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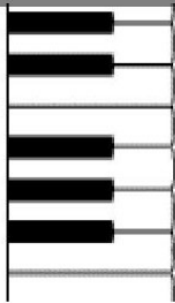
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## GROWING UP IN FELTWELL IN THE 1950S & 60S

BY ROBERT WALDEN

### 12. Guides, Scouts and ....the Pirates

With the explosion of colour, the invasion of plastic and the acceptance of the pill and the mini-skirt into everyday lives in the 60s, the idea of the scouting and guiding movement did seem a little dull, drab and archaic to many, myself included. I had joined the cubs partly because I was simply following big brother's footsteps and, unknowingly, my father's also. But others at school seemed to be enjoying the weekly meetings. My introduction to the movement had really come through Mrs Carter my Godmother who for many years was the Guides' leader. In 1953, she took me at the age of 3 to a Guides Christmas Party in the old YMCA timber hut which stood to the south of the ancient Oak tree where Bell St became the Wilton Rd. Perhaps mother was ill or maybe Mrs Carter just thought I might enjoy it. I remember little about it except there were no other boys there and I think just one man – possibly a squadron leader from the RAF Camp. There was a giant papier mâché coloured toadstool for the Brownies to dance around and chairs arranged around the perimeter. The one game I recall went like this: in the centre of the room was a plate on which lay an opened, giant 2/6d bar of Cadbury's Chocolate and a knife and fork; two large woollen gloves, a hat and a scarf. Two guides then went around the circle of chairs inviting each person in turn to shake a dice in a tumbler onto a tray and if they rolled a 6 then they had to run into the centre, put on the garments and then attempt to cut up and eat the chocolate a piece at a time. They couldn't use their fingers. They could eat until someone else shook a 6, at which point they had to shed the clothes and retire and let the next person have a go. Sometimes another 6 arrived before the person in the middle had had time to pick up the cutlery! When they came to me I shook a number other than 6 but kindly Marion shouted "Six!" and her companion pulled me out of my chair and dragged me to the centre while I protested loudly that it wasn't a 6! Another shout of 6 arrived before I had got the gloves on (I could have got both my feet in any one of them) and as the



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**Georgina Sims**



new person arrived Marion quickly popped a piece of chocolate into my mouth amidst shrieks of laughter from all the girls. Sitting with a mouth full of welcome chocolate surveying the audience, I knew both the feeling of failure but also the feeling of warmth and kindness which women can show to children out of their depth.

In the Cubs we went on parade at St Mary's and Downham Market Churches to celebrate for example St Georges Day as well as Remembrance Sunday. In the Scouts we made fishing rods – having learnt how to tie knots, lash and whip two pieces of wood together it was a relatively simple matter to tie eyelets to bamboo canes. We were told: “DYB DYB! DYB! (“Do Your Best!”) and answered “We'll DOB! DOB DOB!” (“Do Our Best!”). We went on midnight hikes which sounded more exciting than the reality. We at least wore long trousers on night time hikes but otherwise wore shorts to all our meetings. This wasn't such a hardship because we were used to short trousers until the 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Grammar School but it certainly did not make the movement appear more attractive after our mid teens.

One night in 1961 we cubs completed a 23 ml round walk from Feltwell to Northwold via Cranwich (Terry still has the newspaper cutting confirming the distance). I had no proper walking boots but had the brilliant idea of putting each shoe into a plastic bag to keep them dry in long grass! I looked ridiculous as we departed the scout hut (adjacent to the Ex- Service Men's Club, Lime Kiln Lane) and before I had reached Broadwaters (ie the Londis Shop by the church) the bags had ceased to be bags but flaps of plastic fluttering around my ankles. No-one laughed but there were a few smiles! Chris, one of our assistant Scouters was a Forestry Commission employee and knew the routes through the forest and in particular, the site of a large tin hut where we rested up for some 20 minutes and drank from our flasks of hot cocoa. Another assistant David had just bought himself expensive new leather boots and defying conventional wisdom, decided to wear them for the event without “wearing them in”. The last 15 miles were literally, painfully slow for him! Dad was just getting up when I walked into the house and he

## 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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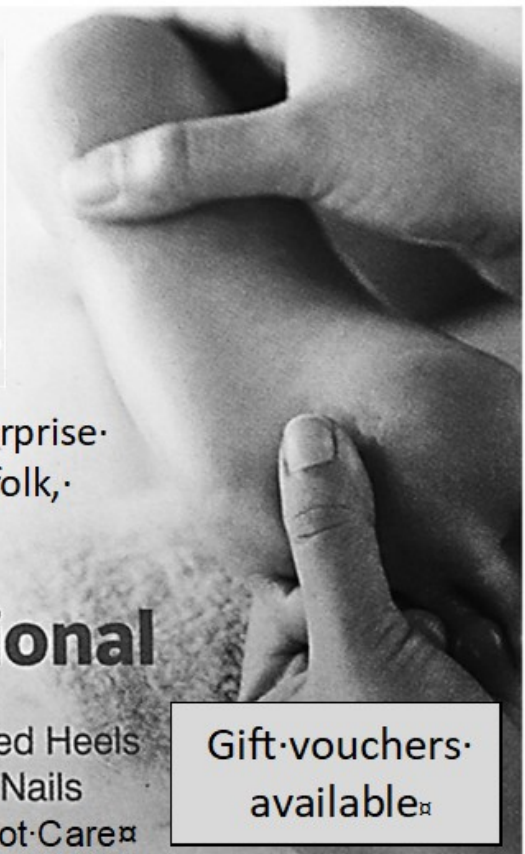
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produced a most welcome, hot, mustard bath in which to soak my feet.

Do I look back on my involvement as time wasted? Not at all. It wasn't for everyone and eventually, not for me – but as many of those who undertook National Service said: "I'm glad I did it". I learnt how to shorten a length of rope without cutting it (sheepshank); join two pieces of unequal thickness (sheet bend) and why the flat reef knot was favoured by nurses for tying bandages. One "all nighter" was a hike with obstacles ("Empezar") such as crossing with laden ruck-sacs a stream near Weybourne, by means of a rope strung between two trees. I made the mistake of going first which made it almost impossible to push the other three in my team to attempt it also: I had not succeeded, having let go of the rope just yards from the bank's safety and went in above my ankles. It was not until the award ceremony in the morning that I discovered no-one else had even attempted it. Sometimes doing your best is enough.

We went to RAF Coltishall air show and watched my first real Spitfire twist and turn, jet Meteors and Vampires. A very noisy English Electric Lightning screamed along the runway, flying very low before it turned skywards in a near vertical climb, blocking our ears with sound. We also got to know Swedish and US Scouts at the 1964 International Jamboree at Sandringham. On returning home Terry appeared before I had even entered our drive with the news that some Pirate Radio Stations had started broadcasting from the North Sea. This was such novel news; we lived in a world with no daytime commercial radio, just the BBC with little or no playing of pop records. Now for the first time we had continuous pop music and when you heard a jingle that went: "(*rapid drumbeats*) Going back in time on the sounds of the nation it's a Caroline Flashback... flashback... flashback..." - you knew you were not listening to the BBC Light Programme and were going to hear something that already made you feel nostalgic for just one or two summers ago! As Dylan had sung: the times they were a changing.

## 600 TREES PLANTED IN FELTWELL

Feltwell Golf Club have now planted 600 trees in total on the course in the last two months, thanks to volunteer members. The Club wishes to thank [tcv.org.uk](http://tcv.org.uk) (The Conservation Volunteers Norfolk). The One Million Trees for Norfolk Campaign and [treeappeal.com](http://treeappeal.com) whose sponsors include 3M, Sainsburys, Santander and many other companies that contribute to improving our environment.



Readers might be interested in a short history of the Club. The following is taken from the Golf Club website:

The Club was originally opened in 1970 having been built on the RAF Thor Missile Site with membership being offered initially to RAF and USAF personnel before being offered to civilians and at that time was known as RAF Feltwell Golf Club. In 1975 the USAF terminated the lease of the land and the course was closed for a short time until six former members negotiated their own lease and formed the Feltwell (Anglo American) Golf Club. It wasn't until 1983 that the name was finally changed to Feltwell Golf Club and in 1986 it became a Private Members Club. The Club has continued to grow over the intervening years and is now a course all our members can

be proud of.

Feltwell is a full length 36 Par, 9 Hole Course with 18 Tee Boxes and outstanding Practice Facilities. Don't be put off by it being a 9 Hole Course, many professionals use courses like ours for practice and it fits the busy lifestyles many of us have today enabling you to 'grab' 9 holes on your way home from work or before you collect the children from school. There is always TIME FOR 9. Our Junior Section is also going from strength to strength encouraging families to play together and support each other.

A new Clubhouse was built in 2002 enabling the Club to offer excellent catering facilities for members, societies and all types of social functions. Being a member is not necessary, everyone is welcome at FELTWELL GOLF CLUB.

Membership is open to all levels of golfers with membership packages and offers available. Visitors are welcome with a loyalty card scheme, pay and play for five rounds and you get your sixth round absolutely free. Don't forget to get your card stamped each time.

Come and have a look at our facilities and Club House, have a drink, try the food and don't forget to look out for our new trees.

Steve Wellington

## NEWS FROM THE LEGION

We are very much back to normal at the legion, the party bookings are beginning to improve with more coming in. The crib nights are almost at pre-pandemic levels but the old saying of there is always room for more. The coffee mornings are doing very well (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month) the next being 9<sup>th</sup> March. The coffee morning has the normal tea and coffee along with things like mini sausage rolls, scones (various) cake, raffle and a small fun quiz. Please feel free to come along. We held our (RBL) first quiz night Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022. A little disappointing with the turn out but the feedback from those that did attend was a very enjoyable evening. It will be put to the members at our next RBL meeting (Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Feb) about having the next quiz night as a VE celebration, so watch this space. We are having our carpet bowls dinner Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb (RED LION) where the trophies for the most and least cheese hits will be presented.

