radiation dose to the patient is very small and the radioactive time reduced. The dose given is less than one thousandth of that we would use for a bone scan for example.

The dose is measured to the patient as 0.26 mSv for SeHCat, while just living for a year in our area exposes you to a background radiation of about 3 mSv, or 9 mSv if you live in Cornwall or Aberdeen where the granite rocks are slightly radioactive.

Jane Baker

Mr John Baker and Family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and sympathy on the death of his wife Jane who sadly passed away on 7th January this year.

Jane loved Feltwell and many of the people living here.

She will be very sadly missed.



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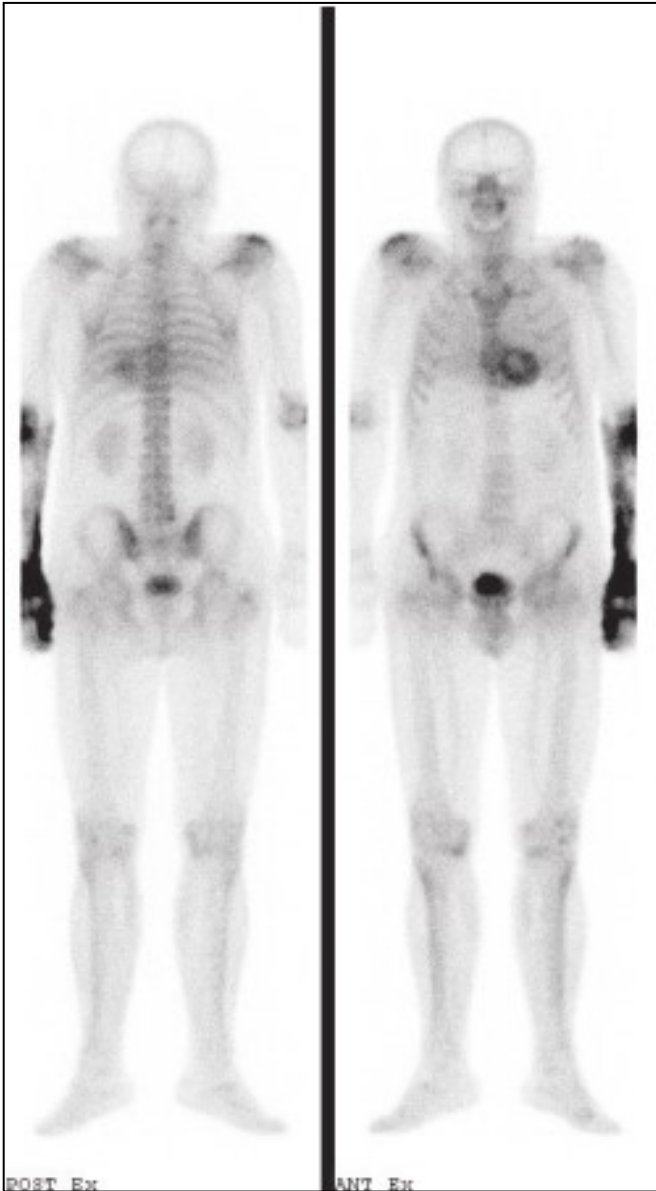


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CASE OF THE MONTH



This is a case where an injection has been done into an artery instead of a vein. This particular case is from another hospital but it has happened once locally. Fortunately it is harmless, if rather spectacular, resulting in an image of the heart and the affected arm as well as the bones. It is called the Glove Effect and despite looking dramatic the scan is still of normal clinical value.

This particular male patient also has some arthritis in his right shoulder, some dental decay or recent dental work to his left upper jaw and arthritis in both knees. The big black blob in his pelvis is radioactive urine in his bladder.

SUDOKU SOLUTION

A REMINDER

Our annual subscription renewal date will move to March 2021. Distributors will collect your £5 subscription when the current lockdown is over.

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A Message from the Editors

We are acutely aware that during the first lockdown some of our subscribers were unable to read the magazine as they don't have access to the internet. Plus, those of you who did manage to read a copy online or downloaded, didn't get a physical copy. In the light of this we have decided to give you all two free issues, this is the second one.

Consequently our annual subscription renewal date will move from January to March 2021. **Your 2021-22 subscriptions will be collected by our distributors when the lockdown is over.**

Paul and Susan

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WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

Solution on page 74.

