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GROWING UP IN FELTWELL IN THE 1950S & 60S

BY ROBERT WALDEN

19 Early Enterprises

The village's many shops meant useful employment especially for young girls and women. Orange's newsagents needed teenagers or pensioners with bicycles, for paper rounds. My eldest sister had acquired a brand-new black Phillips cycle from Basil Vincent's shop - partly to enable her to do a paper round, which in turn, helped her to pay for the bike! It is hard to imagine a world without credit cards now: Barclaycard, with its daring slogan "Take the Waiting out of Wanting" came along in 1966 but until then, shops like Basil's often needed to offer some informal credit arrangement to facilitate sales.

One Sunday morning in 1958 when we had deep snow, eldest sister persuaded me to walk with her while she pushed her bike to Orange's shop at the top of Hill St near the Chequers. She was 16 and I was 8. She hung the two heavy bags of Sunday papers on the handle-bars and pushed it as I walked beside her round by the Church and along a deserted Bell Street. It started snowing hard and I was soon freezing cold with sodden shoes and no gloves. As we walked up Wilton Rd we had to deliver to a nice old lady in the first house on the right and before I walked up the path with the bag of newspapers, big sister had said "If she invites you in say you can't; we're in a hurry!" The lady opened the door and said something like "Gracious! you must be freezing cold - come in and have some hot cocoa!" It sounded as if it was already made and waiting but in any case my body was wanting the warmth from the little kitchen within and I responded accordingly. Sister had to join us and bourbon biscuits were produced. We were there almost 30 mins I think: the lady had the ulterior motive of reading as many of her neighbours' newspapers as time would allow! Sister had been caught like this before and preferred to finish her round 30 mins sooner. She gave me 6d of the 2/6d (12.5p) she earned for the entire round and never asked me to help again. I was so glad of that.

It is difficult to compare remuneration then with now. 2/6d would have bought five 45gm/1.5 ozs 6d bars of Cadbury's chocolate which I think would now cost 70p each for the same weight (ie 2/6d =

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£3.50). Big Sis was always “losing” things about the house and would cry out: “The one who finds my hairbrush I shall lo-ove! A few minutes later the cry would change to “To the one who finds my hairbrush I shall give thrupence!” And later still to “To the one who finds my hairbrush I shall give sixpence” and suddenly remembering how I had gently tapped the missing object under the sofa or down the side of a cushion, I would claim my reward. It was difficult earning money when only 8 yrs old. But at the age of 11 when we moved to Cambridge House in the High Street, dad had a plan to keep chickens – lots of them – in the large rear garden and outlined a tempting profit share if I fed them before I took off for school and also collected the eggs on my return. I had to boil up potato peelings and mix them while warm with the layers’ meal for the morning feed. “Hens feel the cold too you know” said one uncle. Dad’s figures were spot on – except for the number of eggs we could expect. We might hit target in the summer months but other times our free range hens were a liability. My grandma insisted as a girl she had watched rats steal eggs: “one rat would stretch his front paws up to the nest box and the other would climb in and roll the egg down the other’s back”. Had birdbox cam-recorders been around then I would have been tempted to buy one. Fortunately, dad did not have the capital to expand big time – and so making a really big loss was avoided.

Around this time us lads struck lucky. Fizzy drinks came in a glass bottle for which you were charged an extra 3d which was refundable when you took back the empty bottles. It was a form of recycling: no-one threw 3d away. As lads we would occasionally cycle to the dump half way up Lodge Road – on the right and opposite the track which led to what we called the sandpits. All sorts of interesting stuff could be found there amongst the ashes spread around the top of a large pit where many fires smouldered and occasionally burst into flame. But one day we discovered a “nest” of about a dozen Coca Cola bottles, almost certainly RAF or USAF in origin. This was treasure indeed! Some had debris trapped inside them or were burnt brown from the fires; but back at home, we washed them and began collecting our windfall from Lister’s shop at Cross Hill. We

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found many more over the next few days but I think the supply dried up just as Mr Lister became suspicious and demanded to know where we were getting them all from. Money for nothing and all quite legal! At the ripe old age of 15, I invested in 25, day-old Aylesbury Ducklings for the table (I ordered 24 but they sent one free in case one died in transit on the railways. If 2 died you had to chop their legs off and post them back for a further refund). You had to kill them at around 10 weeks old before they grew their adult feathers which would stop them fattening further. I did not do the killing and I shall spare you the detail as to what happened before the man who did, admitted he was more used to wringing the necks of tough old cockerels and geese! I covered costs but made no profit – nor ate much duckling.

Not deterred I bought 48 day-old chicks (50 were sent! Black Leghorn X Rhode Island Reds - supposedly) to rear to point of lay – say 16 weeks old. I wrote to a breeder in Cumbria merely asking for a price and 2 days later I was called out from lessons at school: father had received a telegram: “Chicks railed this morning arriving 6pm – Benson”. Fortunately I had my brooder to keep them warm and we fed the noisy little things on hard boiled egg (!) until I could collect some proper food. This was better as there was no killing involved but when the time came to sell, my only buyer was a farmer dad knew from Blackdyke who offered me 10/6d (52p each bird). Cousin Malcolm urged me to accept it, advising that: “it never hurts to take a profit!”. I had hoped for 12/- or even 13/- but was prepared to compromise at 11/-. The farmer was having none of it so I took them to market at

Swaffham. My birds made just 8/- each at market. Malcolm snorted with a Norfolk chuckle: “you caught a cow-old didn’t you? I said you would!” He had and I had and I never forgot it.

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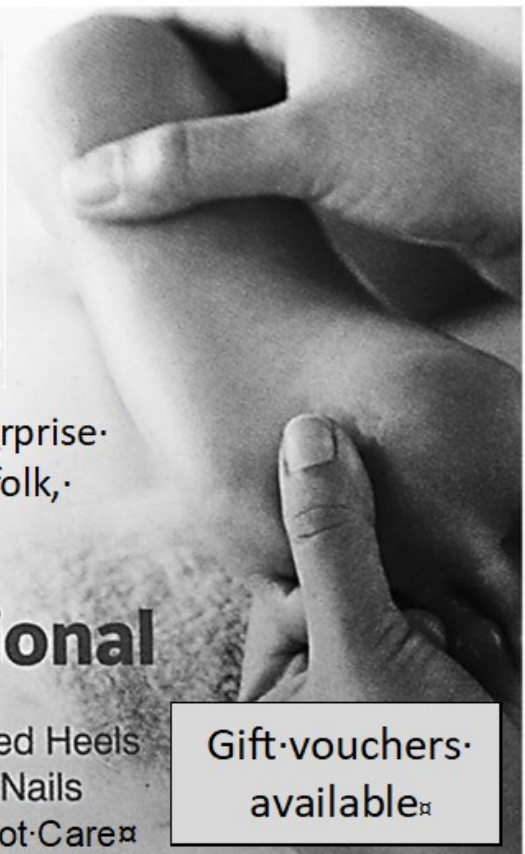
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FROM THE CLASSROOM

The mornings are chillier, and trees are turning...

This year's summer will certainly be one that we remember with our hottest day ever recorded in Britain reaching over 40°C and the weeks and weeks without rain. However, that now all seems a distant memory with darker evenings and leaves beginning to fall all of which signal the beginning of autumn as well as the start of another academic year. A year ago, I wrote my first article for the village magazine as a brand-new member of staff to the school and a new member of the community – there was a sense of nervousness of the unknown but also the excitement as to what I would learn along the way. It is safe to say I have had a wonderful first year with many wonderful opportunities both in school and the wider community, a few that spring to mind: the Jubilee parade, a visit to the Wellington to understand more about the role of World War II on Feltwell and the whole-school summer picnic. I've no doubt this academic year will bring many more exciting and interesting opportunities for our children, our school, and our community.

We began our school year by welcoming a range of new staff: Mr Few – Robins class teacher, Mr Johns – Eagles class teacher, Mrs Gibbons – Hawks TA, and Mrs Houghton – 1:1 TA as well as welcoming our new Robins, who are superbly adjusting to the routines of school. Just like last year, we hope that each month a different class will be able to share their learning with you as well as giving children the opportunity to write for a real purpose. We'll always welcome any feedback.

This year, we will keep our fingers crossed for a relatively more settled year without covid absences and the need to keep children inside due to overly excessive temperatures. Also, now that we're



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back to normal we would be grateful for any volunteers who might be able to give up some of their time to listen to readers. The better a child can read the easier it will be for them to learn and as said by Dr Seuss...

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The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

If this is something you might be able to support us with, please get in contact with our school office so we can clarify a little more. Keep your eyes peeled for future articles which will be written by many of our wonderful children at Edmund de Moundeford Primary School. Here's to another fantastic school year.