John Linkin, Chairman



## MUTTERINGS FROM THE FARMYARD

Spring is sprung! All of our sugar beet and onions have now been delivered and we can begin to think in detail about the coming season. We do still have wheat from last year's harvest in the shed. This is wheat that was sown in the autumn of 2020 and many of the costs of seed and fertilizer were incurred almost 18 months ago. The decision when to sell and therefore what price is achieved is crucial to the final profitability of the crop. The prices of all commodities such as wheat have been very volatile over those 18 months and are influenced by many factors such as the price of oil/gas, the weather in the Americas/Australia/Black Sea, political decisions both here and abroad. Deciding when to sell is part of the gamble that makes farming such a joy!

On this farm January is the time for our annual audit. For many years now all farms have been audited under the Red Tractor Scheme. This was devised as a one stop shop to cover combinable crops and sugar beet and ensured good practice in terms of food safety, environmental standards, good employment practice etc. As we grow and sell fresh produce (onions) we carry out a more detailed Red Tractor Produce audit to an enhanced standard. Unfortunately, over the years the various Supermarket chains have seen fit to introduce their own audits to enhance their own credibility or to give them some form of point of difference to appeal to their target customers. This means that we now have to ensure that we satisfy the requirements of Leaf, Sedex, Nurture, Field to Fork, Global Gap and GRASP. All of which require slightly elevated standards and slightly different pieces of paper to support them. Thankfully this is one Labour of Love/Torture that I have been able to delegate to the next generation. The main thing is please try to buy British produce to ensure that you benefit from the highest food standards in the world and that all his work is not in vain.

On the more practical side of farming, we are now well into the planting of onion and sugar beet crops and just have to hope for

favourable weather for the start of the growing season. We have still not heard whether our application for a new environmental stewardship scheme has been accepted. Our application was submitted last July and should have started on 1<sup>st</sup> January. We have had verbal reassurance that it should be fine and have therefore put in place the necessary measures to encourage the likes of Turtle Doves, Stone Curlews and Skylarks. It is a poor reflection on the ability of Defra to implement their grand new schemes for agricultural support. Unfortunately, at this late date it seems that our hedge and tree planting may have to wait until next year as there are not enough whips/saplings available at present.



## ***The Food Pantry Feltwell***

### **WHO ARE WE ?**

*We are a group of volunteers who have set up a small non-profit shop of greatly reduced prices to help with the high cost of living for the local villages, as we are a rural community with no supermarkets nearby.*

*We run a membership scheme for a one-off charge of £3.50*

*For that we supply free fruit, vegetables & bread depending on availability & also the ability to shop with us at vastly reduced prices.*

*We can also provide crisis packages for those in need, free of charge with the help of public donations.*

*You can find us at St Mary's Church, Feltwell.*

### **OPENING TIMES:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9AM – 11:30AM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9AM – 11:30AM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12:30PM – 2:30PM</b>

**For more details visit our Facebook Page or call 07454 259280**

## SPRING CLEANING LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Kitchen	Bathroom	Dining Room	Lounge	Bedroom
Gary										
Sylvie										
Mel										
Florence										
Perry										
Kitchen						Match each day to the person cleaning and the room they cleaned				
Bathroom										
Dining Room										
Lounge										
Bedroom										

1. Sylvie cleaned three days before Florence.
2. When Gary cleaned on Saturday, he didn't clean the Kitchen or the Bathroom.
3. The Dining Room was cleaned after the Lounge but before Perry's Bedroom.
4. The Kitchen was cleaned by Florence later in the week than the Dining Room.
5. Sylvie cleaned her Lounge before the Bathroom was cleaned.

*Answer on page 21*

### ART FOR PLEASURE

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

## LATEST CONSUMER ALERTS AND TRADING STANDARDS NEWS

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

[Scam Alert – Text messages claiming to be from the 'Post Office'](#)

[Scam Alert – Investment Scams and fake cryptocurrency exchanges](#) *See over page*

[Scam Alert – Fake 'in contact with COVID' text messages](#)

The text message then provides a link to 'get a test'.

These messages are **fake**. Anyone following the links supplied in the messages will be taken to a fake NHS website which will attempt to gather personal and financial details.

Remember the NHS will:

- **Never** ask for payment – COVID testing is free
- **Never** ask for your bank details
- **Never** ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, or bills

[Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to be from Citizens Advice](#)

[Scam Alert – 'Green Passports' claiming to be from the NHS](#)

[Scam Alert – Telephone calls from 'NHS'](#)

[Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls about 'money transfers'](#)

[Scam Alert – Emails claiming to be from Tesco Bank](#)

Information on Covid passes and [free proof of your double vaccination and your booster can be found on the NHS website](#).

Remember: if you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk).

[Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to be from TV companies](#)

*A Feltwell resident notified me of a scam call they had received saying that they had been victim of a fraud and leaving a fraud number and a phone number to ring back on -015145 60567. Ignore. Also Cold Caller claiming to be from Amazon asking about deliveries and wanting to know your safe space. Send them on their way. Amazon do NOT do this.*

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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)**

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

**0300 123 2040**

This is a live link to the [Action Fraud website](#) in the online issue.

## **Investment Scams and fake cryptocurrency exchanges**

We are continuing to receive reports of individuals falling victim to online investment scams, including fake cryptocurrency exchanges. Losses to these scams range from a few hundred to several £1000s.

Bitcoin is the most famous cryptocurrency, but there are more than 1,500 cryptocurrencies including other well-known ones such as Ethereum and Litecoin. Cryptocurrencies only exist online and are not controlled by a bank, treasury or country, meaning you can't get physical notes or coins from the bank.

Our advice is to always ensure you understand a cryptocurrency or an investment before transferring any money.

A cryptocurrency scam can take many forms. This could include:

- A fake cryptocurrency which doesn't or will ever exist
- A bogus investment which promises to put money in a legitimate cryptocurrency
- A dangerous website link that then downloads malware onto your computer

[Which? Have put together useful guidance on how to spot an investment scam.](#)

[The Financial Conduct Authority website also provides further details on how to avoid investment scams online.](#)

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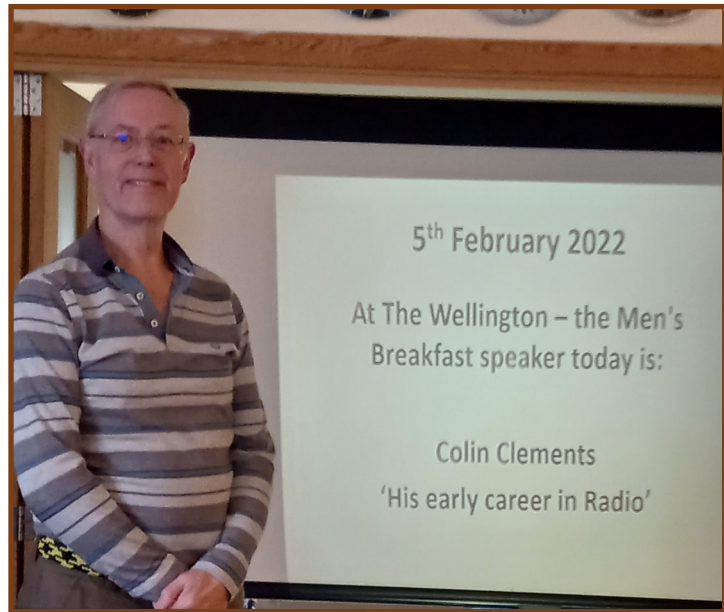
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The speaker for our 5<sup>th</sup> February meeting was Colin Clement who spoke to us about his early career in radio.

Colin's interest in radio began when he was a child. A combination of listening to

Radio Luxembourg, building a crystal radio set and pretending to be a DJ whilst playing with a tape recorder laid the foundations of what was to become his career. At the age of 12 he joined a Youth Club which had a couple of turntables and a microphone, the perfect equipment for a budding



DJ. The club held dances and, sometimes live bands would play. He recalled interviewing Rick Mayall and a certain Eric Clapton.

He was told that the job of being a DJ on a 'Pirate' ship was a dream by a careers officer who suggested instead that he get a job in electronics. Colin applied for an apprenticeship with Standard Telephones and Cable (STC) and got it. After five years he became a fully qualified Electronics Maintenance Engineer with STC.

Then one day in 1973 he saw an article in a local paper about the creation of a radio service at a local hospital that needed volunteers with technical knowledge. He applied and was accepted. He helped install equipment, operate it, fade microphones up and down, play records and keep an eye on the levels in order to avoid distortion and overload. Then he was asked to join in by a presenter and say a few words. From there he ended up with his own show on a Sunday afternoon and co-hosted two others, one on a Saturday and one on a Thursday, both during the evening. It was during this year that he met his wife, Janet, whilst taking part in a parade to raise money for



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the hospital radio. The hospital radio went from strength to strength but eventually Colin jumped ship. In 1977 he left STC and joined the London Broadcasting Company (LBC) as an engineer. He worked 12 hour shifts—08.30-20.30 for two weeks and then 20.30-08.30 for the next two weeks. He recalled one story in which an actor had been commissioned to record a 30 second advert. Having done several takes the producer announced that he was satisfied with the result. Unfortunately, when Colin played it back, the actor having gone home, the advert ran for 31 seconds and not the required 30! As the advert was being distributed throughout the UK this was a disaster as some stations had electronic timers which would cut the advert off at exactly 30 secs. What to do? Get out the razor blade and splice out 1 second by removing 'half breathes'. LBC at that time was a hotbed of new and existing talent. Colin worked with such luminaries as Bob Holness, Martha Kearney and Percy Thrower to name but three. In the spring of 1978 Colin won a supervisory roll at the Palace of Westminster working for Independent Radio News (IRN) and in 1979 he covered Mrs Thatcher's acceptance speech as new Prime Minister and a few days later after over-seeing an interview with her at No. 10 he took her to task about her likening the country to a corner shop. Apparently, it was a warm rather than heated debate. Then in October 1984 he was covering the Conservative Conference in Brighton and staying in the Metropole hotel, next door to the Grand. At 2.54 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> he was awakened by a loud thump, the IRA had blown up the Grand. Hasty arrangements were made to transport Colin and the other engineers to the studios of Southern Sound from where they were able to establish a live link and feed material back to IRN. Colin left us with this final note: in 1987 ITN were recruiting in their sound department. Part 2 of Colin's story will continue in Feb 2023. The Men's Breakfast Club meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month at The Wellington in Feltwell at 9am. It costs £7:50 per person to attend which includes a talk, tea or coffee and a full English





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

Our next meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> March and the speaker will be Kevin Boardman talking about something historical.

