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# FELTWELL PARISH MAGAZINE

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## **Deadline for the next issue is 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

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

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# *Your Good Health*

**by Dr Ian Nisbet**

Well, as of tomorrow (September 14<sup>th</sup>) we are entering a new phase of restrictions which will probably screw our recently arranged short break to Center Parcs with Angus and his family as we shall be a party of seven – one more than the six allowed. We shall see. Deannie and I are still deeply into preparing our photobooks, covering family history from the mid 1700's to 1986. This has involved a serious amount of photo editing, deleting creases, enhancing old photos and so on. Very many hours have been spent on research and the reparation of the books, and we shall be similarly occupied for weeks to come so lockdown is no big deal for us – just frustrating. Lockdown does not offer great opportunities for the magazine articles so please bear with me.

My lawn has been scarified to death and then re-seeded. I

have to water it lightly twice a day and, currently, there is a race between how fast the pigeons can eat the new seeds and how fast the seeds will germinate. Currently, our bird feeding stations are catering for 50 Goldfinches (the number has been independently verified by management) but, happily, they show no interest in grass seed. As my current lawn mower has an incorporated roller (bad news for new grass), I am having to dig my old Mountfield out of store and have it resurrected. “What” I hear you shout “Have you still got your store room after nearly 3 years?” The quick answer is in the affirmative. The double garage is gradually getting sorted out, after which the store will be attacked. It has been useful for Calum while his kitchen was being remodelled but I am having trouble finding a home for the furniture and about 20 cases

of books. I have to accept that my wonderful Raleigh Superb policeman's tick tick bike which I got when I was 11yr old and has taken me all over the country in my younger days, will have to go as I can no longer lift it. Bullets will have to be bitten!

How about this for a Victor Meldrew type moan? At the front of our house, I have planted a row of box balls (the same plants as form box hedges but cut circular). Obviously, they need trimming a couple of times a year (never before the end of May) so I treated myself to a small pair of electric shears, a bit bigger than those used by hairdressers. Safe enough, you might think, and this is the case until you are distracted by a passing neighbour. Coordination failed and I took a chunk out of my finger. Bitten by my own clippers. (The moan starts now). Wander indoors, a dirty rag tied around the wound, find the box of Elastoplast equivalent and then bleed to death while trying to extract the plaster from its wrapping. We have several boxes of such plasters and they are all equally difficult. Any ideas would be gratefully accepted. Head

Office suggests that, before embarking on any gardening project, I should lay a tray with clean dressings, a tourniquet, several opened elastoplasts and a drip set in case an infusion is necessary.

*George came home from University in tears and asked his mother whether or not he was adopted. She reassured him that he was most certainly not adopted. He then told his Mum that he had taken DNA tests which showed no match for any of his relatives but showed a strong match for people on the other side of the city. Perplexed, his mother called her husband and said, "DNA tests show that George is not our son."*

*"Well obviously," he replied. "It was your idea in the first place. You remember that first night in hospital when the baby did nothing but scream and cry. On and On. You asked me to go and change him and I think I picked a good one – I am really proud of George"*

I often have a quiet smile when visiting the "rest rooms" in motorway service areas or large stores. There is always a Baby

Changing Room – I think of this joke..

*A business woman has to go to Italy for a business conference. Her husband takes her to the airport and she thanked him and asked if she could bring him anything back. He laughed and said “An Italian girl”. When she arrived home, he enquired after her trip and asked her where his present was.*

*“Which present?”*

*“The Italian girl.”*

*“Oh that, I did what I could. We shall just have to wait nine months to see if it is a girl”.*

*A lady makes a new female friend at the Gymnasium and,*

*after six months, she receives a wedding invitation. “Is this your first wedding?”*

*“No, my fourth”.*

*“What happened to the other three?”*

*“The first ate poisonous mushrooms and died. So did the second.” “*

*What did the third husband die of?”*

*“Oh, he died of a broken neck”*

*“What?!”*

*“He wouldn't eat his mushrooms”*

Best wishes to you all

Ian Nisbet

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## 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.

## Over-the-Horizon Radar at RAF Feltwell

*Last month, you may recall, we published an article by David Emory about an experimental early warning system that was partly based at Feltwell. This article generated the following email from Mr Chris Cock.*

“Had a chat with Mr Stiff who lives by St Nicholas yesterday. He told me that he built the shed which was alongside those Aerials on RAF Feltwell .He didn't know what it was for but was told at the time it was to be used for "Upper Met Research."

*On the same day that I received this email I was doing one of my 5-mile walks for Prostate Cancer when I bumped into Mr Jeremy Porter. We discussed the article and Jeremy told me about a speaker system that his father, Edwin Porter, had had on his desk when he was the Chair of the Parish Council. Apparently, the device had to be listened to at a certain time and at regular intervals. Generally nothing came out of it but static but occasionally there was a message. Jeremy wondered if it had anything to do with the early warning system.*

*So, I messaged David about these two incidents and this is his reply.*

“Upper meteorological research” seems to have been a cover name (not entirely inaccurate) used by AWRE and other agencies for radio methods (and perhaps others) to detect nuclear explosions / missile launches. It seems to have been used at Orfordness too, where there was another over the horizon radar (before the more famous COBRA MIST system).

I’m not an expert on the warning infrastructure but the Parish Council device may possibly have been a “carrier receiver unit” whose purpose was indeed to receive warning of an imminent attack. There were some 19,000 of them installed in rural locations

and they were at the end of a one-way line. See photo of device attached.

David”



*Next time I see Jeremy I'll have to ask him if this is the device he remembers seeing.*

*As a former Parish Chairman myself I can't imagine the responsibility of having one of these and what it must have felt like to listen to the message. Edwin must have worried each time he pressed the button and been very relieved when he didn't get any bad news. Thankfully.*

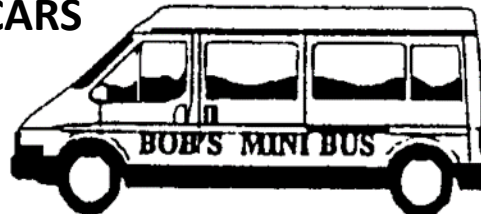
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## FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB



Sorry there was no report for the September issue there being very little on which to report.

Well, the outdoor season is now at a close. We have managed to play, since starting in the first week in June, on every Monday except one.

About 8 or 10 members have turned up and have enjoyed some lovely games and evening meetings with a bit of banter.

The green has bowled well with thanks to Colin Holman, our green keeper, who has struggled on with a very sick lawnmower. Funds are tight and it is going to take some strict budgeting for mower repairs etc.

It looks like we will not be having any Quiz Nights (one of our sources of income) this side of Christmas or maybe after.

Fair warning: our AGM should take place in the third or fourth week in November. I hope to get a date ready for inclusion in the November issue of the village magazine. This will of course depend on if we can meet in the clubroom, the British Legion have strict rules about meetings in their buildings.

The indoor bowls commenced 1st September,. They have several safeguards in place such as hand sanitizers, wipes, a one-way system, safe distancing and even a fogging machine for those willing to want to play.

Personally I'm not too happy to play indoors. The outside was okay, being out in the open with plenty of fresh air.

Max

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By the time you read this I will have done the equivalent of a 5-mile walk each day for the month of September in aid of Prostate Cancer. My walks are available to view on my Just Giving page.

Before I go into further detail I must thank all those who have kindly supported me so far in this endeavour. At the time of writing I currently have £400 in donations. I am extremely grateful to you all. My initial target was £100 but when that got broken I upped it to £200 and then £300. In my wildest dreams I wonder if I could break the £500 barrier. Who knows? If you have been waiting to donate until you've seen that I have completed this challenge, then please donate now. My feet will thank you! And I will thank you and any man saved from dying of this awful disease will thank you as well.

Just to remind you I took on this challenge as, many years ago, my father was one of the 11,000 men who sadly die each year of prostate cancer.