Michelle Harding (Deputy and Hawks class teacher)

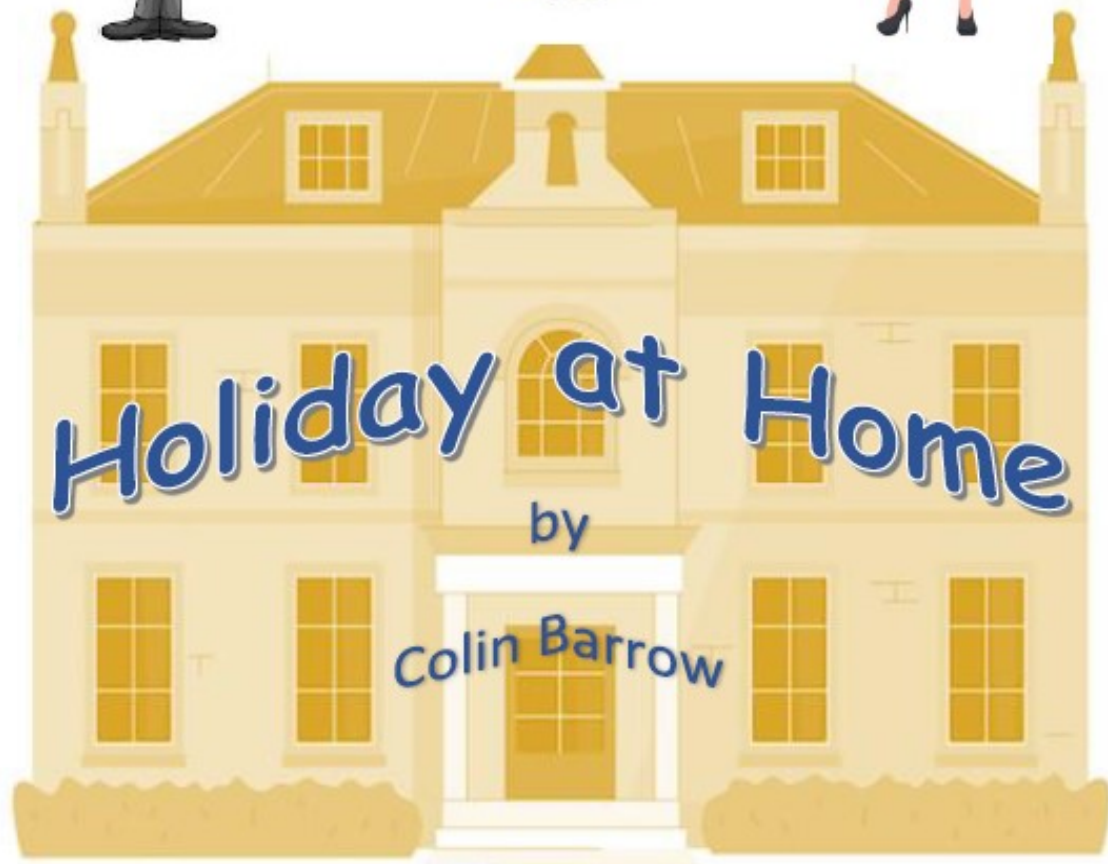
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Your Good Health

by Dr Ian Nisbet

As I write this, the Queen has just died and the entire United Kingdom is emotionally devastated. Common sense has always told us that the Queen was not immortal. However, her mother lived to be 101 years of age and I suppose we had assumed that the Queen would do likewise. The picture of her with Liz Truss suggested that Her Majesty, although frail, was good for a bit longer and we were all taken aback by events. Speaking personally, I have always had immense respect for the Queen and I am greatly saddened by her death. Also, having seen on TV the devastation caused within the royal family by the death of their, mother, grannie, auntie, and so on, re-emphasises the pain we have all experienced at the death of our loved ones and, to a certain extent, brings back our own painful memories.

So, a double whammy and little surprise that so many folk are really sad at the moment. King Charles III has made a good start with an excellent speech and, ably assisted by Liz Truss as he tours the UK, he will surely do well at emphasising the importance of keeping the United Kingdom together.

We all have a favourite memory of the Coronation in 1953 and I will share mine with you. Head Office is fed up hearing about it but there might be some of you out there who have not heard me on the topic. June 2nd 1953 was a very wet day on the Wirral and my parents had gone to my grandparents' neighbours to watch the ceremony on next door's TV which must have had a 6" screen. I could see nothing and spent all day hammering about the garden on my tricycle. The neighbour was a friendly type,

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obviously concerned about my welfare; she kept coming outside and asking me if I wanted to spend a penny. I never had any money and I told her on several occasions that I did not have a penny but she persisted in asking the question all day long! I told my parents about the strange lady and they explained the meaning of the question; this memory has remained with me ever since 1953.

Currently, the Queen is travelling through Scotland before making the journey to London. The police have cleared all the route from Aberdeen to Edinburgh so that the convoy can travel unhampered by traffic. Quite a logistical problem, beautifully solved. However, the queen is to travel by air from Scotland to London, probably because the M6 around Birmingham presents insoluble problems. At the moment, there is a 30mile queue north of Birmingham and the M6 has been closed for 6 hours. No wonder they are flying her South.

Her Majesty had a great sense

of humour so, in her honour, I am printing a couple of jokes which I believe she would have enjoyed.

A librarian was woken up in the middle of the night by a phone call. "What time does the library open?" the man on the phone asked. Annoyed, the librarian composed himself before he answered. "9am," he said. "And what's the idea of calling me at home in the middle of the night to ask a question like that?" "Not until 9am?" the man asked in a disappointed voice. The librarian began to get angry and said, "No, not until 9 am!. You can't get in until then so you'll just have to wait!" "Who said I wanted to get in?" the man sighed sadly. "I want to get out."

A time keeper at a factory is in charge of blowing the whistle for the lunch break at noon. She uses her watch and, when it shows 12pm, she blows the whistle. One day, she dropped her watch and feared that she might have made it inaccurate. She took the watch to a clock maker, told him



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has the correct time. The bell ringer told her that he rings the bells immediately his watch shows 6am. "I'm sure my watch is accurate." He reassures her. "I check it every day at noon when the factory goes on break."

Returning to the Royal Family, I wish King Charles III every success in his new job. It will be very difficult taking the job of being King at the age of 73, just when most of us are slowing down!

LONG LIVE THE KING

All good wishes,
Ian Nisbet

A REMINDER FROM THE POLICE

Your bank or the police will **NEVER** ask for your PIN, bank card or bank account details over the phone – never give these details to anybody.

Neither the police nor the banks will send a courier to collect money from you.

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If you're asked to telephone a bank, then always do it on a different phone to the one you were contacted on.

Fraudsters will keep the line open and have been known to play ringtones, hold music and a recorded message down the phone so the victim believes they are making a call to a legitimate number. Ensure you can hear a dialling tone before calling police or use a friend or neighbour's telephone instead.

Do not rush into complying to the scammers demands / requests.

If you have already given your bank details over the phone or handed your card details to a courier, call you bank straight away to cancel the card

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Scam Alert – Fake "personalised parcel delivery" texts

We are advising residents to be aware of fake parcel delivery texts which contain links to bogus websites in attempts to gain personal information or take payments for 'redelivery'.

This follows a report received from a consumer who received a text, "Sorry we missed you". "Simon attempted to deliver your package but no one was home". "Re-schedule, name, delivery time and date here – (a bogus address for a website is then given). If you follow the link, it will take you to a fraudulent website which will attempt to charge you a 're-delivery fee'.

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

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

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

If you receive what you think is a fake text, you can report it to the National Cyber Security Centre by forwarding the text to 7726 or take a screenshot and send it to report@phishing.gov.uk.

You can also report scams to us via our partners the Citizens Advice consumer service on freephone 0808 223 1133.

Scam Alert – Fraudulent "Energy Grants" emails

We are continuing to advise Norfolk consumers to be alert with emails claiming to be from OFGEM and part of the energy bill support that some residents will receive this autumn. The fraudulent emails are seeking to harvest personal information including bank details as part of their application for the grant. The UK government has sent out information that support will be given automatically with a deduction seen in household bills, no bank details will be asked for. Scammers are recognising the vulnerability of residents and taking advantage of a "cost of living" crisis.

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Scam Alert – Automated telephone cold calls for unauthorised transactions

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The voice with then will give you a "softener", this is likely plausible transaction to a large company which many people use, such as Netflix, BT or Amazon. The caller continues, "The first transaction is with Netflix for an amount of £30". This is designed to make you believe that the robot caller is genuine and the withdrawal is of such small amount it is possible that you would not have checked it.

The next part will refer to a recent, "significant international money transfer to an unknown location". Another pause comes from the robot caller, then the "pull" follows with the instruction for you to press a number on your keypad.

These calls are **not** genuine. **Do not** press any number on your keypad. If you receive this or a call making similar claims on your bank account, **do not** interact with the call in any way and **hang up immediately**.

You can find more information about bogus contacts and phone based fraud on the **Take Five** website.

Scam Alert – Fake competitions on Facebook (FB)

We are advising residents to think twice before sharing competitions on FB after receiving reports of a fake FB page claiming to be associated with Marks and Spencer offering a giveaway.

Before liking a page or sharing a post, especially a big business like Marks and Spencer, check if it has a blue tick. This means the page has been verified by FB. You can also look at the Page transparency to see when it was created.

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If you come across a fake page on FB, report it by going to the page and tap *** from the top right and select "Report Page". Select "Scams and Fake Pages".

Fake promotions or competitions on FB typically urge users to either engage with a FB post (e.g. share and comment) to win a prize or click a link and fill in personal details to claim a prize.

Our recommendation is to **NEVER** interact with these types of FB posts. The Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) have an online service where consumers can report any fake adverts, they find on online platforms such as newspaper websites, paid-for search engines or social media. The reporting form can be found on the ASA website.