A new year, 2022, let's hope it will give us all we wish for as well as perhaps more freedom to return to some form of normality, that is if we can remember what that was!!

January saw us submit jpeg images under the title of Emotion and then we were able to listen to Lewis Turner and Tim Bridges give their talks. Our meetings in February will offer even more opportunities for our members. On the 9<sup>th</sup> February we will be endeavouring to photograph the moon in our 'Lunar Night' Workshop. There will be advice on hand for everyone on settings for your cameras, so that we can help you take some incredible images. On 23<sup>rd</sup> February there will be a talk which we are sure will be an interesting evening.



We hope you may be inspired to come along and share your interest in photography with us. We all have a lot to learn from each other and from the experts we ask to join us from time to time. Watch out for these editorials to learn more about what we have in store as each month passes. There is always someone on hand to help with any technical questions you may have.

We meet fortnightly at the **Baptist Church Hall, 39 High Street, Brandon, IP27 0AQ, at 7:30pm and our next dates are 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

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# *Your Good Health*

by Dr Ian Nisbet

**Smugness followed by a narrow escape:** Smugness is an unattractive trait, implying self-congratulation at “getting one over on the others”. However, I must confess that all the current furore over the rapidly increasing price of electricity engendered in me a sense of smugness as, two months ago, I fixed my energy price with British Gas until November 2023. Unless something screws up the arrangement, I should be OK until then. Then guilt crept in as I pondered how those families who struggle to manage will absorb these increased costs which could come to nearly £100 per month out of taxed income. Of course, the ever-caring Government will benefit from the increased VAT take. Let us hope they have the decency to do something to help these families.

The move from Feltwell to

Worcestershire helped our bills as the new house consumes as much energy in a year as The Old House in Feltwell used to use in a month. Here, we have mains gas so we are not dependent upon oil for heating and the neat little gas boiler sits on the wall in the scullery, churning out heat and hot water with very little effort. I have an arrangement with Home Serve and they rock up once a year to service the boiler or, at least, they used to. In 2019, no-one turned up, I did my nut and they refunded the premium. A couple of weeks ago, I realised that they had not appeared in 2020 or 2021 so I am about to have another crack at them, looking for a further refund. Fed up with the situation, I had decided to get rid of Home Serve and seek an alternative. Manna appeared from Heaven or, at least, from

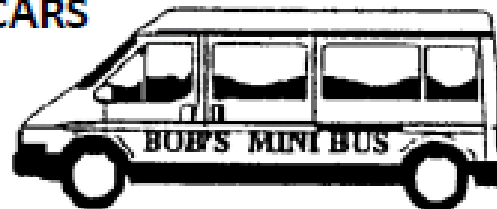
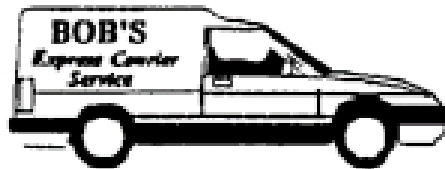
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British Gas who offered to “shut out my Winter worries with Home Care Four Cover, looking after my boiler, plumbing, drains and electrics for a nominal sum (the first year!). “Annual boiler service, all parts and labour, unlimited callouts and experts on hand all the year round,” were promised and they would throw in 50 energy free days on top. Well, who could refuse such an offer?

I decided to take up the offer the next day. As usual, in the insomnia of the small hours, (as an example, I am writing this article at 0230), I opened my online Daily Telegraph to see the headlines, “British Gas forced to apologise to hundreds of thousands of customers over its failure to fix and service broken boilers this winter”. Customers have faced weeks of delays and cancelled call-outs (surely it should be ‘calls out’) to fix or service their boilers; requests for emergency call-outs were taking weeks to be fulfilled, leaving customers without hot water or heating. The Financial Conduct Authority is on the case and a former energy minister, Sir John

Hayes declared that, “It is time to get tough on British Gas”.

My brain cog whirred – I wondered why British Gas, who are obviously in serious trouble with their servicing and repair department, should be actively seeking to increase the number of customers served. I put the letter in the bin and returned to the drawing board.

There follows what my father used to call a “shaggy dog story”. I find it really funny and I hope you do too.

A duck walked into a pub and ordered a beer and a ham sandwich. The barman looked at him and said, "But you're a duck". "I see your eyes are working", replied the duck. "And you talk!" exclaimed the barman. "I see your ears are working", said the duck, "now can I have my beer and my sandwich please?" "Certainly", said the barman, "sorry about that, it's just we don't get many ducks in this pub. What are you doing round this way?". "I'm working on the building site across the road." explained the duck. Then the duck drank his beer, ate his sandwich and left.

This continued for 2 weeks. Then one day the circus came to town. The Ringleader of the circus came into the pub and the barman said to him, "You're with the circus, aren't you? I know a duck who would be just brilliant in your circus. He talks, drinks beer and everything!". "Sounds marvellous", said the ringleader, "get him to give me a call!". So, the next day, when the duck came into the pub, the barman said, "Hey Mr. Duck, I reckon I can line you up with a top job, paying really good money!" "Yeah?", said the duck, "Sounds great, where is it?" "At the circus", said the barman. "The circus?" the duck enquired. "That's right.", replied the barman. "The circus?" the duck asked again. "Yes." said the barman "That place with the big tent?" the duck enquired. "Yeah." the barman replied. "With all the animals?" the duck questioned. "Of course." the barman replied. "With the big canvas

roof with the hole in the middle?" asked the duck "That's right!" said the barman. The duck looked confused. "What on earth would they want with a plasterer?" Anyone who does not understand this joke should take comfort in the fact that I have just spent 20 minutes trying to explain it to Management and she still doesn't get it.

A lady had lunch with 2 of her unmarried friends. One was engaged, one was a mistress, and our lady had been married for 25 years. They were chatting about their relationships and decided to amaze their men by greeting them at the door wearing a black bra, stiletto heels and a mask over their eyes. They agreed to meet in a few days to exchange notes. Here's how it all went. The engaged friend: The other night when my boyfriend came over, he found me with a black leather bodice, tall stilettos, and a mask. He saw me and said,

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'You are the woman of my dreams...I love you.' Then we spent a very passionate night. The mistress: 'Me too! The other night I met my lover at his office and I was wearing a raincoat, under it only the black bra, heels and mask over my eyes. When I opened the raincoat, he didn't say a word, but he started to tremble and we also spent a very passionate night.' Then our lady had to share her story: 'When my husband came home, I was wearing the black bra, black stockings, stilettos and a mask over my eyes. When he came in the door and saw me, he said, "What's for dinner, Zorro?"

PS: At 0300, while the matter of our gas boiler was on my mind, I tried telephoning Home Serve to claim my refund. The operator explained that they were currently experiencing a high call volume because of Covid, obviously lots of insomniacs on the lines. Undeterred, I hung on and went through all the typing in of numbers to talk to the appropriate department, only to be informed that their offices were closed, only open between 9am and 4pm. Hey ho, back to the fountain pen and paper or, perhaps, Email.

All good wishes

Ian Nisbet

## **Sexual Assault Referral Centre—The Harbour Centre**

The Harbour Centre Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) offers free support and practical help to all people, regardless of age, disability, race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation. If you have been raped or sexually assaulted (including penetration) either recently or in the past, we encourage you to contact us. Our Harbour Centre offers a fully accessible building along with disabled parking and our services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can decide whether or not you wish to support a police investigation, our specialist trained staff are trained to help you make informed decisions about what you want to do next. We understand that everyone's experience is different but our main concern is you and your well-being. We are here to help and make things easier for you whatever you choose to do.

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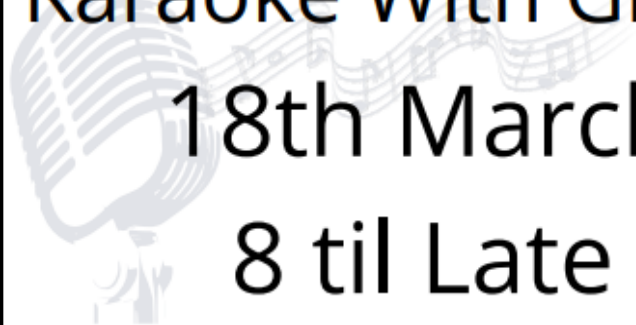
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# Feltwell in Bloom

- Want to help in some way?
  - Make a donation
  - Provide plants/bulbs
  - Register for Open Gardens
  - Something else
  - Deliver leaflets
- Know a company which would sponsor us
- Are 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.,

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

We have agreed to

1. Plant Naturalised English bulbs at the four village 'gateways'. Bluebells, Iris, Narcissus/Daffodil (Not cultivated), Tulip, Aconites, Snowdrops, to name a few.
2. **Create Meadow areas** where grass is currently mowed by authorities. This will increase and maybe even reintroduce lost insects, Lepidoptera, pollinating Bees, Ladybirds, Grasshoppers, etc. This will naturally encourage birds, Blackbirds, Great Tits, Blue Tits, Chaffinches, Goldfinches. Many of these feed on the seeds of wild grasses and flowerheads.
3. **Put large Planters** at the entrances to the residential areas. These could be of various construction and recycled material processes. There are local residents who are willing and others



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who may be encouraged to tend these when passing. From one of the biggest online plant and gardening companies I have been offered over 500 plants for our planters. Thank you to Thompson & Morgan/Suttons.