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This month our word search is on

CARIBBEAN ISLANDS

Find the words from the list. They run vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backwards and forwards but always in a straight line.

- ANGUILLA
- ARUBA
- BAHAMAS
- BARBADOS
- BVI
- CAICOS
- COLOMBIA
- CUBA
- CURACAO
- DOMINICA
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- GUADELOUPE
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The Wellington would like to thank everyone who supported The Wellington Whisky Week Online 2021. We were delighted by the response and the interaction over the week.

As part of Whisky Week, we took part in Zoom video calls to talk about and taste 30 different whiskies from 11 different countries. At tastings for the different collections, we spoke to industry experts, learnt a little about tasting whisky and heard about many different aspects of whisky production.

During the Boris Johnson call we heard about the rise, fall and rise again of Irish whisky during the past 130 years. In the Phileas Fogg call we heard about the differences in maturing whisky depending on the environment in countries across the globe. As part of the Robert Burns call, we learnt how whiskies are made to taste smoky by the peating process during malting. Whilst sampling the Ranulph Feinnes collection we spoke about the impact of American whisky in broadening tastes and widening the appeal of whiskies. On Saturday evening, on the John D Rockefeller call, we were fortunate to hear about some extremely rare and unusual whiskies, such as how Glenfiddich Snow Phoenix; which is in the region of £700 a bottle, was created accidentally by a warehouse roof collapse during heavy snowfall in 2010.

As part of our Meet the Distiller call, we were joined by Mike Fisher, Head of Global Sales for The English Whisky Company and Alex Walker, UK Brand Ambassador for Glenfiddich. They spent over an hour entertaining us, telling us about the differences and similarities between one of the UK's biggest single malt whisky producers and the comparatively very small but pioneering distilleries at St Georges Distillery near Snetterton. We look forward to welcoming them both in person to the Wellington once we are able to reopen.



I'm in an optimistic mood as I can smell a Full English breakfast! Metaphorically speaking. Why? Because the NHS is rolling out three COVID vaccines which, hopefully, means that at sometime this year we will be able to start our monthly meetings again

once everyone has been vaccinated. Realistically, I don't expect this to be until the Autumn but there is now a real hope that we will be able to enjoy a Full English once again this year. I can hardly wait. My mouth is watering at the thought! Paul

Word Search Answer

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements
Next month's Word Search will be on **NAMES**.

Our Local Foodbank

If you would like to donate to our local Foodbank

There is a drop off point at St Mary's Church, Feltwell.

Any food stuff which does not require refrigeration and is in date is ok. Thank you for all your donations, kindness and generosity.

Ness Fry

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Money Matters

Coronavirus: Where does the government borrow billions from?

The UK government is borrowing record-breaking amounts, to pay for measures designed to limit the impact of coronavirus such as the furlough scheme, pay for mass testing and pay for the vaccination itself.

With the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine costing about £2 per dose & Pfizer and BioNTech costing £14, that's quite a big bill. Vaccine prices are only one factor in the cost of immunisation campaigns, of the £11.7bn that the UK expects to spend on its vaccination programme, £2.9bn buys vaccines, securing 267 million doses of five different types, according to the National Audit Office.

Furlough schemes are expensive and government income is down because lower wages and spending mean people are paying less tax.

Why does the government borrow money?

The government borrows because it spends more than it gets in income. Most of its income comes from taxes - for example, income tax from your salary or the VAT you pay on certain goods.

It could, in theory, cover all of its spending from taxes - and in some years that has happened.

But governments have not always been willing to increase taxes enough to cover their spending. This is partly for political reasons - it would be unpopular with voters. There are also other reasons for not raising taxes. If higher taxes leave people with less money to spend, it can be bad for economic growth and jobs.

How much does the government borrow?

The amount the government borrows to make up the difference between what it spends and what it collects is known as "public sector net borrowing". It is also often referred to as "the deficit".

The latest data shows that the **UK government borrowed £8.8bn in**

January, which was the highest January figure since monthly records began in 1993, it has been estimated that borrowing that borrowing could reach £395.5bn by the end of the financial year in March.

How does the government borrow money?

The government borrows money by selling bonds. A bond is a promise to make payments to whoever holds it on certain dates. There is a large payment on the final date - in effect, the repayment. Interest is also paid to whoever owns the bond in the meantime. So, it is basically an interest-paying "IOU". The buyers of these bonds, or "gilts" as they are more commonly known, are mainly financial institutions, like pension funds, investment funds, banks and insurance companies.