This reporting mechanism aims to respond to the ever-increasing number of fake advertisements found online which spread false information and trick internet users into parting with their cash and personal information.

For more advice and updates

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

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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:

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TRICK OR TREAT LOGISTICAL

Match the Trick or Treater to their favourite sweetie and the number of roads they visited.

The solution is on p32

	5 Roads	6 Roads	7 Roads	8 Roads	9 Roads	Refreshers	Lemon Bon Bons	Maltesers	Skittles	Liquorice Allsorts
Chastity										
Madeline										
Marcus										
Percy										
Albert										
Refreshers										
Lemon Bon Bons										
Maltesers										
Skittles										
Liquorice Allsorts										

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.

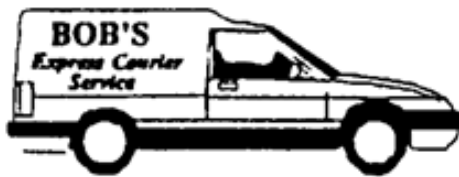
1. Chastity visited more roads than any of the boys.
2. Percy ate Liquorice whilst visiting an even number of roads.
3. Marcus hates Lemon Bon Bons, Skittles and Liquorice Allsorts.
4. Percy, Albert, the person who visited 8 Roads, the person who likes Bon Bons and the person who likes Refreshers are all different.
5. The person who likes Maltesers visited an even number of roads.
6. Madeline visited less roads than Marcus but more than Albert.
7. Chastity loves Refreshers, the person who visited 5 roads prefers Skittles.

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Operation Corporate

The speaker for our September 2022 meeting was Stephen Parker who spoke about 'Operation Corporate' 1982.

Stephen served in the R.A.F. from 1966-1990. His role was that of a crew chief

responsible for all aircraft on the ground.

Before the talk commenced the Men's Breakfast Club held a one-minute silence in respect of our late Queen's passing (18/9/22)

Stephen began by confirming that the British military operations in the Falklands conflict had the codename 'Operation Corporate'.

On the first of May 1982 the Royal Airforce Vulcan bombers successfully completed the first 'Black Buck' raid that was a series of long-range bombing missions that set off from Ascension Island in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, approximately 4000 miles away from the Falkland Islands. The complex mission took around 16 hours and required air to air refuelling from 12 RAF Victor tanker aircraft, for the two Vulcan bombers.

Ascension Island is in the South Atlantic Ocean, near the Equator strategically positioned approximately 4000 miles from both the UK and the Falkland Islands. Ascension Island is part of the British overseas territory, and the airfield is loaned from the Americans.

There is no indigenous population on Ascension, the population is made up of employees of the organisations operating on the island.

Stephen confirmed that it was a very basic place to live with only a 10,000 feet long runway, therefore very limited parking spaces for aircraft (maximum 24 airplanes). During 1982 the airfield became the busiest in the world.

The first mission launched from Ascension Island was radar reconnaissance on South Georgia and the south Atlantic.

The next task was to bomb the airfield at port Stanley, which was very difficult, especially as the Vulcans had never been used in anger before or refuelled in mid-air.

Each Vulcan bomber carried 21 x 1000lb iron bombs. Refuelling was always at night and in radio silence. Both Vulcans were refuelled by

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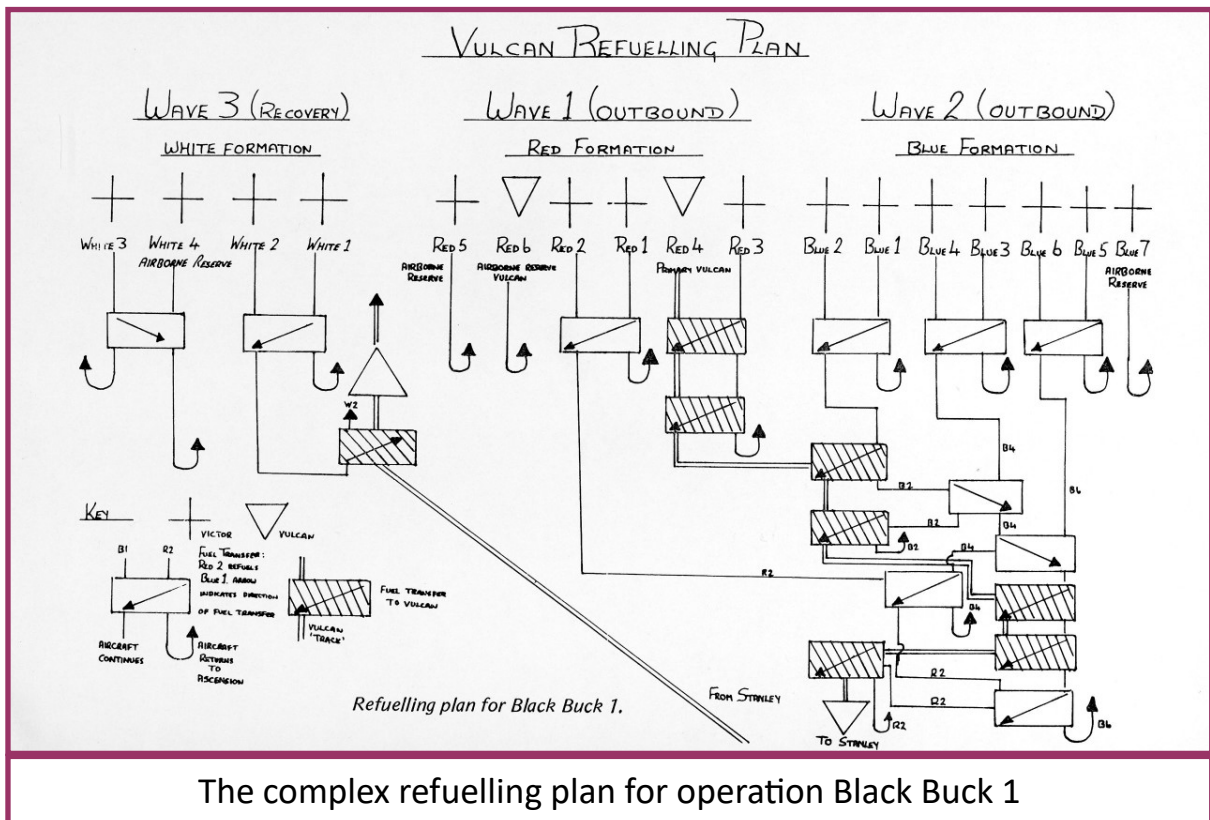
OLD CODGERS NIGHT

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6.30—10.00pm

Cost of Living

We are acutely aware of the rise in the cost of living which is why we will endeavour to absorb the increased cost of printing this magazine and keep its cover price fixed for as long as we can.



The complex refuelling plan for operation Black Buck 1

4 Victors at a time. At this point Stephen showed us a fuel probe.

During their first mission the Vulcans headed into a tropical storm which they were unaware of due to having to switch off their radars, to be undetected.

After their first mission Northwood headquarters received the 'Super fuse' message, the code name for the mission being successful.

On a personal note I am sure the group would like me to thank Stephen for the excellent talk which was both very interesting and engaging.

The Men's Breakfast Club usually meets on the 1st Saturday of the Month at The Wellington in Feltwell at 9am. It costs £7.50 per person to attend which includes a talk, tea or coffee and a full English breakfast which has to be tasted to be believed just how good it is.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join us then either call The Wellington and book on 01842 828224, before 4pm on the previous Wednesday, or email the Club co-ordinator Paul Garland at garlandp@btinternet.com.

Our next meeting will be on **1st October**. Our speaker will be Tony Fitzjohn who will talk to us about the Borneo confrontation and the involvement of the Royal Marine Commando.

I would like to thank Nigel Leach for compiling these notes in my absence.



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A light has gone out, a light that has been so faithfully shining radiantly bright for ninety six years, gathering both laughter and tears in equal store - - making it quite impossible to ignore - - who could ask for more as the privilege of time looks back on years galore, peeping through the nursery door when life was an enchanting and loving infantile mix - - four score, ten and six.

A light has gone out, a light clearly gone from our sight, but giving us the option to shine on in our hearts. A wonderful lady who so imparts a certain knowing that we will never forget - - The sun has set, and yet, though the flame is in reality gone, leaving us to lament and mourn - - but always to remember, firmly grasping an everlasting ember of one we've loved and admired so much, our Queen having such a magical touch as clutch we have to someone truly, truly ours. The giver of so many golden hours that scanned the miles of her many lands and all so safe in such kind and capable hands. Steady and constant and rarely free, an amazing role model for all of us to see.

She too loved to simply 'be', quietly stepping away and sharing that same love with treasured friends and family. To all, our strength and stay to the very end, a promise firmly kept and never to bend or compromise the commitment made many years ago, wanting us all to firmly know that whatever the length be of her then youthful life, she would never waver - - whatever the strife.

Yet now, as her remarkable reign recedes, our weary Monarch with her mounting needs - - with lowering of voice, she's had no choice but to quietly slip away, never to be sighted again in quite the same way, but that is not to say we will never meet again some other glorious day.