4. **Open Gardens** – local residents are being invited to be part in this event in the summer. You can register your interest with one of our committee members below. Viewers would be asked to pay a fee for a map to visit the gardens; this fee would be held in the account. FiB may then consider applications for grants to local charity groups.
5. **Businesses in the village** are being invited to take part in the project either by financial support or by providing or maintaining a floral display.

Perhaps you would like to be involved in this exciting project but don't know how, or think you are not a gardener and wonder what you can do.....GET IN TOUCH. We especially welcome ANYONE including young people, 'older' people, people with disabilities.

Bailey Brown, Christine & Stuart Samuels (The Wellington), Brigette Wilkinson, Stevo Saunders, Victor Hill, Martin & Jo Blackman, Carol Mack.



## **Feltwell Open Gardens**

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

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## **HOCKWOLD CRICKET CLUB. A VIEW FROM THE GROUNDSMAN'S HUT.**

With January well 'n truly behind us, and with Covid currently on the back foot, I feel a twang of optimism in the air. There is certainly an expectant buzz at our Club, as the wheels of yet another cricket season move ever forward. We have been busy over the winter months planning the funding for some exciting projects. We have 2 grant applications currently in the Norfolk pipeline, and we are very optimistic for their success. Hopefully I'll be able to tell more on this next month. Ground work has continued over the winter, with our ground crew working hard to maintain and repair the outfield. Huge thanks must go to Messer's Marlow and Spencer. Our 1st.XI will continue in the NCA Div. 3, while the 2nd.XI having gained promotion, will do battle in the NCL Div. 2 West. Our Sunday XI remain in the MNSCL Keith Grimmer Division. I did mention in my last newsletter the Norfolk Cricket Board's hopes of moving forward with an entirely new league structure, The NRCA. One that would benefit league cricket throughout Norfolk immensely. Sadly, it has fallen at the first hurdle, and is currently being re-modelled, to hopefully go forward for 2023. But as I said previously, the right committee candidates for the new venture are proving hard to entice. With the success of our Junior sessions last summer, plus the fabulous response to our 2 day Summer School, we are hoping for another good take-up this season. We expect to start our Wednesday evening junior sessions in mid-April. We also intend to offer the ECB junior initiative, the All-Stars program, which will begin in May. In addition, we will be offering both hard ball and soft ball competitive match experience to our young members. If you are interested in taking up cricket, or are an experienced player, and fancy joining a progressive, family orientated club, do contact me for further details.

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## FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB



Much better news this month and hopefully a better outlook. The Covid regs being lifted is hopeful but we still need to be cautious.

The green is looking great, our green keeper has worked hard dressing and mowing.

The spare bowls have been sorted into sizes but we could do with a few more smaller size sets, if you have any bowls that are of no use to you we would appreciate them.

Indoor bowls continues up and down more down than up.

The cancelled Quiz night in January has been moved to March.

### FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 12th March 2022, doors open 7.00pm, start at 7.30pm

£3-00 per person, please bring your own nibbles and drinks

There will be a raffle and prize for the winning team

Call Trevor on 01842 827079 to book a team of 4 or more, if you do not have a 4 call and we can arrange for a team to join, you will be made most welcome.

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

This is a very popular Quiz enjoyed by all who attend, so why not come along and join us. And maybe join the Bowls Club as well?

### Sudoku Puzzle

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

Answer on page 79

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## WORD TRAIL NO. 13

*Janet Clements brings us a different type of puzzle, a Word Trail.*

Starting at No.1 follow the clue numbers around the box clockwise finishing in the middle. The last letter of each answer is the first letter of the next answer. Work clockwise. Have Fun

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### CLUES

- 1 The name given to the bolt on a crossbow (7)
- 2 The capital of Peru (4)
- 3 A mixture compound wholly or mainly of metals (5)
- 4 Film: Barbara Streisand 1983 (5)

- 5 He painted the Mons Lisa (15)
- 6 Music: the BBC banned this Beatles song for it's lyrics (1-2-3-6)
- 7 The Capital of Chile (8)
- 8 Someone appointed to investigate complaints against public authorities (9)
- 9 Who came second in the FIFA Womens World Cup in 2019 (11)
- 10 Edward Jenner introduced which successful vaccine in 1796 (8)
- 11 The botanical name for the 'Strawflower (11)
- 12 A planet that is closest to our Sun (7)
- 13 Film: A Beatles film of 1968 about a soldier called 'Old Fred' (6-9)
- 14 The name of an eating Apple cultivar introduced in 1899 (5-8)
- 15 The nut used for making Marzipan (6)
- 16 The name of the actor who plays Del Boy Trotter in Only Fools & Horses (5-5)
- 17 The eleventh month of the year (8)
- 18 The largest country in the world (6)
- 19 In golf, where does the Masters take place (7-8)
- 20 A breed of retriever with either Black or Golden coat (8)
- 21 Music: A 1973 record by Elvis Presley (6-2-4)
- 22 TV: In the Game of Thrones, what is the capital of Westeros (6-7)
- 23 A common name for the illness Rubella (6-7)
- 24 The only British Prime Minister to be assassinated in 1812 (7-8)
- 25 Swarms of this bug destroys crops in East Africa (7)
- 26 Gordon Sumner is the real name of which famous British musician (5)
- 27 Keeper, defender, protector (8)
- 28 What was the nationality of the polar explorer Roald Amundsen (9)
- 29 Fruits consisting of a hard or leathery shell enclosing edible kernel (4)

*This month's Word Trail solution can be found on page 66*

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I read this recently in clinical review and it piqued my interest.

The article went on to say that a number of people don't breathe well enough to sustain normal health. We need oxygenation of our cells, tissues and organs.

Yes, this much is obvious too but bear with me.

Dr Chandra Patel describes, in the book *Behavioural and Psychological Approaches to Breathing Disorders*, the problem with breathing as follows: “We start life with a breath, and the process continues automatically for the rest of our lives. Because breathing continues on its own, without our awareness, it does not necessarily mean that it is always functioning for optimum mental and physical health. The opposite is true often. The problem with breathing is that it seems so easy and natural that we rarely give it a second thought.”

I remember thinking before I trained as a Fitness and Pilates Instructor that I was only aware of my breathing when I became out of breath!

Since then, I have gained a greater knowledge and understanding it's not just when we run for the bus, but there are other influences at work effecting our ability to oxygenate our cells, tissues and organs effectively.

Stress, sitting at a desk all day, eating processed foods, excessive talking, lead us to ineffectually over breath; through the mouth, over using the upper chest, sighing, noticeable breathing while at rest and large breaths prior to talking.

**From Mouth breathing to Nose breathing.**

We use our nose for smelling and breathing; our mouth for eating drinking and speaking, but it is estimated 30-50% of modern adult's breath through the mouth, particularly in the early morning hours.



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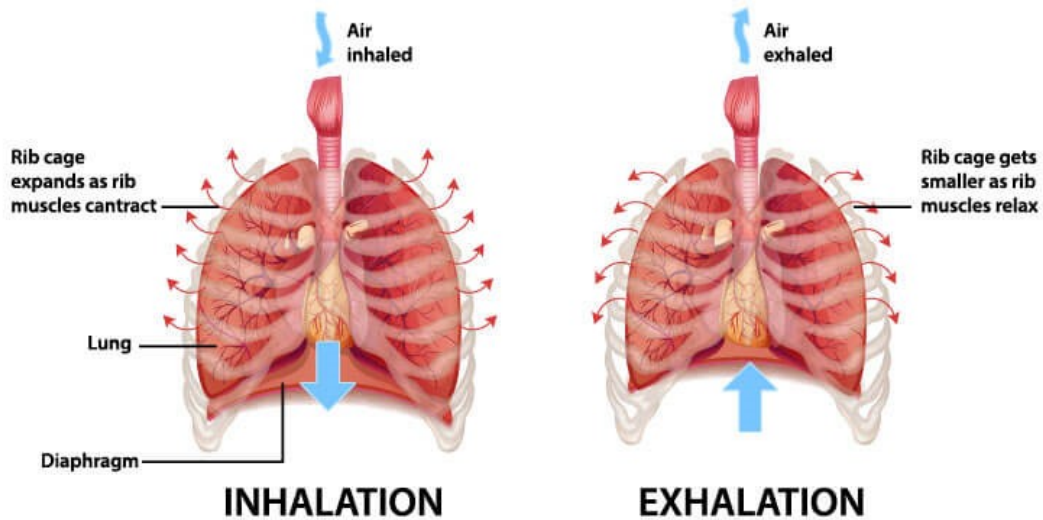
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This month, and particularly in the last week or so, there has been an increase in reports of hare coursing and damage to crops. We continue to receive third hand reports from people after they've seen this type of criminal behaviour but we really encourage anybody who witnesses hare coursing to tell us about it as it's happening on 999, so we have the best opportunity to tackle this offending. Please never put yourself in danger by confronting the individuals or by blocking them in. Instead, please note down any number plates, descriptions of vehicles, clothing and dogs involved and this helps us to link incidents and have a clearer picture as to who is doing what and where.

Last month, I very briefly touched on the announcement that the Government is putting forward proposals to toughen up the powers and punishment in relation to hare coursing.

The first proposal is to increase the maximum penalty for trespassing in pursuit of game under the Game Acts. These are both very old pieces of legislation - the Daytime Game Act 1831 and Night Poaching Act 1828 - but are incredibly effective at dealing with hare coursing. Punishments are set to include an unlimited fine and up to six months' imprisonment.

The second proposal is to create two new criminal offences: firstly, trespass with the intention of using a dog to search for or pursue a hare; and secondly, being equipped to trespass with the intention of using a dog to search for or to pursue a hare. Both would be punishable on conviction by an unlimited fine and/or up to six

months' imprisonment.