Private savers also buy some.

Some also end up being bought back by the Bank of England as part of its current attempts to boost spending and investment in the economy. Under this policy - known as "quantitative easing" - the Bank has so far bought £875bn of government bonds.

Government bonds appeal to investors as they are seen as essentially safe - there is no risk that the money won't be paid. You won't lose your money and you know precisely when and how much the payments will be.

When does it have to be paid back?

It varies a lot. Some government borrowing has to be repaid in a month, but some lending is for as long as 30 years. The minimum repayment period is just one day, while some bonds have been issued for 55 years.

There used to be some government debt which never had to be repaid, sometimes known as perpetual bonds. But the government chose to repay the last of these in 2015.

What is the difference between the government deficit and debt?

The deficit is the amount by which the government's income falls short of what it spends each year. It covers most of this gap by borrowing as explained above, or sometimes by selling assets such as property.

In years when a government spends less than its income, it is known as a surplus. The deficit is not to be confused with debt, although both are linked.

Debt is the total amount of money owed by the government that has built up over years. So, it's a much larger sum.

Debt rises when there is a deficit and falls in those years when there is a surplus. In January 2020, it was £2.11 trillion, up £316.4bn since the start of the financial year.

The figure almost exceeds the size of the UK economy, with debt having reached 97.9% of the UK's **gross domestic product (GDP)**. GDP is the sum (measured in pounds) of the value of goods and services produced in the economy.

Debt levels as high as this haven't been seen since the early 1960s when the UK was paying off the debts of World War Two. The government has to repay the debts on due dates, but if it does not have the money to do so it usually has to borrow new money - and take on more debt - to pay of the old debt.

With the Budget day being 3rd March I think it safe to assume that there wont be any giveaways by the government.

Next Month: a summary of the Budget

David Corder DipPFS

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Jonathon	Online Shopping	1 1/2 hours	Orange Juice
Bridget	Daytime TV	30 Minutes	Hip Flask
Christina	Zoom Call	1 Hour	A Cup of Despair
Abraham	Home schooling	2 Hours	Black Coffee

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held virtually via the Zoom platform on Monday the 8th of FEBRUARY 2021. Eleven Councillors and Squadron Leader Jamie Turnbull were in attendance.

Sqn Leader Turnbull said the hedge cutting around the Base boundary was continuing and the groups along Blackdyke Road now need a good clearance. He advised the US schools on Base, previously closed in line with UK Government guidelines, were now open following a Base-wide vaccination programme in which all teachers and support staff had been included. After an initial two-week period to ensure Covid-19 precautions were in place and correspondence with the Rt. Hon. Matt Hancock MP and Rt. Hon Elizabeth Truss MP, US schools opened on 25th January. Daily temperature checks are being carried out and Sqn Leader reminded everyone that parents/guardians of all US school children on Base are critical workers. When asked if more notification could be given following last week's emergency demolition which the Clerk had only been informed of two hours beforehand, the Sqn Leader said the emergency operation was to clear a blocked gun on an F15 returning from night sortie which needed disposing of but that it should have been possible for more notification to have been given.

January visit to the village by the Rangers. The Clerk said that this service has been scaled back to essential work only due to Covid-19 therefore the January visit had not taken place

Cllr Martin Storey said the NCC Budget Meeting is taking place 22nd February and over 500 people had responded to the consultation. Flooding has been an issue in the last 4-6 weeks and flood helpline numbers are available on Borough Council* and NCC websites**. The Internal Drainage Board (IDB) have set up a management forum and a report will

soon be available for consultation.

This season's grass maintenance contract has been awarded again to R H Landscape & Maintenance Services, based in Mildenhall.

Annual operational inspection of the play equipment will be undertaken by Fenland Leisure.

Complaints have been received about dog fouling which is always worse at this time of year so the Clerk will put an item on the village Facebook page reminding owners to pick up after their dogs.

Next meeting is to be held virtually on Monday 8th March 2021 at the earlier time of 7.00 pm via the Zoom platform. Please contact the Clerk on 01842 828383 or email feltwellparishclerk@gmail.com for information on how to attend. All are welcome.

**KLWNBC website links you to NCC.*

*** I've just checked this and anonymous reporting of Highways problems, incl. flooding is available at [Norfolk County Council - Highways problem report form](#)*

Paul

Your Councillors are:

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

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