An irreplaceable light has gone out - - overwhelming doubt - - the way seems dim - - the severing of a vital limb as we begin to balance up the meaning of it all - - nurturing one another in our depleted state of emotional free fall. Essentially though, staying sufficiently awake so not to make the careless mistake of overlooking Our Father's faithful call. Don't miss the fading toll of the distant Cathedral bell, for it always has a deeply reassuring and comforting story to tell - - - Please, all of us, be at peace - - - for all is well.

Rest in peace dear Queen, God's will and God's choice, And so it is with heart and voice, With arms outstretched we unite and sing, God save our Gracious and Noble King.

Judith Porter.



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QUIZ NIGHT

THURSDAY 20th October
7.00 for 7.30 pm start

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TRICK OR TREAT LOGISTICAL SOLUTION

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Seldom does the WNAS play host to such an enthusiastic speaker as Andy Moore who, at the age of 7 years, became fascinated by the history of RAF Bexwell near Downham Market. From this early age he has had the opportunity to forage for buried relics, trawl various archives, study the remaining buildings and interview various people who lived through WW2.



To accompany his presentation he had two community hall tables full of memorabilia together with photos past and present.

Bexwell became a satellite station to Marham. Staff and crew transferring in 1942 were welcomed by the local community who often invited the airmen into their homes, as Andy's first-hand knowledge will attest; one can easily see how this camaraderie helped towards promoting Andy's ebullient delivery.

He highlighted the presence of some remarkable individuals at the time. When the airfield was being built in 1940 by W C French and the assistance of Irish and Welsh muscle there was a need to run power and communication services along the length of the runway. The conduit was so small that a very small Irish lady was requested to crawl along its length with a tow line. The airfield was also equipped with the first FIDO installation which consisted of giant blowlamps creating two, twenty foot walls of fire on each side of the runway; this was designed to clear fog for safer landings and could be seen from as far away as Peterborough.

There were two notable airmen, now commemorated by a plaque on the church green. They were both, posthumously, awarded a Victoria Cross.

Details of this can be found on: <https://www.tracesofwar.com/sights/20939/RAF-Victoria-Cross-Memorial-Bexwell.htm>

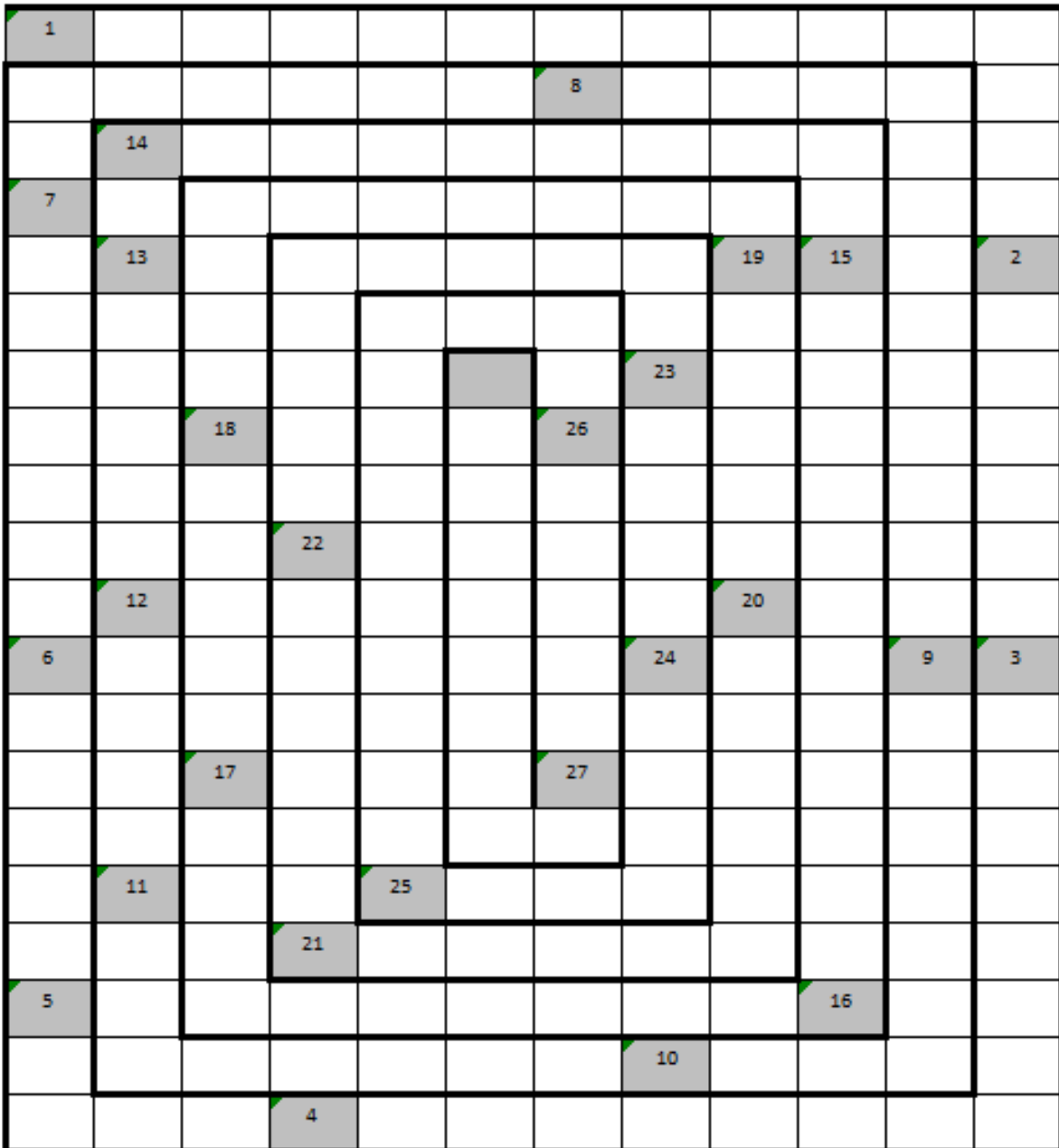
A number of squadrons made a presence on the airfield: Lancaster, Halifax but mainly Mosquitos and Stirlings. Andy has a soft spot for both of the latter; the Stirling was more manoeuvrable than the Hurricane and the Mosquito was good at multitasking.

During one of Andy's guided tours for veterans in 2017 he met one Ft/Lt Colin Gell who flew Mosquitos from the airfield. Colin's story is long and he remembers many things: chasing the Germans out of Kiel harbour and dropping provisions for the starving Dutch; dropping little parcels of chocolate 'voor de kinder' and, he remembers the building at Bexwell where a tasty bevy of beauties packed the parachutes. Superstition played a part in his survival; he always knew that he would complete his 50 operations. It seems that he has survived more than that: he is now 103 years old and occasionally drives up from Tunbridge Wells to see his new friend Andy Moore.

www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk Nigel Tooth

WORD TRAIL NO. 21

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



CLUES

- 1 The name of the UK's last Liberal Prime Minister (5-5-6)
- 2 This animal is the only animal that cannot jump (8)
- 3 MEDICAL: Twelve bones that are found in the spine (8-9)
- 4 MUSIC: An American rapper who scored 7 U.K. number ones during the 2000's (6)

- 5 The smallest planet in our Solar System (7)
- 6 To sing so that the voice fluctuates rapidly between the normal chest voices and a falsetto (9)
- 7 Abducted handsome Prince of Troy who became cup-bearer to the Gods (9)
- 8 California's (U.S.A) biggest earthquake source (3-7-5)
- 9 Innings sport (4-7)
- 10 JK Rowling started publishing a book in online instalments - what was it called? (3- 7)
- 11 Volcano found in Armenia whose cinder cone reaches 3597m (6)
- 12 The art of knotting thread or cord (7)
- 13 MEDICAL: The location where the smallest bone in the body can be found (3)
- 14 The scientific name of the Asian frog (4-7)
- 15 An ancient method of raising water to another level (10-5)
- 16 A radio receiving/transmitting set carried on the person (6-6)
- 17 MEDICAL: Pregnancy that occurs in the Fallopian Tube (7)
- 18 FILM: The name of the 1953 film based on the life in the wild west starring Doris Day and Howard Keel (8-4)
- 19 Also known as the Spiney Anteater (7)
- 20 FILM: Who played Mrs. Robinson in 'The Graduate'? (4-8)
- 21 A charm or amulet (8)
- 22 American novelist, journalist and screen writer who died in 2007 (6-6)
- 23 Champion thoroughbred horse who won the Grand National in 1973, 1974 and 1977 (3-3)
- 24 Old Kingdom Pharoah, 4th Dynasty - 2490-2472B.C. (8)
- 25 Flower also known as 'sun cup', 'sun drop' (7-8)
- 26 Boys name (7)
- 27 At night rather than during the day (11)

This month's Word Trail solution can be found on page 70

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We welcome anyone who wants to share or pick up some tips or just have a chat, or even make us a drink. We're usually there from about 9.30 til 12.

There are many styles of gardening and some people like to buy new spring and summer bulbs and plants each year. This results in the previous year's stock being thrown away. PLEASE..... if this is your style we would be delighted, even ecstatic to have your old stock. It can be sorted and passed on to the Feltwell in Bloom team for planting around the village to add more colour to our verges. We may even be able to pot them up and share them with people who are unable to grow their own.

So, to SUNDAYS – our day to relax and reflect.