The third proposal is a big one for us in Norfolk as currently we seize any dogs involved in hare coursing that come into contact with us. We continue to see this as the biggest deterrent and the reason why incidents of hare coursing continue to decrease year-on-year. However, it isn't the cheapest option. The powers proposed is to order, on conviction, the reimbursement of costs incurred by the police in kennelling dogs seized in connection with a hare coursing-related offence.

Finally, the fourth proposal is to give courts a new power to make an order, on conviction, disqualifying an offender from owning or keeping a dog. I think this would be an Incredibly powerful punishment given they rely on dogs to commit the crime.

These on the face of it look very positive and it is hoped they could even be in place as early as September 2022.

## **GPS THEFTS**

Sadly, as I write this, we have seen a number of farms targeted again for tractor GPS Systems over the last weekend. A lot of working is ongoing with multiple forces across the UK and the National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service but we continue to ask farmers to remove the systems from machines overnight if at all possible. Also try to make sure the systems are overtly marked with permanent marker or an engraver. Marking these systems overtly makes them less attractive on the secondhand market and also easily traceable.

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Livestock farms remained relatively quiet or as quiet as they are ever going to be with only the earlier lambing taking place. The day for many farmers was taken up with checking their stock regularly and making sure they have plenty of fodder and water available.

You may have seen flocks of sheep grazing in green fields one day and then in 'mud' with white bulbs the next day. These are stubble turnips and are a staple of sheep diets in this part of the world as they are very nutritional, affordable, and grow quickly. The only problem is it looks a bit messy, but the sheep generally do well in these conditions...as long as they have food, they're happy. But of course the farmer has to keep opening the next piece of field every now and again, moving the fencing, which is another job, because you don't want the sheep trampling over the whole field as so much would get wasted. Strip grazing allows you to encourage them to waste less.

Generally, cattle remained indoors in clean warm barns while the fields remained very waterlogged. Feeding and cleaning them daily is no easy task. Pigs never really get a mention as they don't tend to have a season. We have some large pig herds in Norfolk, especially around the Breckland area due to the free draining light soil so the fields don't get water logged so easily. The majority of piglets are born outside before going on to be reared indoors in a barn - these are seen as much more favourable than some of the more intensive European standards and our pig farms are recognised worldwide as having some of the highest welfare standards. Did you know a sow is pregnant (gestation period) for 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days - a total of 115 days? The aim for a pig farmer is for a sow to have on average of 2.4 litters a year and in general litters are, on average, around 10 piglets.

In our countryside the snowdrops started popping through. Sadly, these are often targeted by thieves, but these beautiful early flowering plants should be left alone to flourish when they appear. Catkins appeared on Hazel trees long before any leaves appeared. The catkins are actually the male flowers and the female flowers remain very much hidden and look like tiny buds.

A stretch of a warm days, sparked our common frogs into action and you may have seen them spawning in ponds. Another sign towards the end of February and beginning of March is the Primrose coming into flower.

Another creature to which February was an important month was the Badger. Female badgers often give birth either in January or February - a very clever trick by nature as by the time the cubs are venturing out looking for their own food of worms, insects and plants; spring will be well upon us and there will be plenty of food available. This gives them the best chance of fattening up over spring, summer and into autumn before food sources dry up next winter.

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

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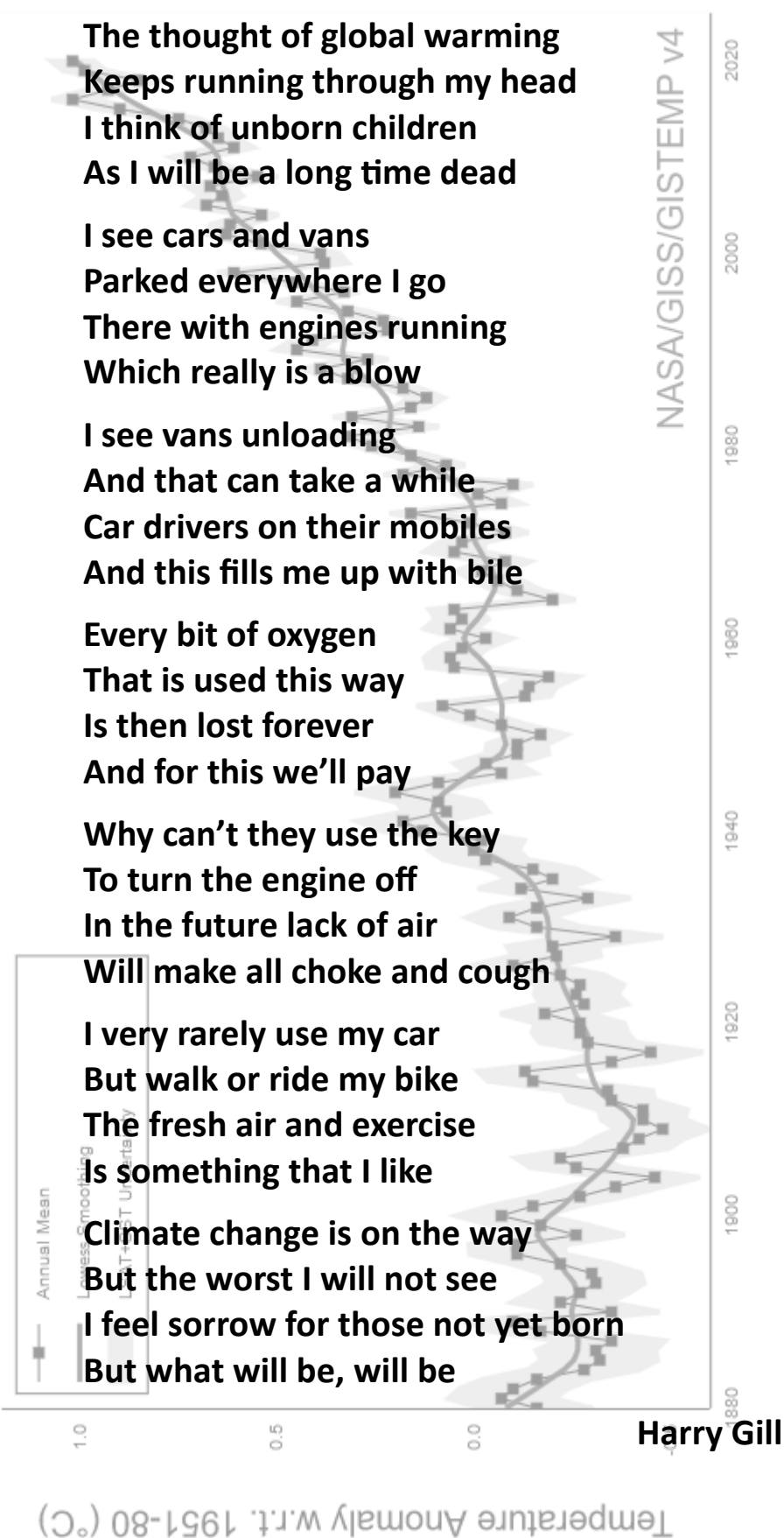
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As I will be a long time dead

I see cars and vans  
Parked everywhere I go  
There with engines running  
Which really is a blow

I see vans unloading  
And that can take a while  
Car drivers on their mobiles  
And this fills me up with bile

Every bit of oxygen  
That is used this way  
Is then lost forever  
And for this we'll pay

Why can't they use the key  
To turn the engine off  
In the future lack of air  
Will make all choke and cough

I very rarely use my car  
But walk or ride my bike  
The fresh air and exercise  
Is something that I like

Climate change is on the way  
But the worst I will not see  
I feel sorrow for those not yet born  
But what will be, will be

Harry Gill

*Reminiscences by Mr A. J. 'Pip'  
Orange Part 2*

*Taken from his 'The Story of Feltwell' published in  
1970*

Now, to the amusements - we had no Bingo but there were plenty of regular Whist Drives, Dances and Social Evenings - now and again there were Village Concerts in either the Y.M.C.A. Hut in Fair Close or the Coronation (1911) Hall. This hall also served as the Rex Cinema for many years but before that time I remember many a pleasant evening when a travelling cinema visited the same building once weekly. Every time the film broke a salvo of torches flashed on the screen and the operator was urged from all over the hall to get a move on. Ten public houses kept busy - the number has gradually dwindled to three - and many a "sing-song" was enjoyed in the pubs or, as I recall, in the comfort of one's own home. Until about 1912 the Annual Club Feast provided a whole day of festivity and sports.

The Nursing Association, the British Legion and the Church all ran their Annual Garden Fetes. The British Legion fetes were held on the Naked Close or "Starnacre", then in the park of South Hall while the Church Fetes, before they were held at Beck House, were always held in the lovely grounds of the (Old) Rectory.

There were Bowling Greens at the Cock Inn, Roseneath (later taken over by the Oak Hotel) and a large one at Lawn House. There were tennis courts at Lawn House, The (Old) Rectory, Manor Farm, Short Lane and Commerce House. (Short Beck - destroyed by fire c. 1935)

Once the harvest had been gathered in there were, in the old days, Harvest Suppers, or "Horkeys", followed by Harvest Festivals in the Church and the two Chapels. I well remember the sales of the harvest gifts where the Churchwardens, J. H. Fassnidge (headmaster) and Francis E. Rudland (farmer), acted as auctioneers. We children were allowed to attend and invariably suffered the next day through eating a surfeit of fruit. **More next month.**

## FELTWELL'S WW1 WAR HEROES No.41

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:*

### **A.E. WILLETT, 7TH NORFOLK REGT.**

On the Church Roll of Honour he is also recorded as A.E. Willett.

Lance Corporal WILLETT, ALBERT

Service Number: 16797

Died: 17/04/1917

Aged: 29

Unit: 7th Bn. Norfolk Regiment

Son of Thomas and Charlott Willett, of Lodge Rd., Feltwell, Norfolk.

Commemorated at HOLLYBROOK MEMORIAL, SOUTHAMPTON

CWGC: [www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2895291/willett,-albert/](http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2895291/willett,-albert/)

SDGW records that Lance Corporal Albert Willett "Died" on the 17th April 1917 whilst serving in France & Flanders with the 7th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment. No place of birth or residence is shown. He enlisted at Norwich.