All of the money that I raise will go towards:

- Getting men diagnosed earlier
- Getting men diagnosed more accurately
- Better and kinder treatments
- Better support for everyone affected by prostate cancer
- Keeping research going

My **Just Giving** page is at:

**<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paul-garland-feltwell>**

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I must extend my thanks to my wife who has



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accompanied me on several walks, particularly when we were in Scotland and in the rain! I'm very glad she was with me when I slipped on a rock and sprained my ankle part way up the side of Loch Lomand on the Rob Roy Way. Fortunately, it wasn't bad enough to prevent me walking the next day with it strapped up. Also to Colin with whom I got lost in the woods. We ended up doing 9-miles that day in 3 hours! They were lovely woods by the way!

I was never one for regular exercise but I must admit that I have personally benefited from doing these walks. I have lost some weight. Not as much as I wanted to so I intend to continue walking, not 5-miles each day but certainly a mile or two. But the best thing is that I've seen things I've never noticed before. Little things like architectural detail, deer grazing, squirrels climbing, properties hidden away behind hedges and many beautiful views.

Finally, here is a QR code to my Just Giving page. Please visit and leave a few quid. Thank you in advance. Paul.



## Drabble

*The author tells me that this is a nonsense drabble. You'll see what he means when you read it. It was inspired by something one of his grandchildren said to him recently.*

Grandad Turnip wasn't always a turnip. He was born a radish. Later, as a young boy he was a carrot. His teenage years where full of indecision, he didn't know if he wanted to be a potato or a cauliflower. Therapy didn't help, his underlying genetics meant he ended up as a Maris Piper. He met a beetroot, got married and six young sprouts were born three years later. He settled into his adult life as a sweet potato eventually entering old age as a much loved and respected turnip. Grandad was harvested three months ago. God rest his soul.

Edward Gee

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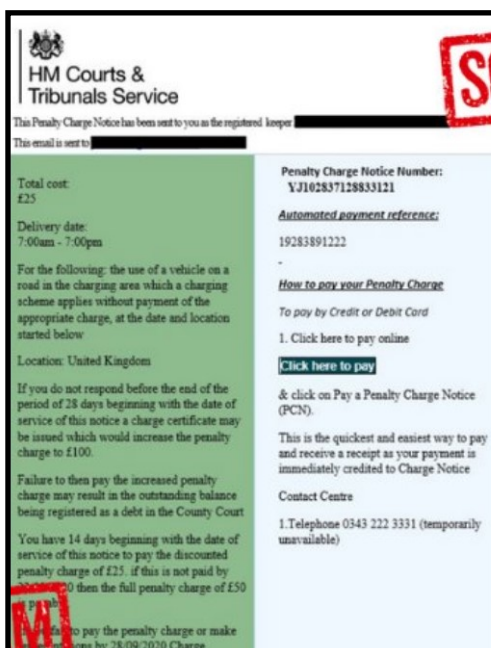
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## Latest Consumer Alerts and Trading Standards news

Please note that all the weblinks in this article are live in the copy of this issue on the village website.

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

- ✘ Information Alert – TV Licences for over 75s. *See over page*
- ✘ Scam Alert – Automated telephone cold calls claiming to be from HMRC
- ✘ Cold Calling Alert – Telephone cold calls regarding ‘appliance warranties’
- ✘ Cold Calling Alert – Telephone cold calls regarding ‘loft insulation’
- ✘ Scam Alert – Emails claiming to be from ‘TV Licensing’
- ✘ Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming ‘your internet access will be shut down’
- ✘ Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to be from ‘BT’
- ✘ Food Alert – Holland & Barrett recalls several of their products containing Brazil Nuts as they may contain salmonella
- ✘ Food Alert – Greggs is recalling their frozen ‘Steak Bakes 2 Packs’ from Iceland as they may contain small pieces of plastic



✘ Scam Alert – Emails claiming to be from the ‘HM Courts & Tribunals Service’ about an unpaid ‘Penalty Charge Notice’ **Do NOT click the link.**

✘ Rogue Trader Alert – Online adverts looking for traders to undertake work on properties

✘ Safety Alert – Halfords has issued a safety notice for their ‘Polysport Groovy RS+ Child Bike Seat

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scams which are circulating:

- ✘ Further examples of fake 'Argos TV Giveaway' scams circulating on Facebook

### **Reporting scams**

Reporting scams you receive helps us continue to build up intelligence on the scammers and how they target people. You can report scams and get further advice from our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline:

**0808 223 1133 (freephone)**

Citizens Advice consumer service website

If you've been the victim of an online scam you can get advice and support from Citizens Advice Scams Action:

**0808 250 5050 (freephone)**

Citizens Advice Scams Action website

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

## **FELTWEILLBEING**

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

All safety precautions and social distancing in place with contactless hand sanitisers and one way system. The hall is thoroughly cleaned before and after every session. Everyone welcome. **£2.00** per session to cover hall costs including tea, coffee and snacks. We look forward to seeing you there.

## TV LICENSING SCAM AIMED AT THE OVER 75s

*I'm highlighting this Information Alert from Trading Standards in the hope that it will avoid any of our over 75 readers becoming victims of scammers.*

TV Licensing has started sending letters to anyone aged over 75 asking them to either pay for their TV licence or apply for a free one. These letters will include your licence number, your title and your last name and they will only ask you to pay using the following options:

- By post using the address TV Licensing, PO Box 578, Darlington DL98 1AN

Online at [tvl.co.uk/75pay](http://tvl.co.uk/75pay) or [tvl.co.uk/75apply](http://tvl.co.uk/75apply)

- Over the phone on 0300 790 6151

It is likely that scammers will use this period to attempt to scam people by sending out fake versions of the information using other communication routes in an attempt to gather personal or financial details or to take fraudulent payments.

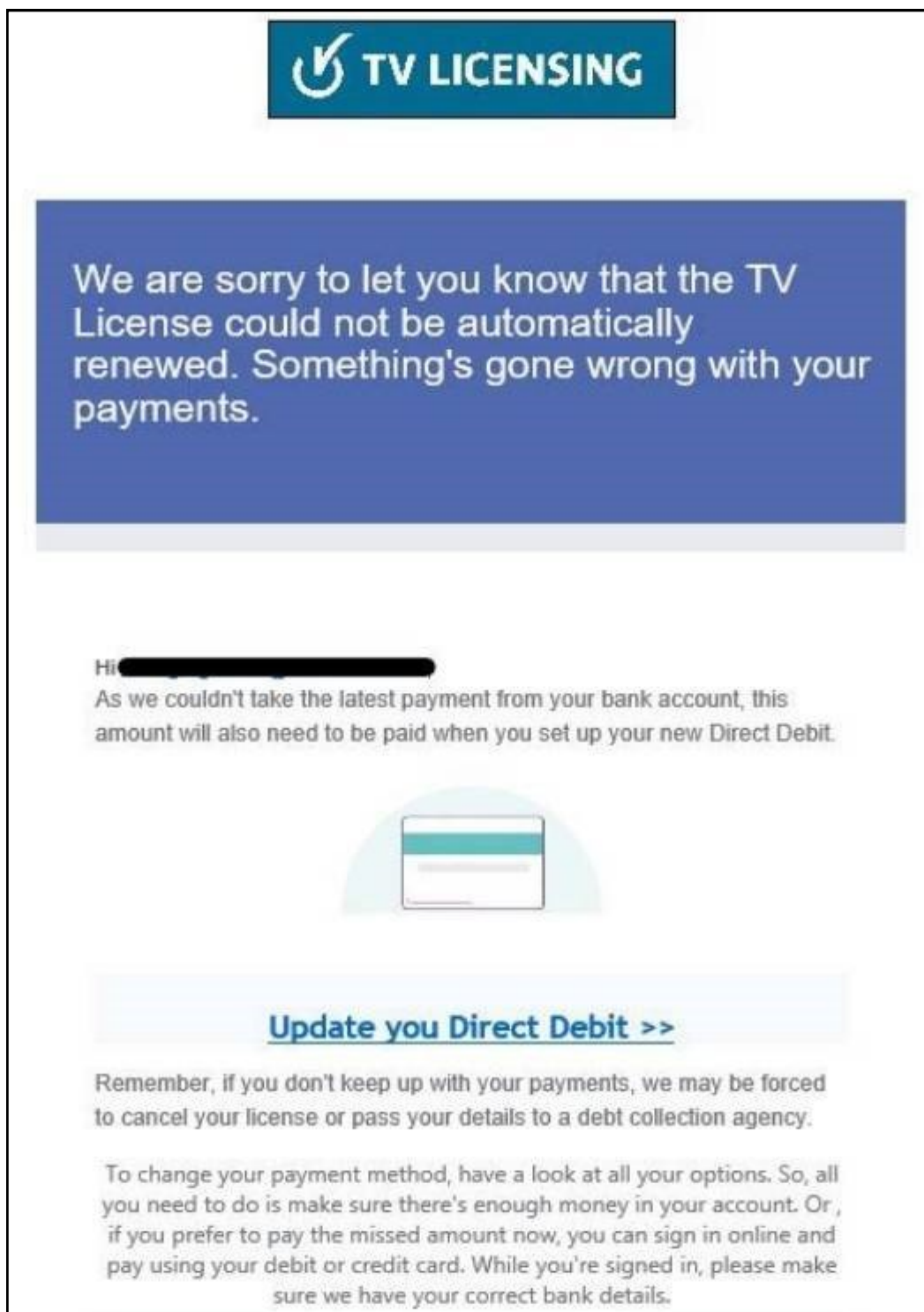
The National Pensioners Convention are reminding those over to 75 to be aware of scams at this time, if you are approached in any of the following ways in regard to TV Licensing it is a **scam**:

- Anyone coming to your doorstep
- Texts offering a free TV licence for a year and asking for your bank details
- Emails claiming you owe money to the TVLA and to go online to pay it. Some emails also state you could go to court if you don't pay
- Letters supposedly from Television Licensing saying your details need updating because there is a problem and asking you to go online to enter them.

If you're unsure about anything, you can call TV Licensing on **300 790 6117** to speak with someone who can help.

*Here is an example of a scam email that started circulating early September*

There continues to be a range of emails circulating claiming to be from TV Licencing. Common themes for these emails are claims that there is an issue with your direct debit and then provides a link to enable the recipient to resolve the 'issue'.




**TV LICENSING**

We are sorry to let you know that the TV License could not be automatically renewed. Something's gone wrong with your payments.

Hi [REDACTED]

As we couldn't take the latest payment from your bank account, this amount will also need to be paid when you set up your new Direct Debit.



[Update you Direct Debit >>](#)

Remember, if you don't keep up with your payments, we may be forced to cancel your license or pass your details to a debt collection agency.

To change your payment method, have a look at all your options. So, all you need to do is make sure there's enough money in your account. Or, if you prefer to pay the missed amount now, you can sign in online and pay using your debit or credit card. While you're signed in, please make sure we have your correct bank details.

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Our advice is **always** be wary of claims made in unexpected email approaches and **never** click on links or open attachments if approached in this way.

TV Licensing offer the following advice to help spot scam TV Licence emails:

Check the sender's email address - TV Licensing will only send emails from [donotreply@tvlicensing.co.uk](mailto:donotreply@tvlicensing.co.uk) (or [donotreply@spp.tvlicensing.co.uk](mailto:donotreply@spp.tvlicensing.co.uk))

- Check how scammers address you - genuine TV Licensing emails will always use your title and last name. Scammers may simply use your email address, say 'Dear Customer' or nothing at all
- Check links in the email - do not click on links or attachments. If you're unsure, you can inspect links first. On a computer, hover over the link with your mouse (but don't click it). On a mobile or tablet, press down and hold (don't release whilst on the link)

Check addresses of any websites it takes you to - scammers can't use '[www.tvlicensing.co.uk](http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk)' for copy-cat sites. They'll try to disguise this, so carefully inspect the full address in the browser bar

You can report suspicious emails received to us via our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on **freephone 0808 223 1133**.

### Op Randall Rural Crime WhatsApp Group

I'm still currently looking to increase numbers in this group so if you are interested feel free to drop me an email at [james.wonnacott@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:james.wonnacott@norfolk.pnn.police.uk) providing your name, dob, address and a brief outline of what you could bring to the group by way of your job, expertise, position or anything else you think may be relevant



## LUCKY, LUCKY ME

*The following poem is not for people of a nervous disposition.*

I went into my garden shed  
And found a water leak  
So put up my ladder  
To have a little peek

The felt had no holes or tears  
No fault that I could see  
So I climbed onto the roof  
To see what it could be.

It looked sturdy I must say  
But when I made one stride  
The roof collapsed suddenly  
And I was back inside

The shock was very, very great  
And I lay there for a bit  
Wondering if I'd been hurt  
Then struggled then to sit.

I was very lucky  
With bruises and some scrapes  
So thought then this was  
One of my life's escapes.

There were forks and spades  
Hedge cutters, rakes and hoes,  
How I fell and missed the lot  
Only heaven knows

I know now the wood was rotten  
And had to be replaced  
I could not leave it as it was  
So another job I faced

After this near miss I know  
My climbing days are done  
And now intend to change my ways  
At the age of ninety one.

*A six foot fall is not a good thing to happen at any age.*

Harry Gill

**A different 'take' on the commemoration service for the end of WW2 and VJ Day in Feltwell from a resident who was there.**

On August 15th at 11am, a service co-ordinated by Ian Rayner, Chairman of Feltwell Parish Councils was held at the War Memorial with Rev. Joan taking a brief but moving service to commemorate the end of WW2 and VJ Day.

The British Legion provided Standard and Union Flag Bearers.

Barrie Reeves tolled St. Mary's Church's heaviest bell 75 times - one ring for each of the 75 years and St. Nicholas Church bell was rung by Marion Lucas and Eileen Gillams (not an easy bell to ring)

Appropriate music was provided by David Cordner and Town Crier Brenda Wilson added a special touch to the proceedings.

Together with other members of the British Legion, village residents and a group of beautifully behaved children, the end of WW2 and VJ Day was commemorated in Feltwell.

Thanks to all who took part and especially to Ian for organising the occasion.

*Jackie Reeves.*

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A warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to attend our regular services:

Sunday 4th Oct	Eucharist	<u>Northwold</u>	10am
Sunday 11th Oct	Harvest Eucharist	Weeting	10am
Sunday 11th Oct	Harvest Festival	Feltwell	6pm
Sunday 18th Oct	Harvest Festival	<u>Northwold</u>	10am
	Harvest Festival	Hockwold	6pm
Sunday 25th Oct	Eucharist	Feltwell	10am

Mid-week Eucharist every Wednesday at 10am via Zoom. Please email Chris Parker for invitation details:

[grimshoebeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:grimshoebeneficeoffice@gmail.com)

There are other services across the Benefice. See [www.grimshoebenefice.com](http://www.grimshoebenefice.com) for details.

Please also feel free to come into church when it is open. Come for private prayer, for peace, or to admire the beautiful building.

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

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## I'LL WALK BESIDE YOU

The day we first met was a big event for me. It was the first time I'd been away from home, and I was both excited and scared at the same time.

I was very young at the time, but as I had been separated from my parents soon after I was born, the people I was with had decided that the sooner I was adopted by a proper family, the better it would be for everyone. I was excited, because it meant that I was going to have a proper family at last, but scared by the idea of leaving those I had been with for so long. After all, they had taken me in, made me feel special, looked after me, and even arranged for me to go to a special school, where they had taught me everything I would need to know, growing up in the wide new world ahead of me.

As we turned the final corner, I heard someone call, *"Mummy, Daddy, they're here, they're here!"* I recognised the voice at once. We'd been here before, when my carers were arranging my adoption. The children had been very kind to me then, and this meant I was going to be part of their family! The grow-ups went off and left us to play in the garden whilst they talked. But before they disappeared I heard my carer saying, *"He seems to be getting on well with your children already, doesn't he?"* But then my heart sank when she said, *"Of course, he'll be with you for a little while, just to make sure you all get on well together! Then, if everything is OK, we can make it all permanent, and he will be officially part of your family!"*

When you are only a young lad like me, the technicalities are way above your head, but what she had just said made it crystal clear to me! I was on approval! So it was up to me to make sure that everything did go well, and that my 'maybe' family would want me to stay!