10.45am to 11.45 – Fellowship and refreshments

Our special guests coming up are

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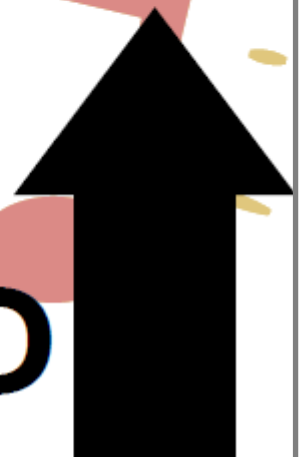
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[ThinkingFuel | Community Action Norfolk](#) *This link will be live when the magazine goes online at the end of September but here it is in full for those who can’t wait.*

<https://www.communityactionnorfolk.org.uk/sites/content/thinkingfuel>

Be aware of false messages about the Energy Bills Support Scheme. Customers are already telling their energy companies that they have received an email purporting to be from Ofgem, asking them to apply for the government energy discount. **These emails are a scam - you do not have to apply for the Energy Bills Support Scheme, and your discount will be paid to you directly by your supplier.**

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Slaughter on the Farm

Thetford and Watton Times, 19th March, 1982

Cattle rustling in West Norfolk took a sinister new twist this week when a bullock was shot and carved up on the spot.

The remains of the £400 animal were left scattered on the ground outside the isolated fen between Feltwell and Methwold Hythe.

After surveying the carnage on his land on Monday, farmer Mr David Walker declared: - "It was such a cruel way of killing the animal. Nothing seems to be safe anymore."

The ruthless rustlers struck some time between 5pm on Monday and 7am on the following day and killed the hapless beast in such a way that indicated they knew what they were doing.

They selected a 7cwt Hereford Cross steer, shot it and then dragged it out of its pen and disembowelled it. "They obviously knew what they were doing. They selected the one that had the most meat on it and took all the worthwhile pieces," explained Mr Walker.

Mr Walker, who farms in partnership with his brother, Clarence, from White House Farm, Feltwell, said they could ill afford to lose such a valuable steer and were pondering on the wisdom of leaving the cattle in such an isolated pen.

'Pip' has all the facts .

For any Feltwell resident or historian wanting to learn about the Origins of the village, Mr Alfred or 'Pip' Orange is the man to see.

Pip, a retired bank manager, is the chairman of the Feltwell Historical and Archaeological Society who meet monthly to talk about the village and archaeology matters in general.

'We have a browsing evening once a year and another when the members bring old photographs and pass them round," he said.

The society members are not just from the Feltwell area there are some from Dorset, Kent & Essex who keep up a regular correspondence with Pip.

Pip's home in Feltwell, The Beck has a study full of books and folders, many written by himself, detailing the history of the village. His paintings, notably of churches, fill the house.

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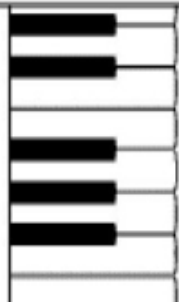
In September we had reports of illegal metal detecting inside the Roman Fort at Burgh Castle. We can't know what was stolen from the ground but we hope it was just ring pulls! High visibility patrols and social media posts have been used to highlight this issue.

There have been a few thefts from churches of late, with lead being stolen from the roof of a church in Norwich and lecterns taken from another two churches around the county - these have since been returned thankfully! Twilight patrols around churches are conducted regularly but we ask all to be vigilant

HEATING OIL THEFTS/FUEL THEFTS

Over the next few weeks, a lot of our focus will be on prevention of fuel thefts. The cold weather will be here soon which many may be looking forward too. However, with the looming increase in heating oil costs, we want to do all we can to educate people and businesses on the best way to protect their oil. We will be releasing small informative videos on both our Rural Crime Facebook page and in the press to increase education on this issue.

We continue to see a number of cooking oil thefts. Earlier in the month two men were arrested for going equipped and were subsequently charged. Remember, reputable and genuine collectors will carry appropriate ID, always store oil waste or fresh in a secure location.



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WILDLIFE/ANIMAL INVESTIGATIONS

It's a month that has ticked over with a few enquiries ongoing, and some of our larger jobs slowly but surely coming together.

This month I have visited a Larsen trap set in someone's back garden. Whilst a Larsen trap is a perfectly legal trap to catch and dispose of crows and magpies humanely, it is essential that you are doing it legally under a general licence. In short, you can only catch magpies for two reasons; to prevent a direct attack on livestock or for conservation in regard to birds that are of conservation concern. It is a stretch to consider either of these two licensable activities are applicable to a back garden. This has since been removed and dealt with locally.

On a similar theme we received a report of spring/Fenn traps being set in a position which could capture stoats. Since 2020 you can no longer use Fenn traps for the capturing of stoats, as they were deemed to not be suitable in humanely dealing with stoats. You also cannot set such trap if there is a risk a stoat could be trapped by them, given in Norfolk we have a healthy stoat population. In general terms Fenn traps should no longer be set at ground level due to the risk stoats could become trapped. There are alternatives, which are approved for use at ground level, such as the DOC or Tully traps. This investigation is ongoing, but the traps have been removed.

I was also lucky enough this week to also see a Eurasian Eagle Owl up very close after some local officers had raised concerns around its environment. Upon visiting it was clear to see this was a very well looked after bird, being kept completely legally and absolutely no concerns.

WILD FIRES

This month has seen two people charged with arson at a country park after they decided to throw two disposable BBQ's which caused a fire. The use of disposable BBQ's should be avoided as they are a huge fire risk currently whilst the ground remains so dry.

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Looking back on this time last year we had an issue with mud on the roads but not this September. When there was any significant rain we saw field wash off, as the ground was so hard. (I saw a photo from Lincolnshire whereby heavy rain quickly washed away soil around potatoes plants leaving the bulbs exposed!). Speaking with some farmers a couple weeks back, many have not been able to drill any of next year's crops as it would be potentially a costly failure with the lack of moisture causing the seed to fail to germinate. This could have a huge impact on next year's yields as a lot of our winter barley and winter wheat tend to have higher yields than the Spring varieties which are often grown for specific reasons (brewing) rather than their yield.

Another issue noted was the grazing situation in the coming months for the county's livestock. The grass simply hasn't grown meaning natural grazing is struggling but to add to the worry, there is a lack of quantity in silage and hay cuts, the quality is also a concern. Alongside this, the struggles with winter cover crops, such as stubble turnips struggling to germinate, could mean that the livestock industry is in for a really tough winter.

Once we did get some rain, that didn't just run off, many farmers worked all hours to get things caught up and back to potentially some 'normality'.

Many of our nesting birds came to the end of their breeding season. Obviously it has been incredible to see the European Bee Eaters have successfully fledged a number of chicks up at Trimingham. I am sure they will be heading back to the warmer climates very soon. This will be along with many of our other summer visitors including the amazing Swifts. They are an incredible bird who spend up to 10 months on the wing and rarely touching ground. They are said to eat, sleep, and even mate on the wing. They have one of the longest migrations from East Africa in our Spring for a short breeding stay in the UK before flying back to Africa at the end of August/beginning of September.



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On our own shores for our native birds September produced a bounty of fruit, nuts and seeds for them to stock up on to put essential body condition on before the leaner winter months. One bird you may have seen is the colourful Jay which has a reputation for stashing acorns for the winter months, a little like squirrels, which is quite an unusual behaviour for a bird. Another bird that was still visible in the late summer sunset is the barn owl. The vole and mouse populations were at one of their highest points and again they were building up their winter reserves. They can often be seen perching on a gate post.

We have already seen some trees turning to their autumnal tones in what is being called a 'false autumn'. Scientists have explained that this is trees shutting themselves down to protect themselves from the excessive heat and dry conditions that we have experienced this summer. September saw the remaining trees starting to turn to their autumnal colours as they got ready to shut down for the winter.

Another thing to be aware of is that September marked the start of the rutting season for deer. This often means we sadly saw more road traffic collisions involving deer so please drive carefully in areas where deer are abundant (which is most of the county to be fair!). Where you see one deer run across a road, please be prepared for many more as our native species like Roe (who tend to rut earlier than others) and red deer tend to stay in groups, unlike Chinese water deer or the muntjac who tend to be solitarily to some degree

FLY TIPPING REPORT

Whilst on patrol PC HOLMES came across some fly tipped rubbish on a farm hardstanding just outside Runhall. This is something we are asking locals to report to councils and if they see it happening to call police on 999.

*I've just checked the website of KLWNBC and it says this, amongst other things, "We **will** clear fly-tipping from council owned land and verges. We **won't** clear fly-tipping from private land. This is the responsibility of the landowner to clear and dispose of responsibly. So, the farmer in the example above would have to incur the cost of removing the rubbish themselves. Hardly seems right. Paul.*



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*Reminiscences by Mr A. J. 'Pip'
Orange Part 3*

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

I remember shire horses being bred at the rear of the (old) Chequers Inn. and Katie Crapp and her brother Freddie of Hill House taking their mules out for a morning gallop. Mr. Arthur Heading (born 1887) remembers a family named Wade (living at "The Woodlands", Bell Street and at Shrub Hill) who kept hunters. One of these horses had had a tracheotomy and had a tube, plated with either silver or chromium, in its throat, fixed to a plate on its chest. He remembers the awful noise this tube made when the horse was galloping.