The Medal Index Card for Private 16797 Albert Willett, Norfolk Regiment, is held at the National Archive under reference WO 372/21/176566

[discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/D6434705](http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/D6434705)

He qualified for the 1915 Star, having landed in France on the 15th June 1915. The associated Medal Roll records him as drowned on the 17.4.17

He also qualified for the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. The associated Medal Roll confirms he only served with the 7th Battalion.

#### **Abbreviations used.**

CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves Commission

SDGW – Soldiers Died in the Great War

IRC – International Red Cross

MIC – Medal Index Card



His “Death Penny” is on display as part of an exhibition on Feltwell in the Great War in the church of St Mary, Feltwell.

The Army Register of Soldiers Effects records that he was drowned at sea on the 17th April 1917. The balance of his pay was sent to his Father Thomas in April 1918. The War Gratuity was also paid to Thomas, being issued in November 1919.

**1887 – Birth and baptism**

The birth of an Albert Edward Willett was registered with the Civil Authorities in the Thetford District in the April to June quarter, (Q2), of 1887.

The baptism of an Albert Edward Willett, no date of birth recorded, took place in the Parish of St Mary and St Nicholas, Feltwell on the 3rd July 1887. His parents were Thomas, a Labourer, and Charlotte. The family live in the parish.

Source: [www.freereg.org.uk/search\\_records/5818f8fbe93790eca32d21a...](http://www.freereg.org.uk/search_records/5818f8fbe93790eca32d21a...)

**1891 Census of England and Wales**

The 3-year-old \*Albert Willett, born Feltwell, was recorded in a dwelling in the village. This was the household of his parents, Thomas, (aged ??, a Farm Servant, born Feltwell) and Charlotte, (aged 36?, born Glanford, Suffolk). As well as Albert their other children still single and living with them are:-

'Robt'	aged 16	born Feltwell	Shoemakers Appentice
George	aged 12	born Feltwell	
Charlotte	aged 2	born Feltwell	

\*The census enumerator has scored through the age column very heavily, making it almost impossible to read the information for most of the entries on the page. The Genealogy site I use for basic census look ups believes that it says Albert is 8 years old.

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

The Willett family are now recorded living in a Cottage on Long Lane, Feltwell. As well as parents Thomas, (47, General Labourer on Farm) and Charlotte, (46) there are also their unmarried children Robert, (26, Boot Repairer), George, (22, General Labourer on Farm), **Albert E., (13. Labourer on Farm)**, Charlotte A, (11), Lily, (8) and Harry C, (3). All the children were born Feltwell.

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

The Willett family were now recorded living on Lodge Road, Feltwell. The age for Albert, now working as a domestic Gardener, has been transcribed on the source I use as 33. However, looking at the original page, several of the ages have been altered and some have been crossed through as they are in the male age column when they should be in the female column. As a result, the ages have also been smudged. It would be just as likely that Albert's age was 23 rather than 33. Of the rest of the family, parents Thomas, (56, General Labourer) and Charlotte, (56), have been married 37 years and have had 6 children who were then all still alive. Still single and living with them are their children Robert, (35, Boot Repairer), Charlotte, (22, Unemployed Domestic Servant), Lily, (18, Domestic Servant working from home) and Harry, (13). Also in the house is father Thomas' brother, the unmarried Jonathan Willett, a Farm Labourer born Feltwell.

### **On the day**

#### **HOLLYBROOK MEMORIAL, SOUTHAMPTON**

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men of the Commonwealth's navies who have no grave but the sea are commemorated on memorials elsewhere). The memorial also bears the names of those who were lost or buried at sea, or who died at home but whose bodies could not be recovered for burial. (Among the losses commemorated are) HMTs Donegal and Warilda, ambulance transports torpedoed and sunk between Le Havre and Southampton on 17 April 1917 and 3 August 1918.

The following is a composite of the various bits of information on a forum thread.

*Donegal was NOT a hospital ship, but rather an armed vessel used to carry wounded back across the Channel. The common term is "ambulance transport." She was sunk by UC 21 under the command of future Pour Le Mérite winner Oblt.z.S. Reinhold Saltzwedel. The correct date of the sinking is April 17, 1917.*

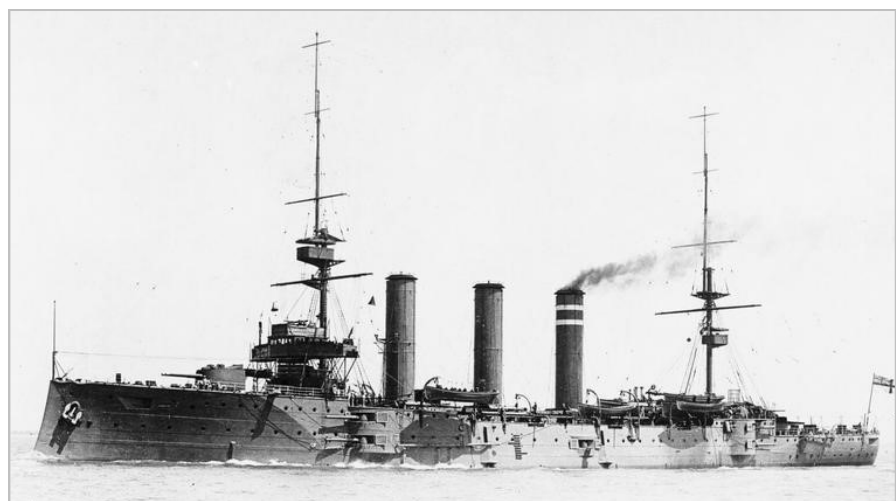
*She was 19 miles south of the Dean Light Vessel, n position 50 26N, 1 00W, in the English Channel. Losses were 11 crew and 29 soldiers.*

*She was on voyaging from Le Havre to Southampton and was owned by the Midland Railway Co - Derby.*

*She was chartered by the Admiralty, and therefore was not HMS or T. According to Hocking "Disaster at Sea" 29 wounded troops lost their lives in the sinking.*

*The one sailor that died was PETER MACFADYEN a LOWER DECK HAND, RNR, service number S D 2034.*

The working assumption is that Albert was a wounded passenger aboard the Donegal when she was torpedoed.



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## THE WEST NORFOLK AVIATION SOCIETY

Much of this report about Roger A's lecture at the Mundford Bowls Club on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> is a replication of Commander David A's follow-up notes to the crew.



Roger, membership secretary and one time big wheel in Tesco's technical data processing department, was praised by the Commander for the competency and enthusiasm he portrayed whilst executing his maiden voyage into lecturing us about the world of flight simulation. Roger's chosen demonstration model was a Boeing 737 and, with graphics illustrating the nature of the cockpit, went on to explain that, with modern software, every perceivable control in this knob-twiddler's paradise has a simulated equivalent; even down to collision avoidance sensors.

At the risk of exposing some of his own shortcomings, the modest Commander went on to extol the virtues of a few more of the crew: "Chris (chairman) made a great Master of Ceremonies, without ceremony but, with good humour";

"John H extorted a lot of dosh in the raffle without the slightest help from himself (DA): there's a lesson there";

"John B has a growing list of future speakers already lined up".

The Commander also invited Steve C to explain his idea about a society logo based on photos he had taken himself. This he would email to members for their edification. The emblem makes its debut above as a trial before approval. It features the silhouettes of three aircraft which have made a presence in our area over the years; examples that have helped to keep everyone safe for almost a century.

David then announced that he had booked a table at Brown's Restaurant in order to pay tribute to a few designated life members in the village who are no longer able to attend the regular meetings. (He didn't say that he would foot the bill himself).

The Commander then congratulated the rest of the crew for their support and, as always, remembered caterers Val and Len.

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## WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search is on things you would find **IN A CAR**. 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 66.*

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 SCREWS  
 SEAT BELT  
 SENSORS  
 SPARK PLUGS  
 STARTER MOTOR  
 SUN VISOR  
 SUSPENSION  
 TYRES  
 WASHERS  
 WINDOWS



## SPRING FEVER BY JUDITH PORTER

To think we will soon be welcoming Spring,  
When the bulbs reappear and the birds start to sing!  
We've tip-toed through winter with a cautionary mind,  
And we're dreaming of leaving those worries behind.  
Spring is a very uplifting season,  
With lengthening days and plenty of reason  
To look straight ahead to what summer might bring,  
And to take renewed pleasure in everything.  
I look out each morning at the brand new day,  
And delight at the sunrise and the fresh array  
Of new growth emerging and the stirring of life  
From the long winter sleep that has known little strife.  
Nature is truly a wonderful guide,  
A beckoning arm saying, "come on outside!",  
Let's open the curtains and shut down the fire,  
And welcome the change of the altered hour.  
The first sign for me is the aconite bright,  
Peeping through foliage to reach for the light,  
And the snowdrops are never that far behind,  
A lantern of white and easy to find.  
Daffodils then really do start to display  
A fanfare of colour to inspire each day,  
For they seem to be everywhere - a wonderful sign  
That winter is waning - pure water to wine!  
Then slowly but surely the leaves will unfold,  
Long gone are the fallen of autumn gold,  
Such a beautiful green so refreshing and bright,  
All giving us pleasure and deep delight.  
I simply marvel at the coming of Spring,  
Such wonder at the rebirth of everything.  
Lambs skip freely and birds build their nest,  
And we dash to the nurseries so to chose and invest  
In plug plants and seedlings and a new idea  
That in turn will give pleasure throughout the year.  
So roll on the Springtime and warmer days,  
Then it won't be long before we can gaze  
On fresh sights and colour and a brand new start  
That is guaranteed to warm the heart.  
So let's fill our glasses and propose a toast,  
As we line up the pastimes we love the most!  
Sound balance of work and with plenty of play,  
And give thanks for the blessing of each new day!