As the children and I chased each other round and round their huge back garden, I started to form a plan in my mind as how I was going



# St Mary's Feltwell

Your Parish Church

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from 9am - 5pm.**

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to manage this new situation, and bring it to an acceptable conclusion! This fellow was going to have to be crafty and devious in his plans, and that's a fact! I'd have to make sure that I was a good boy, and did as I was told. Obeyed the house rules, and such. That sort of thing! As much as I was happy at the last place, and they were all very kind to me, it wasn't like having a 'proper' home, with my own bed and toys, and stuff. I'd made my mind up!

My new life started the following day, when it was decided that we would all go to the park as a family, and I could get used to everything, and meet their friends at the same time. I had my own stuff from the care-home, but my new 'family' had bought me my own things to wear for the occasion. It wasn't long before Emily, their youngest daughter and I became quite close. Whilst we played, and afterwards, as we walked back home, she clung tight to my jacket, and I ended up having to walk close beside her. It almost felt that she was letting me lead her along? Like a grown-up boyfriend would, I suppose.

Monday morning was 'back to school' day, so after breakfast, we all set off together, with me in my brand new jacket, and all! As we walked, it dawned on me that I knew where we were going. I'd been this way before, many times! When we came to the Zebra crossing, the Lollipop lady called, *"Hello, Emily, I see you've got a new young man! He's a handsome one, and no mistake!"* She stopped the traffic, and Emily clung to me tightly as we crossed. 'Folks are going to talk!', I thought to myself.

I was still attending my old school, so Emily's Mum and Dad and I went there until it was time to collect Emily from her school again.

Emily was waiting at the gate when we went back for her. I felt as proud as Punch when I heard one of the other children call, as they gathered round.-

"Oh, Emily, he is so handsome!

If only you could see him!"

Frederick James

# FELTWELL MUSEUM 2020

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## From the Poppy Appeal Organiser



I have just had news that the Poppy Appeal 2020 is going ahead this year and starts for the public on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020.

As with every thing else in these difficult times the rules have kept changing. We are allowed at the moment to put collection boxes and Poppy boxes out to shops and business if they are happy to have them. There will be no house to house collections this year. The boxes will have the paper Poppies and a few 2020 metal pins. Headquarters are not sending out any other products so we can only use what we

have in our stock. I will be contacting those of you who participate every year in Feltwell and Hockwold very shortly to make sure you are happy to have a collecting box this year. I can drop them off but will not be able to come and replenish them as I usually do. We have to work within the guidelines to keep everyone as safe as possible.

If anyone would like to lay a wreath on Remembrance Day please contact me. Payment by cheque would be appreciated but I can accept notes in an envelope.

Our Armed Forces Veterans and their families need our support especially during these very difficult times.

Thank you in anticipation for your support with this years appeal.

Stay safe.

Mary Reynolds

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**“Old Codgers”** meet again in this socially distanced hall, on the last Saturday of the month; it will include our usual fun quiz, and sharing jokes and a bit of comedy

when we all have a good laugh. Just what we need after the tough time we’re having. This is just a flavour of what we have been missing and it’s an open event with no age limit and its only £3, and that includes some refreshments! This event complies with Methodist & Government instructions.

**Monday 5 October Craft & Chat group** meet again.

**Community Garden** – this garden project is moving on. We’re making some raised beds for those who cannot bend. These will hold salad crops, lettuce, radishes, spring onions etc. Some kind folks have given us soil with which to fill these beds. We are creating a ‘wildflower meadow’ beside the church community hall to encourage bees and other pollinators & insects. If anyone has any unwanted paving slabs, we’d love to hear from you. It doesn’t matter if they’re damaged. This garden enables villagers who want to potter or who have difficulty with gardening to come and enjoy doing as much or as little as you want. If you want to potter with us, please contact Mike (details below) or come along on a Wednesday morning from 10am to midday.

If you want to talk privately to someone, want to share a problem or want someone to celebrate with you, want to come to an event or one of our groups, you can’t get out but would like to.... Contact our pastoral worker Brigette Wilkinson 01366 728797/07799216693

For room bookings & events, to discuss weddings, marriage ceremonies, funerals, memorial services please contact Mike Wilkinson or 07712578721 [mikegw15@gmail.com](mailto:mikegw15@gmail.com) or Church secretary, Jean Dennett 01842 728209.

# FELTWELL LODGE

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**For Brochures please phone: Mr Paul Hanley RN  
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**01366 728282**

*Website: [www.feltwelllodge.com](http://www.feltwelllodge.com)*

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## FELTWELL ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

As promised last month I'm going to take a look at Feltwell on YouTube, the video sharing platform. Yes, there really are videos on YouTube in which Feltwell is the star performer.

If I set aside the many videos about RAF Lakenheath and the July 4th celebrations that pop up in the 'Feltwell' search results we have a much smaller number of videos to view. There are two showing a man demonstrating the capabilities of the Feltwell Spatha Sword. Apparently, this sword is a replica of one that was found, quote "in the English city of Feltwell in 1961." If you want one of the reproductions it will cost you £107.24 from the Medieval Shop.

Moving on we have a very interesting (?) 9 minutes and 45 seconds long video of the car journey from Lakenheath to Feltwell by someone called Nickyb58, from 2011. Dash cam footage I guess.

There are a few videos posted by American families showing what it is like to live in Feltwell base housing.

Next up are a handful of videos from 2010 showing us what it is like to attend a rave in Feltwell forest. Having watched them I can't see the attraction, but then I'm no longer a teenager.

Pathe News have several videos about WW2 activity at Feltwell that some readers may have seen including ones about the Thor missiles

A gentleman who goes by the name Relic Retrievalist has a 4min 29sec video called, 'Feltwell in Norfolk: A village with two churches.' Interesting but the commentary doesn't exactly light up the skies.

To my mind the best is 5min, 2008 video by Chris Bingham titled "All Roads to Feltwell" about the frustrations of living on the fen edge as experienced by a teenager. Well produced and worth a watch.



The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed our recently introduced footnotes. We would very much like you to submit a **FOOTNOTE** of your own. Please send your **FOOTNOTE** to Paul at [garlandp@btinternet.com](mailto:garlandp@btinternet.com).

## EDMUND ATMERE (FELTWELL) CHARITY

The Charity awards grants to individuals who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money for items, services or facilities designed to reduce the need, hardship or distress.

It also helps for severe chronic illness in younger people.

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## **Harvest Festival - St Mary's Church**

Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm

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**There is a box inside the tower door for you to donate food if you wish. This will go to local people in need.**

If you know of anyone or any family of any age in need and would like to reserve a bag for them please contact the Churchwarden

01842 827152

**We will also leave any unreserved bags of food inside the church for collection by anyone in need from**

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> October onwards.**

Any food remaining will be passed to our local Food Bank.

## NEWS FROM THE LEGION

It is getting more and more difficult to write about news from the legion when really nothing is happening, things start to get better with the possibilities of using the RBL hall then bang we are back to only six at a time can meet up.

The poppy appeal organiser (Mary) has put an article in this month's magazine, but even that change's. We will keep you informed.

We are due to have our AGM this month but as it stands it will not be taking place. I will be contacting Haig House over the coming days as I have been informed that they are going to man the offices etc this coming month. I will also be asking questions about Remembrance. Watch this space.

Even though the building has not been used since the end of March we have still had our Asbestos and Legionella's inspection and I am waiting for the fire appliances to be inspected, so obviously H&S is not affected by the coronavirus.

Stay well, stay safe.

John Linkin (Chairman)

### YESTERDAY'S MEMORIES

Housework was different when I was first married. Our first cottage had a wash house outside with the copper in it, which was much better than the places we had when the copper and the oven were all in a small kitchen; on wash day, which was Monday, of course, it was terrible with the fire and the ashes and the washing and cooking. Depending on the weather I'd probably iron on the Tuesday; we had two flat irons which you heated up by the fire and used one after the other. They had shields on them so the fire didn't black the clothes. Wednesday was bedrooms day and Friday bake day. It still is.