My mother has often mentioned the German Bands, sometimes accompanied by a dancing bear, parading the streets before World War 1. When I was a lad, all sorts of games were played in the streets marbles, hop-sotch, rounders, cricket, etc. There is too much traffic for this today but where are the whipping-tops and the metal hoops with which we used to race? If the children of the 1970's play with such things I have not seen them. Where are the home-made kites, catapults and slings? Scissor-grinders, hurdy-gurdies (with a monkey collecting coppers in a tin) and the rag-and-bone man who, in exchange for a pile of old clothes, would place a jam-jar containing a minute goldfish into eager little hands with as much benevolence as if it were a handful of sovereigns - all seem to have disappeared.

Gone, too, are the sounds and smells which emanated from the blacksmith's traverse, the steady clip-clop of horse's hoofs as they set off to work at crack of dawn, returning through the streets late in the afternoon - cattle and sheep being driven through the village to fresh pastures - long lines of hurdles with squeaking wheels being drawn along the road to make a new fold. Sometimes straw was strewn in the streets outside a certain house. This meant that inside the house someone was desperately ill and the straw deadened the sound of iron clad wheels crunching over the grit on the village street.

More next month.

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FELTWELL'S WW2 WAR HEROES NO. 3

This month we begin a new series but in the same format and from the same source.

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/>.

Abbreviations used.

CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves

Commission

SDGW – Soldiers Died in the Great War

IRC – International Red Cross

MIC – Medal Index Card

This month's War Hero is:

E. Lambert. Pioneer Corps

There is a standard Commonwealth War Graves Commission, (CWGC), headstone in the churchyard at St Nicholas, Feltwell.

1647834 L.Cpl

E.W. LAMBERT

Pioneer Corps

10th September 1944 Age 24.

In the midst of life. We are in death

Feltwell War Memorial records him as E. Lambert, Pioneer Corps.

On the St Mary Church Roll of Honour he is also recorded as E. Lambert

Lance Corporal LAMBERT, EDMUND WILLIAM

Service Number 1647834

Died: 10/09/1944

Aged: 24

Unit: Pioneer Corps

Son of Salisbury King Lambert and Minnie Eleanor Lambert, of Feltwell.

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CWGC: www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2763603/lambert,-



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The Army Roll of Honour 1939-1945 records that J Lance-Corporal 1647834 Edmund W Lambert died on the 10th September 1944 whilst serving in the United Kingdom with the Pioneer Corps. He was born and resident Norfolk.

The 1945 Probate Calendar records the death of Edmund William Lambert of Church Street, Feltwell, Norfolk on the 10 September 1944 on war service. Administration was granted at the Norwich Court on the 24th March 1945 to Minnie Eleanor Lambert, widow. Source: probatesearch.service.gov.uk/Calendar?surname=Lambert&...

(Widow doesn't automatically mean widow of the man who has deceased, just that the marital status of the woman administrating the estate is a widow).

Birth and family

The birth of a of an Edmund W Lambert was registered with the Civil Authorities in the Thetford District in the January to March quarter, (Q1), of 1920. Then, as now, you had up to 42 days after the event to register the birth without facing prosecution and a fine. This means a child registered at the start of a period could have been born up to six weeks earlier. His mothers' maiden name was Prior.

The most likely marriage of his parents was when a Salisbury K Lambert married a Minnie E. Prior in the Yarmouth District of Norfolk in the July to September quarter, (Q3), of 1918.

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 two and potentially four additional children of Salisbury and Minnie.

In the Thetford Registration District, (mothers maiden name Prior)
Q2 1921.....Salisbury K Lambert
Q2 1923.....Kenneth F Lambert

In the Mitford Registration District, Norfolk, (mothers maiden name



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Prior)

Q4 1924.....Pleasance R Lambert

Q3 1926.....Jean G D Lambert

1939 National Register

The 1939 National Register was a mini-census which was used to do a stocktake of the nations skills, (with the view to making best use of the available resources in the event of war) and as the basis for the issue of ID cards and ration books. After the war it was used as a register for the National Health Service and continued to be used until the system was computerised in the early nineties. Known deaths and change of name were manually captured. It was this part of the register that entered the public domain via a Freedom of Information request. However entries where the person were still believed to be alive at the time the manual system was closed down **and** if they were less than a 100 years old were officially closed. Layout also leaves much to be desired, with location restricted to the relevant Urban or Rural District Council rather than village, town or city. It also doesn't set out relationships, so these need to be inferred.

There is a potential household which includes Edmunds' parents, recorded at Church Street in the Downham Rural District Council. There are four residents:-

1: This record is officially closed

2: Lambert, Salisbury K, Single, born 4th March 1921, a Horseman on Farm

3: Lambert, Minnie E, Widowed, born 23rd July 1886, Unpaid domestic duties

4: Dowding, Ernest A, Single, born 15th September 1911, Glazier.

On the day

In the British Army Casualty List he is simply recorded as "Died" on the 10th September 1944.

The death of a 24 year old 'Edmond' W Lambert was recorded in the Oxford District in the July to September quarter, (Q3), of 1944.



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NEWS FROM THE LEGION

It is with a heavy heart that I put this news from the legion together. I have no doubt that this edition will have many tributes to the late queen.

From the point of view of the legion we have had royal patronage since its inception 15th May 1921. So, we as a legion are not only mourning our queen, we are also mourning the loss of our patron. From a personal angle I took the oath of allegiance when I became a boy soldier (02/01/1961) until my discharge (21/09/1985) serving her all over the world. Since then, in one way or another, I have been involved with the legion.

We ceased all functions at the hall until after the state funeral when the crib nights started up again, likewise the carpet bowls restarted on the Thursday 22nd Sept. At the moment there is no Thursday evening bowls as the attendance was very poor, it does not mean that it will not start up again. Our quiz nights have not been that well attended but in the true tradition try and try again, so we are going to have another go with the next one being **Sat 26th Nov** so please come along. The coffee mornings were also cancelled for Sept. The October coffee morning will be on the 12th starting at 10.30, please come along for a tea and a chat plus the fun quiz. (You can also have a cup of coffee if you wish)

The poppies will be in the usual places for this year's poppy appeal from the end of Oct.

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John Linkin

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WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search is on the **NAMES OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS**. Find the words from the list. They run vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backwards and forwards but always in a straight line.

The solution is on page 74

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FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB



Well the outdoor season has now closed and we all look forward to the indoor at Lakenheath. We have 3 teams entered in both the morning and evening leagues.



The green has bowled well over the season and is one of the best in this area all thanks to the hard work of our Green keeper and his assistants Neil, John, Peter and Madeline.

Our club singles was played on Saturday 3rd September with 12 members completing, the final was between John Mann and Steve Gill with Steve Gill winning, our Club Champion for 2022. Nice to see a new name on the cup, well done Steve.

I do not have a date for our next Quiz but hopefully this will be arranged for November, will let you know in the next issue.

Max

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Sun 16 th Oct	Eucharist Eucharist	9-15am 11am	Feltwell Northwold
Sun 23 rd Oct	Eucharist	11am	Northwold
Sun 30 th Oct	Benefice All Saints Eucharist **All Souls Service	10am 3pm	Northwold Feltwell

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“How'd ya know I wos 'ere,? This is our pond fer fishing, fer me an' me mate! It's our secret place, this is, an' no-one ain't allowed 'ere but us!”

“Hang on, young man! Don't panic! I met your mum in the shop, and we got talking. I've known your Mum and Dad a long time, and only just returned to the village a couple of weeks ago. When she told me about you and Jack, she told me where to find you, and here I am. Is it ok if I sit down? My old bones won't hold me up for very long, these days.”

“Yeah, 'course. Who are you, any road, talking to Ma while me old man is away? They tells me not to talk to strangers, any road, so don't reckon I should be talkin' ta you, neither!”

“Well, I suppose you should know who's been talking to your mother whilst your father is away. I was a friend of your grandfather's. We were both in the same regiment during the war.”

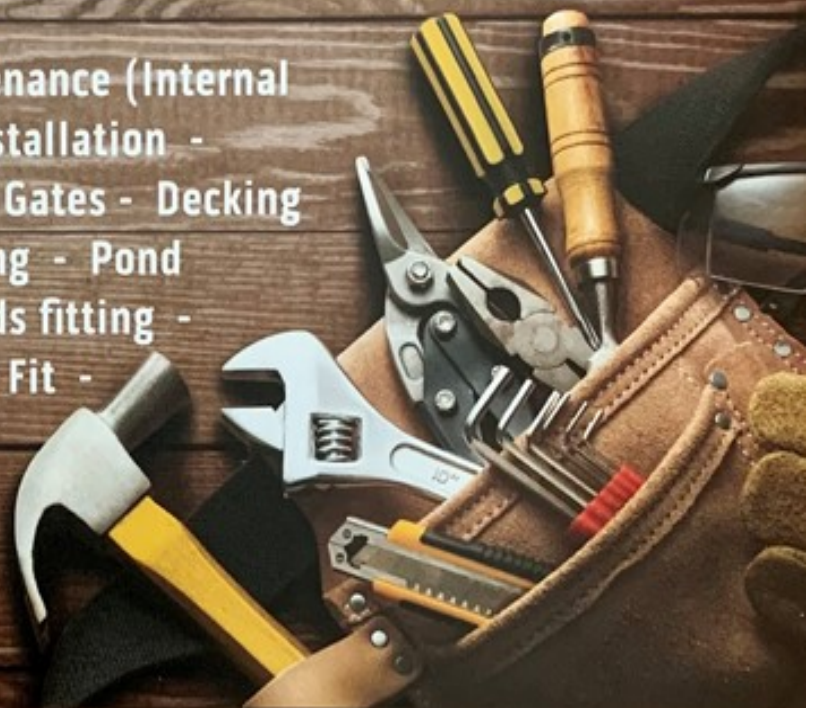
“Grandpa never talked about t'war, 'cept ta say it were 'orrible. All that mud, an' such! T'old geezers talk about nowt else, down at t'Legion, wi their pints an' stinky pipes chokin' ya all t'time. Ya'd think they'd enjoyed it, t'way they goes on about it! Couldn't get Grandpa ta talk about it though. “Best forgotten!” is all we could get out of 'im! “Bloody war! Best forgotten!” is all 'e said afore 'e kicked t'bucket. So we knows nowt about 'ow 'e got on.