# St Mary's Feltwell

Your Parish Church is open every day.

Did you know?

St. Mary's achieved historical mention in 1602 in the list of Ruined and Decayed Churches in the Deanery of "ffyncham and Cranwich". We work very hard to prevent such renown again!

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*A semi-regular column featuring historical news reports relating to the village.*

Thetford & Watton Times 5 Nov. 1909

### **WEDDING**

Considerable interest was manifested in a wedding which took place in the parish church on Wednesday. The bride-groom was Mr. Francis Ernest Rudland and the bride, Miss Bessie Alderton of Walthamstow.

The bride wore a gown of cream, bridal veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet. She was attended by two bridesmaids, her sister (Miss P. Alderton) who wore a dress of champagne colour and hat to match and Miss L. Lambert (cousin of the bridegroom) who wore a dress of tweed mixture and black picture hat.

The bride was given away by her brother (Mr. P. Alderton) and Mr. S. Lambert (cousin of the bridegroom) acted as best man.

The ceremony was performed by the Rector (Rev. H. T. O'Rorke). The organist (Miss Laurence) presided at the organ and played the 'Wedding March' and the choir sang. The wedding presents were numerous. Mr. Rudland is a member of St. Mary's Church Choir and of the Feltwell Enterprise Band.

### **CHURCHYARD UPKEEP**

It is very difficult in the village of Feltwell to raise sufficient money for the upkeep of St Nicholas' Churchyard. Besides the many who go to attend their relatives' graves, many visitors come during the summer months, and relatives from long distances.

Because of this a built-in collection box has been fitted in the porch of the church and it is hoped that donations will greatly assist this cause.



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

## **GIRLFRIENDS?**

“Ya ever thought a gettin' a girlfriend? Ever wondered wot it would be like ta 'ave one? Ya know, ta 'old 'ands with, an all that?”

“Now why would I want ta 'old 'ands wi' a girl, eh? There's plenty 'o time for all that sort a stuff, when I's got nowt better ta do. Till then, t'only thing I wants ta 'old 'ands with is my fishin' rod! Safer, that way. Girls is trouble, an' no mistake. Best ta steer clear, is my advise!”

“It' only cos I's seen Sis 'oldin' 'ands wi' 'er boyfriend when Ma can't see 'em, an' she seems ta like it. I know I's too young yet ta think about girlfriends, but you's older than me, an' I was wonderin' if you was thinkin' of getting' one, that's all!”

“Ya can rest assured there, that nothin's further from me mind right now. Holdin' 'ands is one thing, but 'oldin' 'ands only leads ta other things, like cuddlin' an' kissin', an' who knows what! Look where it got our folks! Mind you, you an me wouldn't be 'ere fishin' if they 'adn't 'eld 'ands, would we, if ya gets my meanin?”

“D'ya reckon ya 'as ta do all that, ta get in t' family way? Ma had better keep an eye on Sis then, cos she 'olds 'ands a lot with 'er boyfriend. And I's seen 'im put 'is arm round her, too! D'ya think I's gonna be an uncle? Sounds grown up, that does!”

“Ya see wot I mean? Once ya starts all that 'oldin' 'ands stuff, things can get outa 'and, and before ya knows it, ya's made someone inta an uncle! If your Sis goes that way, you'll be glad you 'as me ta go fishin' with, when your gaff gets a bit too crowded!”

“Oh ta, that would be nice. I's so lucky to 'ave a mate like you, seein' as 'ow you ain't thinkin of 'avin' a girlfriend of ya own yet. I wouldn't want ta be sittin' 'ere , fishin' on me tod, cos if ya did 'ave a

girlfriend, ya wouldn't want me 'angin' around, would ya? Still, if ya did want ta 'ave a girlfriend, that would be ok!"

"Will ya stop goin' on about girlfriends? Ya's wearin me out wi' ya mitherin! I ain't gonna 'ave a girlfriend, you ain't gonna 'ave a girlfriend, neither, so we's got nowt ta worry about, even if your Sis is holdin' 'ands wi somebody! So, did ya bring any bait with yer? It was your turn this time!"

"Yeah, 'course. Got 'em in me pocket. Oh 'eck. We bin talkin' so long, they's all stopped wrigglin! Sorry!"

## Subscription renewal.

Our annual subscription renewal date moved to March last year and will remain as March from now on. Distributors will collect your £5 subscription this month. Gift subscriptions also moved to March and a Gift Subscription form can be found below. Thank you for supporting the magazine and the organisations that benefit from it.

### **Do you know someone who doesn't take the magazine? Why not give them a subscription as a gift this year.**

Fill out the form below and return it to Paul at the address inside the front cover before 14th March 2022 and they will receive their first issue in April.

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# WORD TRAIL No. 14—SOLUTION

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## Word Search Answer

Next month's Word Search will feature **ITEMS FOUND IN A MAN CAVE**

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# **RSPB Lakenheath Fen**

## **NEST-BOXES FOR GARDEN BIRDS THIS SPRING**

Hello to all and I hope the first few days of Spring have been good ones for you! There are signs of the changing seasons all around us, ever since the days began to lengthen after the New Year- now the birds are singing, crocuses and daffodils popping up above the soil again and the first bees are on the wing too.

The last month at Lakenheath Fen has seen a shift in the wildlife that visitors can see- marsh harriers are beginning to disperse to their spring breeding territories and the evening harrier roost consists of fewer birds. However, our common cranes are now back with us and have been here since the start of February, which is an early return (the middle of the month being more typical) and this may reflect the milder weather of January and early February. Any day now, we will hear the first bitterns calling (deep, resonant 'booms' echoing across the reedbeds from territorial males) and the first blackcaps and chiffchaffs will start to join the resident songsters.

Across the UK, many of our familiar garden birds will be in full song too, but it is now widely known that many popular species struggle to find enough safe spaces to nest in our gardens. March is not too late to give them a helping hand by putting up a bird box or two in your garden, if you have the space. Bird boxes come in a huge variety of shapes and sizes, as different birds have different needs. Where you put your box can be very important too. One key feature for any box is that they generally need to be installed at least five feet above the ground, and out of reach of any visiting cats, either from above or below. Lastly, it is very important not to site your box in a south-facing position or where it will be exposed to sunlight during the hottest part of the day, as in the warmer months the eggs, chicks and incubating adults within can quickly get too hot. A

box facing west, north, east or in-between is best.

Consistently voted as Britain's favourite garden bird, the robin, requires quite a secluded spot to nest in. The type of box robins like is called an 'open-fronted' box and mounted in a tangle of ivy or within a dense shrub is a good place to put it- robins do like a well-hidden site. You may find that a wren ends up moving into a robin box as they like a similar situation.

Next come the boxes with the traditional hole entrances- and they come with two entrance hole sizes- 25mm and 32mm wide. Boxes with a 25mm hole are ideal for blue tits but will exclude larger species such as great tits and house sparrows, which need a 32mm to fit their bigger bellies through! So a 25mm hole works if you just want to attract blue tits, but a blue tit won't turn down a larger 32mm hole so this option will suit a wider range of birds and you are more likely to get an occupant! Our house sparrows struggle for nesting sites as older buildings are taken down, often taking with them loose roof tiles and cavities in roofs which were ideal nesting spots for sparrows and also starlings too. Sparrows do like to nest together in groups and you can buy 'terrace' style boxes with several compartments in one wooden unit, each with their own nest hole, to help appeal to their social nature. Or, two or more separate boxes in one spot will work just as well.

If you think you'd like to put up a box or two, March is not too late as although the birds have already begun to sing and court each other, many will still be looking for a nest site to use once they are paired up. Good quality boxes will be well-joined at the edges (to help keep the occupants dry during rain) and will have a panel that can be removed for easy-cleaning out of season. Specialist nestboxes are also available for other species such as house martins, swifts and swallows. If you have a large and quiet garden, there are boxes specially designed for barn owl, tawny owl and kestrels to use if you have any of these birds of prey nearby.

For more information on nest boxes, you can either telephone the RSPB on 01767 693690 or visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/how-you-can-help-birds/nestboxes/>. If you are looking to buy boxes, then you can visit [shopping.rspb.org.uk](https://shopping.rspb.org.uk) or visit

an RSPB Shop at The Lodge, Titchwell or Minsmere. Nearby Lackford Lakes (Suffolk Wildlife Trust) can also offer advice in person and they sell nest boxes too.

I hope this article has been interesting and useful for anyone looking to add a nest box or two to their garden. As always, myself and the rest of the team here at RSPB Lakenheath Fen would like to wish you well for the month ahead.

By Heidi Jones. Visitor Experience Officer, RSPB Lakenheath Fen.



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nature  
a home

## Events at RSPB Lakenheath

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

### Friday's Foray

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

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

Monthly guided walk – 11am-1pm, **usually** the first Friday in each month, so: **Friday 4 March** Friday 8 April (second Friday in April) Friday 6 May Friday 3 June Friday 1 July Friday 5 August.

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

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

### Treasures of the Moth Trap

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

Thursday 24 March Saturday 30 April Thursday 26 May

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

A warm welcome from  
St Mary's to our Services.



Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes	7pm	Feltwell
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Eucharist	10am	Feltwell
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Service of the Word Eucharist	10am 10am	Feltwell Northwold
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Eucharist	10am	Weeting
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Service of the Word Eucharist	10am 10am	Hockwold Weeting

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



## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE NO. 29

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.



High Street from the east. Neville's Butchers (left, white) then Barley Porter's store. William Hitch (7/5/1886-7/7/1965), the England fast bowler lived in the house to the left of Neville's. Neville's is now One Stop. Porter's now The Wellington. Few walk to the shop anymore.



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## BRECKLAND CATS PROTECTION

Cerebellar hypoplasia occurs in kittens as a result of their mother being infected with a virus called feline parvovirus during pregnancy. It can also occasionally occur if the kitten is infected in the first few weeks after birth. Some or all of the litter of kittens may be affected and some individuals may be affected more so than others. The virus affects the cerebellum, during the kitten's development and it is this part of the brain which is responsible for fine-tuning movement.