*Mrs Howes, February 1996, age 90.*

## Feltwell's WW1 War Heroes No.24

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:

**E. E. LAWS, 11th BORDER REGT**

### Abbreviations used.

CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves Commission

SDGW – Soldiers Died in the Great War

IRC – International Red Cross

MIC – Medal Index Card

On the Church Roll of Honour he is recorded as E.E. Laws.



*This photograph appeared in the edition of the Norwich Mercury dated Saturday May 4 1918 along with the caption: Private Ernest I. Laws, of Feltwell, reported missing 2nd December.*

Private LAWS, ERNEST EDWARD

Service Number: 33424

Died: 02/12/1917

Aged: 32

Unit: 11th Bn.Border Regiment

Commemorated at TYNE COT MEMORIAL

Husband of Martha Ann Laws, of Long Lane, Feltwell, Brandon, Suffolk.

Soldiers died in the Great War records that Private 33424 Ernest Edward Laws was Killed in Action on the 2nd December 1917 whilst serving in France & Flanders with the 11th Battalion, Border Regiment. He was formerly 6226 Middlesex Regiment. No place of birth was shown for him but he was resident Feltwell and enlisted Norwich.

The Medal Index Card for Private 33424 Ernest E. Laws, Border Regiment, is held at the National Archive under reference WO 372/12/23170

He had previously been 6227 in the Middlesex Regiment and 37280 in the South Staffordshire Regiment.

[discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/D3314158](https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/D3314158)

The card shows he was entitled to the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Some of his Service Records survived the bombing during the Blitz of the Warehouse were the Other Ranks Army files were kept.

Ernest Edward Laws of Chequer's Hill, Feltwell, near Brandon, enlisted at Norwich on the 5th July 1916. He was a married man, aged 31 years and 3 months, who worked as a Labourer. He was born Feltwell. At his medical he was described as 5 feet 3 and a half inches tall, weighed 115lbs, had good physical development and no distinguishing marks or defects.

His next of kin was his wife, Martha Ann Laws, nee Ketteringham, of the same address. The couple were married in the Parish Church, Feltwell, on the 16th October 1909. Martha was a spinster prior to

the marriage. The couple have had one child, Beatrice Ann, born 30th September 1911. There is a note against both wedding and birth details that these were verified from certificates.

He was posted to the 25th Battalion Middlesex Regiment on the 6th July 1916, (PW 6227). He was then posted on to the 98th Training Battalion on the 1st September 1916, (TR/10/37280). On the 5th January 1917 he was posted to the 11th Battalion Border Regiment, (33424). Ernest landed in France on the same day, so he was probably posted straight from the Depot on arriving in France. He joined up with his Battalion on the 22nd of January. Between the end of March and the middle of July he was treated at various locations for Pleurisy \ N.Y.D, the last part being in a Convalescence Camp, before returning to an Infantry Base Depot at Etaples. He was posted back to the 11th Battalion and re-joined them on the 10th August 1917.

He was initially posted as missing and wounded on the 2nd December 1917 and subsequently assumed to have died on or after that date.

Intriguingly in a note to stores advising the death and giving the address for his effects to be sent to he is referred to as No 34424 Private Ernest Edward Laws **MM** 11th Bn Border Regiment. There is no other reference to him receiving the Military Medal. As far as I'm aware these medals were not awarded posthumously.

Following his death a pension was awarded for his wife and child.

After the end of the war it was decided to pay a War Gratuity as well as send out Medals. To start the process off for those soldiers who had died, Army Form W.5080 was sent out to the last notified next of kin. The form asked for details of family members who were still alive and the lay-out followed the order of precedence of English Inheritance Law.

Martha signed the form and had it witnessed on either the 27th November or December, 1919 by the Rector of Feltwell, who has the worst handwriting of the two of them! The family were listed as:-

1: Wife of the soldier: Martha Ann Lawes

2: Children of the soldier: Beatrice Annie Laws, born September 30th 1911.

Both were living at Chequers Hill, Feltwell.

3: Father of the Soldier: None

4: Mother of the Soldier: None

5: Brothers of the soldier – full blood.

Robert Laws, aged 45, of No.5 William Street, West Kensington, London.

John Laws, aged 43, of Morley St Peters, Wymondham, Norfolk.

6: Brothers of the soldier: - half blood.

George Henery Walker, aged 23, of High Street, Feltwell

7 & 8: Sisters of the soldier – full blood and half blood.

None.

When his medals were subsequently issued in 1922 they were signed for by a “M.A. Walker” – I suspect that is either wife Martha and she had re-married or his mother Mary who had remarried and taken that surname.

Ernest is remembered on the Feltwell War Memorial.

[www.roll-of-honour.com/Norfolk/Feltwell.html](http://www.roll-of-honour.com/Norfolk/Feltwell.html)

Another source believes he has a brother, William Walker Laws, born 17 September 1880 at Feltwell. He was a Driver in the Army Service Corps attached to the Royal Horse Artillery – information given when he signed a guest book on the 5th November 1916 for passing soldiers who transited through Peterborough East Station. However the same source has him dying in 1969 in the Norwich area – which doesn't tie up with the information given by Martha about her late husbands' next of kin who were alive at the end of 1919.

See [www.peterboroughww1.co.uk/soldiers/ww-laws/](http://www.peterboroughww1.co.uk/soldiers/ww-laws/)



## 1885 – Birth

The birth of an Ernest Edward Laws was registered with the Civil Authorities in the Thetford District of Norfolk in the April to June quarter, (Q2), of 1885. Thetford Civil Registration included the Civil Parish of Feltwell.

The baptism of an Ernest Edward **Lawes** took place at Feltwell on the 10th May 1885.

[www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJP2-LPR](http://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJP2-LPR)

His parents were listed as John, a Labourer, and Mary. The family resided at Feltwell.

[www.freereg.org.uk/search\\_records/5818f8fbe93790eca32d1f8...](http://www.freereg.org.uk/search_records/5818f8fbe93790eca32d1f8...)

## 1891 Census of England and Wales

The 6 year old Ernest Laws, born Feltwell, was recorded living at a dwelling on Cock Street, Feltwell. This was the household of his widowed mother, Mary Laws, (aged 37 and born Feltwell). As well as Ernest her other children still single and living with her are:-

Robert aged 16 born Feltwell Agricultural Labourer

John aged 14 born Feltwell Agricultural Labourer

Arthur aged 11 born Feltwell

George aged 4 born Feltwell

There is also a lodger in the household, the ?? year old Agricultural Labourer Walter Richardson, born Feltwell.

Going back to the 1881 census the 27 year old Mary Laws, born Feltwell, was recorded living with her husband, the 27 year old Farm Labourer, John Laws, born Feltwell at a dwelling on Drivers Square, Feltwell. Children living with them were Robert, (6), John, (4) and Arthur, (1).

Tracing father John back to the 1861 census the 7 year old John, born Pickenham, Norfolk, was recorded living in Feltwell with his

parents John and Susan, and 4 sibling – one of which was the 1 year old Arthur Laws, born Feltwell. However following that man through he was still unmarried on the 1881 census and so could not have legally been the father of the William Walker Laws born 1880 according to the Peterborough WW1 site.

A further check shows that on the 1881 census the 6 month old William W. Laws, born Feltwell, was recorded living at a dwelling on Cock Street, Feltwell. His parents were Arthur Laws, aged 25 and a Millers Labourer, born Fincham, Norfolk, and Ann E, aged 25 and born Feltwell. Their other children are a 4-year-old John and a 2-year-old Fredk W - both born Feltwell. Still living on Cock Street on the 1891 census, the couple by then had 9 children, but none was an Ernest or an Edward.

Certainly as far as the Ernest who died and the William who served with the ASC, they were not brothers, and at least through their fathers sides weren't even cousins. There may be a more distant familial relationship but sadly that would take more time to unravel than I could afford to spend.

Returning to the father of the Ernest whose picture appeared in the Norwich Mercury, the burial of a John Laws, aged 34, took place at St Mary and St Nicholas, Feltwell on the 10th March 1888.

[www.freereg.org.uk/search\\_records/5818837be93790ec7543ae3...](http://www.freereg.org.uk/search_records/5818837be93790ec7543ae3...)