“I was sorry to hear about your grandfather. He was a good friend to me, during the war. Your grandmother and my wife died at about the same time, so we both shared our memories together. I'm sure you miss him a lot. I take it you don't mind me joining you? Would it be ok if I promise not to tell anyone? Will that be ok?”

“Guess so, seein' as 'ow you knows my folks, an all. Mebbie ya can show us 'ow ta use this fancy gear my mate 'as let me borra while 'e's away. Seein' as 'ow you's a grown-up, like. S'pose you got a loada fancy

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stuff in that bag o' yours? This lot were 'is dad's, but 'e give it ta 'im a bit since, when 'e got more keen on booze an' skittles down t'pub! Spends a lotta time down there, 'e does!"

"From what your mum says, your dad works very hard at the yard, and she doesn't mind him spending time with his friends at the Crown."

"Mebbie so, but many's the time I 'as ta help ma get 'im up t'stairs ta t'spare room. Won't 'ave 'im in 'er room on pub night, she won't. Says he stinks a fags an' booze, an' farts a lot, which ain't good for man nor beast, she says! Any road, let's 'ave a look at ya gear. I's got worms is all, but ya's welcome ta share em, if ya like. Mind ya, they's not wrigglin' much now, so's best get em used up!"

"I'd love to! It's such a long time since I put worms on my hooks. I've been using lures for I don't know how long. It will be a treat for me to use live bait once again. Yes, I'd love to share your worms, if that's alright?"

"Loors? What's loors, when they's at 'ome? How does these loors 'elp ya ta catch fishes?"

"I'll tell you what. Let's get our lines in the water, and I'll show you how we lazy anglers tempt those fishes down there in your secret pond, eh?"

The Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk has been working with Norfolk Warm Homes to deliver energy efficiency improvements across the district.

These fully funded improvements are available to all homeowners with an annual income under £30,000, and savings not exceeding £50,000.

Improvements will help make your home warmer and more energy efficient, whilst also lowering energy bills and cutting carbon emissions. These improvements could include improving the insulation in your home so that less heat is lost or replacing a heating system that doesn't work very well with a more efficient heating system.

As temperatures start to drop, now is the ideal time to make sure that your home is ready for the colder months ahead.

To ensure that you don't miss out, please visit the Norfolk Warm Homes website, or call 01603 430103 to make an application. Energy efficiency improvements are available on a first come, first served basis, so please do not hesitate, and contact Norfolk Warm Homes today.



Events at RSPB Lakenheath Fen

October - December 2022

Places for all events need to be booked online- please visit events.rspb.org.uk/lakenheathfen to read more and book tickets.

Race for Wildlife 2022

Our annual 5km or 10km race, following routes across a variety of habitats, suitable for all abilities. Profits from ticket sales help wildlife and there's homemade cakes at the end!

16 October (11am-2pm) Price: Adults £15, Under 16's £7.50.

Amazing Autumn guided walk

Join us for a seasonal wander around the reserve to take in autumn highlights- we will look for wading birds and ducks on the Washland, fungi in the woods and listen for migrant birds that have arrived to spend the winter with us. Autumn is full of changes for us to spot!

Saturday 29 October (10am to 1pm)

Price: RSPB members (£12 adults, £6 Under 16's), non-RSPB members (£15 adults, £7.50 Under 16's).

Raptors in the Reedbed winter guided walk

We will be hosting two guided walks this winter to look for birds of prey at dusk across the reserve- with luck we will see marsh harriers roosting in the reedbeds as well as barn owls, possibly merlin, peregrine and we should hear tawny owls too. Not to mention other winter delights such as whooper swans flying overhead too!

Sunday 11 December 2022 (1:30pm-4:30pm) (also Saturday 14 January 2023, 2pm-5pm).

Price: RSPB members (£12 adults, £6 Under 16's), non-RSPB members (£15 adults, £7.50 Under 16's).



RSPB Lakenheath Fen

Race for Wildlife at Lakenheath Fen
Sunday 16 October 2022 (11am – 2pm)

The month of October brings a special event in our calendar at RSPB Lakenheath Fen- our annual 'Race for Wildlife' which we have hosted now for many years. On the day we can have up to 180 guests here, travelling sometimes from quite a long distance away, to run or jog either a 5km or 10km route around the nature reserve. The routes cover really varied terrain, starting at the edge of Trial Wood and snaking through grassland and reedbeds, before joining the scenic riverbank footpath and winding back through woodland to the finish line.

I thought this month I'd write about our Race for Wildlife for those readers who might not have heard of it and may be interested in taking part; or who may know people who would be keen to come along. A key part of the event for us is that it's family-friendly and open to everyone- regardless of the speed competitors run at. Youngsters are also welcome- we sell tickets for Under 16's and every year we have a healthy number of young runners with us. Nearly all of our volunteer network gets involved with the event- from marshals stationed at regular points along the routes, to timekeepers with stopwatches at the finish line, to helping with checking in guests at the start of the event, helping to serve refreshments at the end, or even mowing the paths prior to the event.

Every finisher gets a medal, as a 'thank-you' from us for taking part, and the top three finishers in both the women's and men's 5km and 10km routes gets a special medal, handmade by our warden Emma. We also provide a banquet of handmade cakes as well as tea and

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Your **Parish Councillors** are:

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The Parish Council website can be found at:

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

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

coffee and cold drinks not far from the finish line! The perfect reward for your efforts!



The Race is ideal for anyone who loves running but wants to fundraise for wildlife at the same time- because all the profits from ticket sales go directly back into the reserve to fund conservation work here. Some of the money may go towards habitat restoration, repairing viewpoints or Mere Hide, improving the accessibility of the trails for less physically able visitors, or on survey work to monitor wildlife.

If you would like to read more about the event, or have any questions, you may like to have a look at our blog written specially for potential runners:

bit.ly/LakenheathRaceForWildlife2022

To book tickets, please visit:

<https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/7838>

If you don't have internet access, we can take bookings via payment through our till in the Visitor Centre (just pop in to see us) or if you have questions, you can give us a call on **01842 863400** (answered from 9am-5pm daily) or drop us an e-mail at **lakenheath@rspb.org.uk**.

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

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE NO. 33

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



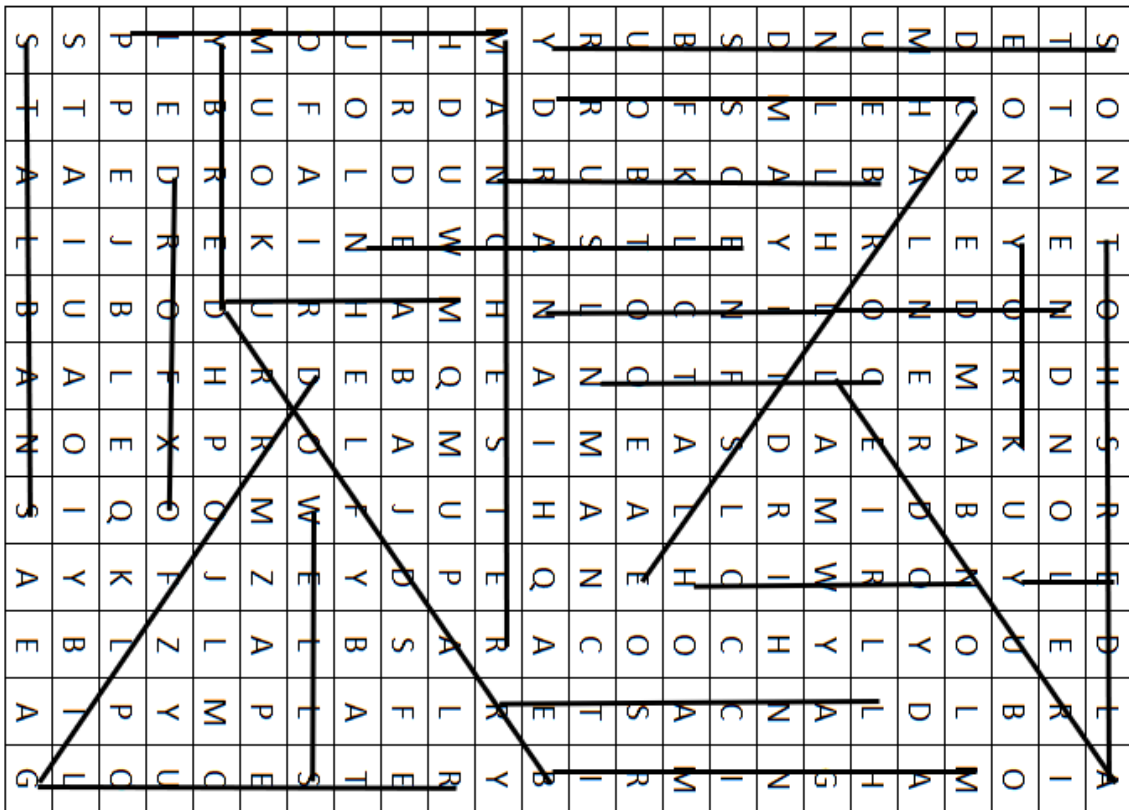
Western Close built in the 1940s with some(?) houses reserved for Weasenham Farm workers.