Wobbliness becomes apparent when kittens first start to move at a few weeks of age, but is non-progressive so does not worsen over time. Cats are affected for the rest of their lives and generally learn to cope with their condition. Affected cats may stand with their legs apart, sway when they move, lift their legs high when walking, show nodding or head tremors, which may worsen when they focus to do something such as eat, and they may lose their balance.

Once the cerebellum has been damaged in this way, it cannot be repaired, so there is no treatment for cerebellar hypoplasia. Here are a few tips to help improve the quality of life of cat with this condition. They may appreciate a deep litter tray with high sides that they can use for support to balance when toileting, but make sure the cat can get in and out of it without difficulty. A large litter tray gives the cat plenty of space to move around inside it and ensures it can't be tipped up. Affected cats can be messy eaters – feed in an easily cleaned area and use a sturdy water bowl that isn't easily turned over – for some cats, raising bowls a little can be helpful. These cats may find it difficult to accurately jump – provide easy ways for cats to access their favourite areas – cushions and rugs under windowsills can act as crash mats.

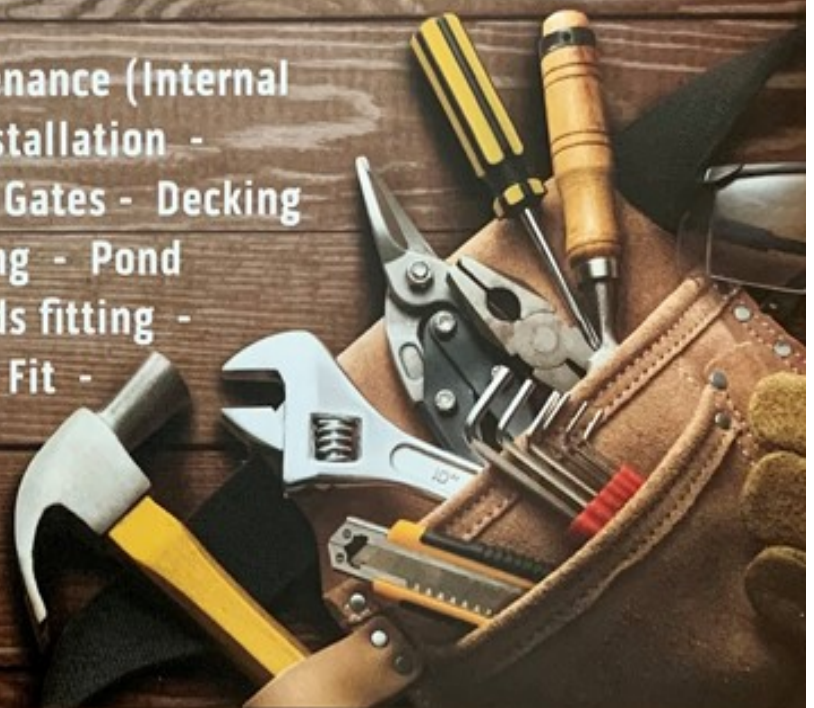
It is not recommended that you allow affected cats to roam outside unsupervised for their own safety. Their uncoordinated movement may make it more difficult for them to escape easily from hazards. Keep your cat indoors unless he can have access to safety-fenced garden or run. And make sure he is microchipped in case he escapes.

Most kittens are only affected mildly or moderately. With minor adjustments to their care, they can enjoy a good quality of life. For help or advice or if you need assistance with the cost of neutering, please call us on 01842 810018.



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## Hospital Happenings *by Tony Bennett*



*Monthly Ramblings about West  
Suffolk Hospital*

**News: March 2022**

Covid at the hospital: - While numbers of inpatients with Covid are dropping week by week the hospital still has protective measures in place. Masks are required for staff and visitors. The situation may change at any time so best to have a look at the hospital website before visiting.

The plans for the new hospital are moving forwards. There is a public consultation on the website which could be useful for those of us who live a long way from the hospital. For example, it may be possible to provide a room for relatives to stay overnight when visiting very ill patients but it would require some input from those who might require such a facility. Feel free to contribute!

There is also a page of FAQs regarding the beautiful building of Hardwick Manor, now purchased by the hospital for its 70 acres of land. The suggestion is that the manor might be used as a health and wellbeing centre. It already has bedrooms and facilities which might tie in nicely with the need to have an overnight stay room or two. Should this room be free to relatives or should a small charge be made? Make your views known, it's the only chance we'll get to have a say.

### **Incidents and Anecdotes:**

After 3 years training my student days were over and I had to enter the world of work. (Having said that I did have jobs during my student days, motorway chef and social club barman). I applied for several jobs and had interviews in various places. One stood out above all the others – a brand new hospital at Portsmouth. I had a



## **Thetford Singers present: When Spring Comes In...**

When spring comes in, nature awakes and all begins to grow and bloom around us. For centuries this has inspired writers and musicians to put pen to paper and illustrate this great miracle. The season stretches from the first tentative stirrings on otherwise still cold and dismal days through the mysteries of the Eastertide to the glories of May with its fragrant blossoms.

Our own John Weeks has followed in the footsteps of generations of writers and has linked a programme of springtime songs old and new with existing as well as specially written texts to take us through 'springtime, the only pretty ringtime'. The choir is proud and excited to be presenting this cornucopia of literary and musical works.

Please join us for an evening of seasonal words and music **on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm**. Tickets are **£8** from **The Leaping Hare Box Office**, Thetford, online at **[www.leapinghare.org](http://www.leapinghare.org)** or by phone: **01842 751975**.

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- Have you lived in Feltwell for at least two years and are still resident in the village?
- Are you studying at College or University?
- Do you need assistance with the purchase of equipment or books to enable you to study?

If you can answer "YES" to all of the above then apply in writing to Mr B. Hawkins, Agent for Sir Edmund De Moundeford Trust, 15 Lynn Road, Downham Market, Norfolk. PE38 9NL. In your letter you **MUST** include the date you moved into the village, details of the course you are studying, where you are studying, the qualification you expect to achieve upon completion and any costs necessary for you to embark upon the course. Include details of any books and/or equipment required. If you know a Trustee please put their name in your application. The award of a grant is at the discretion of the Trustees and shall not exceed £300. Only one award will be made per applicant.

great interview and really felt at home and was convinced I'd got the job. It was a shock when I didn't get it as it felt totally me. I was gutted. Seven days later the hospital phoned me again to say they hoped I didn't feel that I was second best but the chap they offered the job to had found somewhere else and would I like it after all? Needless to say I leapt at the chance. I spent 18 months there, made friends I'm still in touch with and met my wife there too!

The equipment was brand new and we had a motorised x-ray machine called an AMX 4 made by GE, (pictured) which was much faster than our old Deans unit. My colleague Dave was driving one down the corridor at full walking pace when a little old lady stepped out of a doorway right in front of him. With no chance to stop he swerved and hit the wall which being merely plasterboard immediately gave way and the machine went right through into the consulting room. The consultant was sitting behind his desk and with great presence of mind said, "I don't remember requesting an x-ray." Fortunately, the machine and Dave were unharmed and the damage amounted to a couple of bits of plasterboard so he kept his job!



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 Cuppa Care Bus will be visiting Feltwell on **Friday 25th March, 10.00am—12 noon.** Methodist Car Park.

Whether you just want to get out of the house, to meet new people, or chat about something that's worrying you, they have friendly people on hand who can help.

An **Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council** was held Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of JANUARY 2022 in the British Legion, Long Lane. Ten Councillors attended and four members of the public

Applications submitted to the CIL Project Fund for restoration of St Mary's Clockface, planters for Feltwell in Bloom project and two defibrillators.

Area within Hythe Road garden allotments to be considered for NCC 1 Million Trees Project at the next Tenants' Meeting.

The **Meeting of the Parish Council** was held Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of FEBRUARY 2022 in the British Legion, Long Lane. Eight Councillors attended, four members of the public and Squadron Leader Geary

Chair wished to clarify that he was not part of the Feltwell in Bloom project as stated in their article in the Parish Magazine.

Sqn Leader said heightened activity is due to five squadrons currently operating here which will continue into March. The F35 infrastructure programme continues and the simulator building is awaiting handover. As of 1/2/22, uniform can be worn off base. Gate 2 (Eriswell/Lakenheath entrance) is to be closed daily from 10pm to 6am due to low usage during these times. Sqn Leader apologised for the EOD's error in failing to advise the explosion on 10/2/22 and said the RAF Executive Officer will personally notify the Clerk of any future activity to ensure this does not happen again.

30mph sign on Long Lane and replacement signs at the top of Lodge Road have been issued to the contractor for completion 10/3/22; Addison Close potholes should be completed 24/2/22; replacement of damaged signs opposite Cranwich Heath junction to be completed 21/4/22; Highways will chase clearing of brambles/verges on The Beck; Clearing of bush on Short Beck, resurfacing of Paynes Lane and Hereward Way estate footways have been completed;

**NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL**

potholes at the top of Paynes Lane have been programmed.

Alleyway from Falcon Road to the playing field has been resurfaced, cost was 50% funded by Norfolk County Council’s Parish Partnership Scheme 2021/22.

New viper swing installed 1/2/22. New seesaw being installed w/c 7/3/22. Play equipment to be deep cleaned w/c 14/2/22.

Wicksteed to undertake annual operational inspection of play equipment. Work to increase the width of the vehicle entrance onto the playing field has been delayed.

Application to be made to Parish Partnership Scheme for new bus shelter to replace existing on Lodge Road.

TOP Garden Services awarded grass maintenance contract for 2022/23 season.

TWR Accountants to undertake internal audit for y/e 31/3/22.

Donation of £800 to be made to Feltwell Community Fund to support two events planned for the Queen’s Jubilee. Mr Storey will fund £200 via his Locality Budget.

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 14<sup>th</sup>

March 2022 at 7.30 pm, all are welcome.

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