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

The 16 year old Ernest Laws, a General Labourer on Farm was recorded living at one of the Cottages on The Square, Feltwell. This was the household of his step-father and (birth) mother, Henry Walker, (aged 32, a Shepherd, born Feltwell) and Mary Walker, (aged 45, born Feltwell). The couple have a 4-year-old son of their own, George H., born Feltwell.

The civil records have the marriage of an Ernest Edward **Lawes** to a Martha Ann Ketteringham recorded in the Thetford District in the October to December quarter, (Q4), of 1909. (His Army Service Records has them married at Feltwell Parish Church on the 16th October 1909).

It may be a co-incidence but the birth and death of an Ernest John Laws was registered in the Thetford District in the January to March quarter, (Q1), of 1910. The Ernest who died was aged under 1.

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

The 27-year-old Ernest Edward Laws, a Labourer on Farm, was recorded as the married head of the household of a dwelling on Oak Street, Feltwell. He lives there with his wife of 1 year, Martha Ann, aged 27, born Feltwell. The couple have had one child so far but sadly that child has died.

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 only one likely child of Ernest and Martha, and that's the birth recorded with the Civil Authorities in the Thetford District of a Beatrice A Laws, mothers' maiden name Ketteringham, which happened in the October to December quarter of 1911. Her fathers' service records show that Beatrice Annie was born 30th September 1911.

### **1915 Norfolk Register of Electors**

An Ernest Laws is shown as entitled to vote in Parliamentary, County Council and Parish elections as he was the (male) householder of a Dwelling House on Oak Street, Feltwell.

[www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2HTF-5PJ](http://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2HTF-5PJ)

# **CORONAVIRUS**

## **FELTWELL LOCAL ACTION GROUP**

*Incorporating*

*Feltwell Parish Council, St Mary's Church, Feltwell Social Club,  
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Moundeford Trust along with other organisations*

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### **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

Dear Feltwell residents,

The Feltwell Local Action Group is here for you in this challenging and worrying time. We are here to assist village residents with accessing vital services within the village and beyond.

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- collecting medications
- dog walking
- meals
- practical problems

If you need *any* help, please contact one of the following people who

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### **Donations:**

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**Volunteers needed:** Please contact one of the coordinators listed if you are able to help with any of these tasks. We will compile a list of volunteers to call on when needed. Please tell us the days/times you could be available. Please phone **Joan** or **Berni** who will compile a volunteer list.

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Website – [www.111.nhs.uk](http://www.111.nhs.uk)

If you have Coronavirus symptoms you are advised to use the 111 online checker – [www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19](http://www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19)

The advice is that you should only contact 111 if you are worried about your health or you have had symptoms for more than seven days.

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near you- is what led to them being called tits.

In summer, they breed throughout the reserve anywhere there is reedbed, and they may raise 2-4 of between 4-8 chicks at a time. They are very sociable and family groups will stick together for months after they leave the nest, so if you visit the reserve in the coming weeks you might see several birds at once. The reason the family groups become easier to see in autumn is because the diet of the birds switches from insects in the warmer months to reed seeds, which ripen at the top of the stems and this encourages the birds into the eye-line of visitors!

We also provide grit on grit trays at a few locations on the reserve, such as at Mere Hide and the Pat Rolph Photography Station, which the birds visit every now and again as eating a little grit helps to break down the tough reed seeds for digestion. Often the first sign that bearded tits are in the area is their 'pinging' call- which is what the birds use to keep in touch with each other as they move through a reedbed in a roving group- this is another similarity they have to long-tailed tits. If you visit the RSPB's webpage for bearded tit, you can listen to a recording of this call, which can come in useful if you visit wanting to see them for the first time and already know what they should sound like! The area of reedbed between New Fen and Joist Fen, along the hard track, is the best place to look and cold, clear, calm mornings are best.

We hope to see you on the reserve soon, whether it's to look for bearded tits, other wildlife or simply to enjoy a walk in the fresh air. If you want to know more about any of our wildlife, ask at the Visitor Centre at the start of your visit, or you can telephone us ahead on 01842 863400. All of our trails, viewpoints and Mere Hide are now open to the public from dawn until dusk. Our accessible toilet and the Welcome Point at the Visitor Centre are open from 9am to 5pm every day.

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#### **Water use and pollution:**

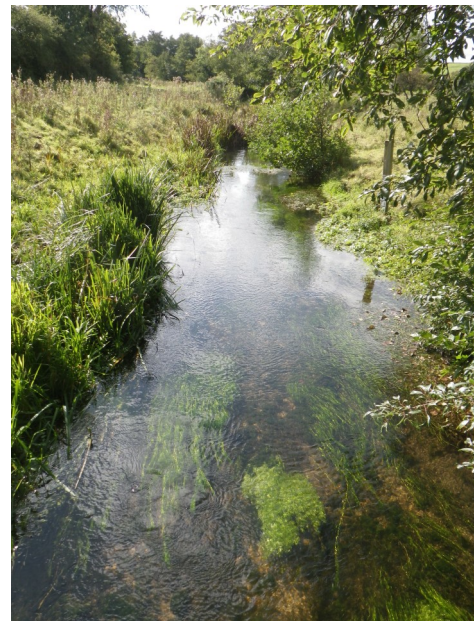
East Anglia is one of the driest regions in the country and water security is becoming increasingly compromised due to excessive abstraction and water waste as well as increasingly long dry spells.

While we have a large proportion of agricultural land use, most of the water abstracted in East Anglia is actually for domestic consumption. The average

person uses 140 litres of water per day so by reducing water use in your home you can directly reduce the impact on Norfolk's rivers.

Reducing the use of cleaning products and chemicals around the home will help reduce the chemical load in our rivers and maintain a healthier stream. Checking your septic tank regularly can also reduce pollution in our rivers. If you see any sewerage, pollution or chemical damage in a river please report it to the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60 as soon as possible.

If you are a landowner with riparian land and would like to talk to us about restoration and rewilding please do get in touch with us at Norfolk Rivers Trust. Email [info@norfolkriverstrust.org](mailto:info@norfolkriverstrust.org).



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Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

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B	E	E	M	E	A	G	R	E	E	C	K
S	I	R	L	N	O	F	I	J	P	N	Y
O	P	J	O	O	R	A	N	G	E	E	N
L	X	R	E	B	M	A	H	S	L	C	E
U	R	T	E	U	L	H	S	L	G	U	S
T	E	D	L	G	B	U	O	P	R	Q	U
E	D	A	E	Y	V	W	E	C	E	L	E
Z	N	D	C	N	I	T	L	S	E	M	R
E	E	A	T	F	O	J	E	L	N	W	T
R	V	B	R	Y	Z	M	T	R	Z	N	R
O	A	S	I	D	K	A	L	B	A	B	A
O	L	P	C	L	R	Z	R	A	Q	L	H
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A	S	R	N	E	E	R	G	S	S	O	M
R	S	B	I	Q	K	I	E	R	U	Z	A
O	U	N	P	D	L	L	T	W	B	K	U
O	R	E	O	D	L	Y	E	R	G	C	Q
N	I	E	U	L	B	E	T	A	L	S	A

This month our word search is on **COLOURS**.

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

ABSOLUTE ZERO  
 AERO BLUE  
 AMBER  
 AQUAMARINE  
 AZURE  
 BONE  
 CHARTREUSE  
 CLARET  
 COSMIC COBALT  
 DENIM  
 ELECTRIC BLUE

*Solution on page 76*

FAWN	OCHRE
GOLD	ORANGE
GRANITE	PINK
GREEN	RED
GREY	RUSSET
LAVENDAR	SALMON
MAROON	SLATE BLUE
MAUVE	YELLOW
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## Home Learning Tips

Use the internet or books to find out:

What are complimentary colours?

What is colour theory?

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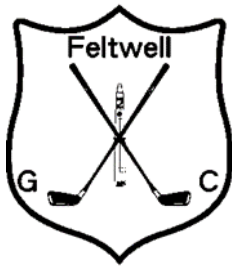
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The take-up of the Junior Golf Camps over the summer holidays was amazing, resulting in us adding more dates to the schedule, they all had such a fun time and we look forward to welcoming some of these children to the group lessons on Saturdays.