Ernest Vine (1908-1997) – "We moved from Hill Street to Western Close when Stubbins, the foreman of Weasenham Farms said the houses were ready and would we like to move in in about a week. I said, "How about tonight?" so I went home and said to Hilda, "Let's have tea quickly - we're moving tonight." I borrowed a trailer and off we went. She wasn't too pleased at first, but she was when we got there."



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Next month's Word Search will feature
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Hospital Happenings *by Tony Bennett*



Monthly Ramblings about West Suffolk Hospital

News:

“From Monday, 5 September 2022, anyone coming into West Suffolk and Newmarket hospitals will no longer be required to wear a mask in non-clinical areas. Masks will only be required in the emergency department and in all wards. This means that visitors coming to see patients will still be requested to wear a mask when entering a ward. Patients coming in for outpatient appointments will no longer be required to wear a mask. However, should anyone wish to wear a mask onsite, they will remain available free of charge at the entrances to our hospital sites.”

New Consultant:

A new consultant radiologist started with us today, this is newsworthy as they are as rare as gold dust on the jobs market. As a result of being short staffed for so long some of our CT scans have inordinately long reporting times of many months and hopefully that will now start to be addressed. I didn't catch the consultant's name but she's very welcome in her new job.

Australian Reporting:

On the same topic our radiologist who recently departed to Australia while still employed with us has started reporting online. The images and reports go back and forth via an ultra-secure N3 connection which is working well. The images reach him and the reports reach us in the same time frame as they did when we sent them twenty feet up the corridor. It really isn't any different from our point of view, any questions we have for him are still dealt with by email. Amazing technology.

Covid:

I know we are all fed up with hearing about Covid but the good news is that there are now only 13 patients in the hospital with a positive test result. This is the lowest number that I can remember since the start of the pandemic.




We at Brandon and District Photographic Club are looking for like-minded people who enjoy the art of photography in all its formats, to join us on two Wednesdays each month to learn more about the craft and impart your knowledge to our members. September saw the start of our new season 2022 –

2023 at Brandon Baptist Church Hall, High Street, Brandon from 7.30pm until 9.30pm.

We encourage you to come along to a meeting, with no obligation to join immediately, simply meet with us, chat with us and look at some of the work our members achieve.

We are well into the Autumn now, with evenings having drawn in, so for our first meeting in November to be held on Wednesday 9th we will be looking at Light Trails. This is always a popular evening for our members and visitors alike and they come away with some quite amazing results. So do bring along your cameras and tripods/monopods if you have one. At the end of the month, Wednesday 28th November we will be holding a 'Panels Evening'. This is where we will be shown how to split our images into three sections to create a series of pictures.

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, it is promising to be a very interesting year. There is always someone on hand to help with any technical questions you may have and you don't need to splash out on a lot of expensive equipment, you can use the camera on your phone or ipad and still learn a lot about composition, focusing and lineament.

Don't forget you can follow us on  and keep up to date with what's going on.

Check out our website on www.brandonphotographicclub.co.uk

We meet twice a month at the Baptist Church Hall, 39 High Street, Brandon, IP27 0AQ, at 7:30pm and our next dates are 9th and 28th November, 2022.

The Parish Council meeting for September was cancelled as a sign of respect to the Queen. As a consequence I have space for another tale by W.H. Barrett.

Walter Henry Barrett was the son of Ebenezer Barrett and Elizabeth (nee Barber). He was born in 1891, to a family who lived in the tiny hamlet of Brandon Creek. Nicknamed 'Jack' because when he was young, he resembled an uncle, he listened to storytelling at The Ship, near to where he lived. In later life, WHB was prompted to write the stories down by Alan Bloom, author of several books on the Fens, to whom he had sent much info on Skating. Bloom suggested that the Cambridge Folk Museum contact WHB and as a result, Enid Porter established a friendship with Barrett and edited his collection for inclusion in Cambridgeshire Customs and Folklore.

GOOD DEED REWARDED

By W. H. Barrett

A great number of years has passed away since I first heard this story, told me by a relative, who when quite a young lad left the bleak fenland and its poverty-stricken life and obtained a job in London, whose streets he had been told were paved with gold. He was not long in finding out that a warehouse porter in that large city would be a very long time working hard to earn even a tiny portion of glittering wealth.

He was a lonely person surrounded by crowds of people, often taking long walks hoping to find someone in that busy throng who would speak to him, but everyone was too intent in rushing around, they had no time to stop and talk. One evening returning to his abode, a room in one of the mean streets of Stepney, he saw a drunken man struggling with a young girl who was resisting the drunk's efforts to drag her up a dark passage. She was screaming with fear and calling for help. Rushing to her aid with fists and boots he soon made the loud aware crime did not pay, so he reeled and staggered away down the street, leaving the sobbing and frightened girl clinging to the rescuing young lad, who thought the best thing he could do was to see her safely home. When they arrived there, she insisted he came in so that her grandfather, with

whom she lived, could thank him and also share their supper as a small reward for his kindness in coming to help her. Tears ran down the old man's cheeks as he heard his granddaughter tell her story of the evenings fright.

When she had finished, the old man clasped the young man in his arms, saying 'I am a poor man, and as long as I live, I can never repay the debt I owe you, and as Naomi is preparing supper, I will give you a brief outline of our lives. I am a Russian Jew. I was a Furrier in St. Petersburg. I made all the Fur Robes for the Russian Royal Family. I was a very wealthy man. My only son who was married lived with me; Naomi was their child. One day her Father and Mother were arrested on a trumped-up excuse made by the secret police who were making a purge of all Jews whom they considered were hostile to the Government. Both were sent to Siberia and I never heard of - them again.

'One day a friend informed me I was on the list of Jews to purged. I hurried home, gathered a few things together and with Naomi in my arms I fled through the night, arriving at last at a Baltic seaport, where the captain of an English ship, in return for a handful of gold, brought me to London. My wife, having died years ago, all I have left in this world is Naomi, who is only a child and works in a tie factory. She is everything to me. Seeing supper is ready let us eat as it is getting late in the evening'.

After supper the old man, after kissing his guest on both cheeks said 'Come around tomorrow night as I wish to have further talk with you. Next evening, Clare, that was the young man's name, waited outside the factory where Naomi worked, so he could escort her home. He was proud to walk beside her for she was a very pretty young lady.

After tea the old man said, 'I have a very long ancestry behind me. For centuries my people have been craftsmen in the fur trade handing the secrets of their trade from one generation to another, and I can say without boasting, few people in this world know as much as I do about skins and fur. Alas, I am the last of my line, but I still handle the most expensive fur for English ladies, work given me

by members of my race. Now in return for what you did for Naomi, if you care to come along in the evenings, I will teach you all I know regarding my craft of choosing skin and fur and how to sew them together so that no-one will be able to see the join.'

Clare was pleased to accept the offer which not only offered a trade but somewhere to go for conversation. Before long he moved into a room near his tutor, and for over six years the old man instilled into his head the secrets, of centuries. One evening the old man said 'Clare, you have been a son to me and a brother to Naomi. Now take this note I have written to a firm in Wigmore Street, for it is time you left the warehouse and became a Furrier.'

Next day Clara took the note, and handed it to the Manager of the fur department of a large store. After a short talk he was taken up to the workroom and handed two pieces of fur to stick together. Then he was asked to name different furs and their quality. When all this was finished, he was taken up to the managing director who bluntly told him, 'You are not a Jew, how on earth did you get all this knowledge'. So, Clare told him and he replied, 'When can you start?' In less than two years Clare was in charge of the workroom, and a short time afterwards was promoted buyer, going to fur auctions at home and abroad.

When King Edward the Seventh was crowned, he was in charge of making his ermine robe, and the King would chat with him as he was fitting them on. By the time George the Fifth was crowned he was manager of the fur department which supplied the robes for the King and Queen, as well as all the other members of the Royal Family. Yet he never forgot the one who had enabled him to an expert on fur from rabbit skin to mink, and when Naomi was stricken with a fatal malady and died, he took the old man to live with him, and his wife cared for the one who had done much for her husband. To Clare the Second World War proved a blow from which he never recovered, and until his death, never forgave the Nazis for the cruel treatment they meted out to a race, which he declared were the salt of the earth, and no-one was more aware of it than himself.



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