## **Driving Range**

We are very pleased with the initial uptake of the Driving Range facility here at Feltwell and hope to have some covered bays ready for use in the New Year. You don't have to be a member of the club to use the Driving Range, simply roll up and buy yourself some tokens or you can take out a Driving Range Membership for as little as £50 a year and get discounted rates. Buy your tokens from the Pro Shop or office for £3 (28 balls) or £5 (56 balls) or if you are a member of the Club or the Driving Range for as little as £2 and £4 respectively.

## **Robert's at Feltwell Golf Club**

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Hopefully this finds you all safe and well and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible up at Feltwell Golf Club now we are able to play golf again. Play Safe, Stay Safe.

Follow us on  and  be sure to keep up to date with what's going on here  
at Feltwell Golf Club.

**Remember you are never too young or too old to start playing golf and we look forward to seeing you soon at FELTWELL GOLF CLUB**

### A Message from the Editors

Readers will by now be aware that we publish the magazine online on the village website towards the end of the month in which it is issued. The web address is :

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

All issues are in Acrobat 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 full colour.



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## Hospital Happenings *by Tony Bennett*



*Monthly Ramblings about West Suffolk Hospital.*

**News: September 2020**

### **Covid report:**

We still have only 3 patients in with Covid and the hospital has started charging staff to park again.

There is some semblance of normality returning and of course waiting lists are now building as the backlog increases. Capacity remains down mainly due to increased time needed for cleaning and the need to socially distance in the waiting areas.

### **Some Interesting Figures:**

Proper news is a bit thin on the ground at the moment so it seemed a good time to look at WSH in numbers:

Number of people served by WSH: Approximately 280,000

Area served: Thetford to Sudbury, Newmarket to Stowmarket and parts of Essex, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk.

Number of Operating Theatres at WSH: 14.

Number of Trust employees: 4353.

Amount of money borrowed by the Trust this financial year:  
£18,000,000

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Number of safety incidents reported in the year: 8,008. The vast majority of these are so called near misses; these really help to improve safety standards before an incident happens. An example

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Amount to be spent on upgrading the A&E dept:  
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The energy bill, gas and electricity only, (WSH has not used oil since 2018): £1,040,358, electricity costs are falling due to LED lighting and efficiency measures.

(For example, if a light was left on it used to stay on. Now, they go off automatically and motion sensors turn the lights on as you walk in.)

CO2: 40 tonnes, reducing yearly from 46 tonnes in 2017.

The hospital produces a thousand tonnes of waste a year, but none goes to landfill and all electrical waste is taken away at no cost to the hospital.

Water and sewage only cost £189,000, good value considering the amounts.

[All figures taken from WSH annual report]

### **Case of the Month:**

I had to visit the MRI department at the back of the hospital this week. As I came out, a very old lady had just come in by taxi. She asked where the medical unit was as she had an appointment. That was on my way back so I popped her in a wheelchair and we set off. We chatted on the way and she said she lived alone but managed very well for her “domestics”. On arrival the staff recognised her and greeted her warmly.

She produced her appointment letter which revealed that her appointment had been for the week before; she had attended and been treated then but had sadly become confused and attended again. The staff gave her a cup of tea and a biscuit but there was nothing they could do about the £40.00 taxi bill – each way!

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Solution overleaf

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9	6			8		7		
					2			
	1			2	5	9	4	
5				4				2
	2	4	6	1			5	
			4					
		8		5			7	1
		3			6			



Thank you to all who have donated to the Foodbank in recent months, particular thanks to Samantha at Tilly's who donated her remaining stock to the Foodbank. Although Thetford Foodbank has continued to operate

in the background throughout the shut-down, it is only in recent weeks that it has felt like we are getting back into the old routine. Please feel free to bring your donations to the Foodbank drop-off point just inside the west door of St Mary's church.

### Our Local Foodbank

If you would like to donate to your local Foodbank there is a drop off point at St Mary's Church, Feltwell.

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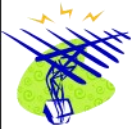
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## **Introduction**

Autumn is now on us and the weather is beginning to turn. We are well into the harvest and with this comes an increase in straw stacks across the countryside. Unfortunately, this often brings an increase in arsons. This is not a victimless crime, and often does tens of thousands of pounds worth of damage, not to mention the physical risk to the farmers and Fire officers who attend to deal with the aftermath. Please report any suspicious activity around straw stacks.

## **Thetford Unlicensed music event**

Five people have been arrested and fined for attending an unlicensed music event in Thetford at the weekend.

More than 100 officers were involved in a significant operation to disrupt the event which started in the forest on Saturday night (28 August).

Specialist teams moved on to the site, which had attracted in excess of 500 people, late yesterday afternoon (29 August) and closed it down around 6.30pm.

Officers seized audio equipment, generators, the rig and a large flat-bed lorry which was used to transport the equipment.

People were directed to leave the area and anyone who failed to do so were arrested. Five people were arrested. Three were dealt with

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at the scene and issued with a £100 fine while two were taken in custody and later issued with £100 fine.

Assistant Chief Constable Nick Davison, who led the operation, said: “Our investigations are ongoing to trace the organisers and these enquiries are progressing well. “We understand the disruption such events cause to local communities and the concern people will have, particularly as coronavirus continues to be a real threat.

“This was a well-established and planned event and we needed additional specialist resources to shut it down safely. More than 100 officers from four forces were involved in the operation, which is a significant task but one which led to the right results being achieved.

“I would like to thank local residents once again for their patience and understanding while we worked to close it down.”

### **Rural crime rates drop in Norfolk**

Investments in technology and proactive capabilities have helped Norfolk Police tackle rural crime, with the number of reported rural crimes down, compared with national figures.

And Norfolk is bucking the national trend.

National levels of rural crime are at their highest for eight years, in contrast to Norfolk, which has seen reported rural crime figures drop by 7.1% since 2018, according to insurer NFU Mutual’s 2020 Rural Crime Report published on Tuesday (4 August).

Thieves are targeting the countryside, with organised criminal gangs identifying businesses with valuable farm equipment and livestock. Equipment stolen commonly includes expensive all-terrain vehicles, including quad bikes and Land Rover Defenders, and hi-tech computer systems for tractors and combines. Norfolk Police’s rural team works closely with the county’s farming community and Farmwatch groups to gather intelligence about thefts and suspicious activity.

Information is shared among farmers across social media platforms to provide quick alerts when crimes take place.

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Investment in our proactive capabilities together with well-established links with farmers and gamekeepers means we can utilise Automatic Number Plate (ANPR) Recognition systems to keep track of any vehicles involved in rural crime.

Norfolk Police is also working closely with manufacturers, the NaVCIS agricultural machinery theft co-ordination unit, and NFU Mutual to tackle the networks behind this type of crime.

Chief Constable Simon Bailey explains: “The current drop in rural crime rates in Norfolk is very encouraging, and testament to the dedication of our rural crime team, working with our communities and partners.

“We identified a rise in theft of farm equipment and machinery back in June 2018, and responded by launching Operation Kingbird, which was aimed at disrupting an organised criminal group targeting farms in the Breckland area. Our decision to increase patrols and targeted police activity resulted in a number of arrests. We continue to relentlessly pursue organised criminals targeting rural locations.

“Delivering against the Police and Crime Plan, our Rural Crime Strategy acknowledges the unique challenges faced, the impact crimes can have, and the need for rural communities to have a police service that is responsive, innovative and vested in providing a quality service to all.

“We continue to commit resources – our engagement officers and local officers – to focus on crime prevention, intelligence, enforcement and reassurance – on targeting rural crime. In addition, our ongoing investment in technology, in thermal imaging devices and drones, helps to tackle those crimes that impact rural communities.

“This is all underpinned by a firm commitment to work with partners and our rural communities, allowing us to share information, identify gaps, problem solve and ultimately provide a better service.”

Alongside the work of the police, farmers can take steps to secure

## Sudoku Solution

3	4	1	5	6	7	8	2	9
9	6	2	1	8	4	7	3	5
7	8	5	9	3	2	4	1	6
6	1	7	3	2	5	9	4	8
5	3	9	7	4	8	1	6	2
8	2	4	6	1	9	3	5	7
2	7	6	4	9	1	5	8	3
4	9	8	2	5	3	6	7	1
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and tag their own equipment. Something as simple as painting your postcode onto tools and machines can help in the identification of criminal activity, and the recovery of equipment. We would encourage residents to continue to report suspicious activity, as well as storing valuables securely. If you have to leave it – lock it, and light it (with a security light for example), to discourage criminal activity.

Norfolk's Police and Crime Commissioner Lorne Green, said: "During my time as Norfolk's Police and Crime Commissioner I have remained committed to supporting rural communities by listening to and responding to the needs of people in the countryside.

"Preventing and tackling rural crime has been and remains a central plank of my Police and Crime Plan.

"There are some crime types which are more prevalent in rural areas and bring unique challenges for policing – farm and agricultural crime, for example, or hunting and game sports – but for many rural residents their concerns are not that different from those of residents anywhere else in the county.

"Through the introduction of drones, body-worn cameras and investment in automatic number plate recognition (ANPR), I have ensured our officers have been given the right technology they need to fight the crime types affecting Norfolk today in rural areas and beyond.

"I welcome the findings of the NFU report, which on the whole appear positive for Norfolk, however it is important we do not become complacent.

"While these statistics show a downward trend, I appreciate that they will be of little comfort to those who are victim of rural crime.

"We must continue to work with local communities and partners to offer help and support and address any police and crime concerns.

"I will be ensuring I have an opportunity to raise these matters further with the Chief Constable at my next Police Accountability Forum meeting next month."

## PUB LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.

	Paul	Ian	Colin	Steve	Real Ale	Lager	Cider	Guinness	2 Pints	3 Pints	4 Pints	5 Pints
Monday												
Tuesday												
Wednesday												
Thursday												
2 Pints												
3 Pints												
4 Pints												
5 Pints												
Real Ale												
Lager												
Cider												
Guinness												

Match the drinker to their night out, their drink and how many pints they drank

1. On Tuesday night, the cider drinker had 4 pints.
2. On Monday, Paul had more pints than Ian.
3. Steve drank 4 pints earlier in the week than the person who drank Guinness.
4. Paul drank fewer pints than Colin.
5. Colin, the person who drank cider, the lager drinker and the person who drank 2 pints are all different people.
6. Ian drank Real Ale on Thursday.

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## **Hockwold Amateur Theatrical Society**

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation the HATS committee have taken the decision not to hold a Christmas production this year. We will announce any meetings, auditions and performance dates as and when the situation changes. Stay safe everyone and we hope to see you all soon. Our Annual General Meeting is usually held during September/October each year. The committee met at the end of August and decided that as a face-to-face meeting would be difficult to hold, due to current government guidelines, it should be postponed until such time as we can all meet in person. The existing committee have agreed to remain in their posts until the next AGM is able to be held.

## A Message from the Editors

We are acutely aware that during the 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. Consequently our annual subscription renewal date will move from January to March 2021.

Paul and Susan

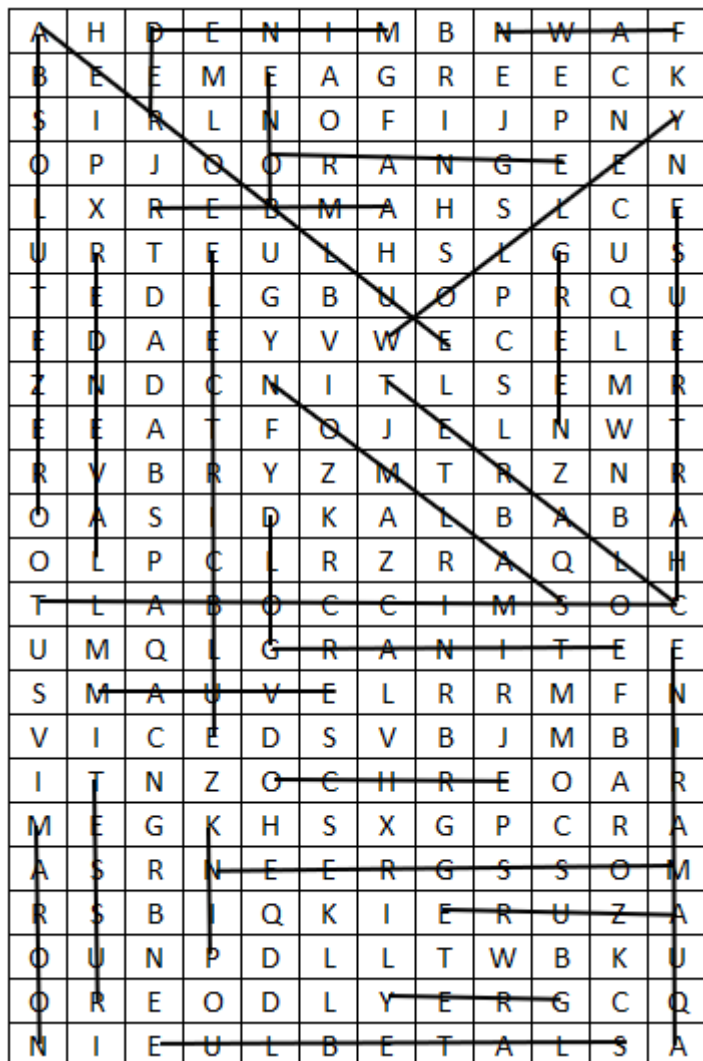
## Word Search Answer

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements  
Next month's Word Search  
will be on **WINES**  
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kindness and generosity.  
Ness Fry



The Meeting of the Parish Council was held virtually via the Zoom platform on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of SEPTEMBER 2020. Ten Councillors attended and two members of the public

Handles on the Multiplay unit at the playing field have been removed and will be replaced. Fenland Leisure are carrying out quarterly operational inspections on the play equipment, the first one carried out 8<sup>th</sup> September. An Ash tree was felled during the first week of September due to its dangerous condition but two new trees will be planted, exact location and species to be decided. New noticeboard has been installed. Vehicle access gate onto the playing field from the car park to be widened. Changing Rooms electricity contract has been renewed with SSE.

Two schemes (part resurface, part slurry overlay) have been programmed for footpaths along High Street, Bell Street and Wilton Road. A new footway surface for the section covered by grass along Long Lane (left of Hereward Way entrance) and a completely new footway to extend from the end of that up to Portal Close have been programmed for the next financial year.

Rangers will be in the village during October, Clerk has requested they cut the verges along Wilton Road neighbouring the Base.

New bus shelter has been installed at Bell Street and High Street is being completed this week. Both have been purchased via the NCC Parish Partnership Scheme and new bids for the 2020/21 Scheme must be submitted by 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Tree work has been completed on the trees at Hill Street and Old Methwold Road.

Repair work will start on the Memorial Garden on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020.

Mrs McGeeney said the Feltwell Local Action Group (FLAG) set up to help vulnerable or isolating people during the Covid-19 pandemic is still working well (please see inside Parish Magazine for further details).

Cllr Martin Storey said Borough Council meetings are still being held virtually and the public can attend via their website.

Insurance has been renewed with Zurich.

Small Business Grant of £10,000 has been awarded by the Borough Council and this will be ring-fenced for the playing field.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held virtually on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30 pm via the Zoom platform. Please contact the Clerk on 01842 828383 or email [feltwellparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:feltwellparishclerk@gmail.com) for information on how to attend. All are welcome.

Your Councillors are:

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The Parish Council website can be found at:

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FELTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Tenders are being invited for four vacant areas of land. Please see Parish Noticeboard for details.

ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## Pub Logistical - Answer

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4 Pints				X			X					
5 Pints			X					X				
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Lager	X											
Cider				X								
Guinness			X									

Talking of pubs, I dropped into the **Wellington** to have a drink in their beer garden on the way back from one of my walks and discovered that they have erected a couple of marquees, in which they were installing electric heating, in readiness for socially distanced indoor drinking during the coming colder months.

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