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Inside: Growing Up in Feltwell, Good Health, WW2 Hero - H. Cordy, Scams, GP Patient Survey Results, RSPB, Farmyard Mutterings, Puzzles & lots more. Another maxed-out issue



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GROWING UP IN FELTWELL IN THE 1950S & 60S

BY ROBERT WALDEN

18. Pubs & Clubs Part 2

A big help for the publican (other than the closure of the nearest rival) was the introduction of the “one-armed bandit” - a gambling machine which took the smallest silver coins: sixpences. The machines, also referred to as “Fruit Machines”, were illuminated but were essentially mechanically operated. You pulled a single right hand lever to spin three reels decorated with bells, “jackpot bars” and fruit symbols, and if they stopped to reveal certain patterns (eg 3 of a kind), then you won and the machine paid out immediately with a satisfying crash of coins. A jackpot payment depended partly on how much cash had been inserted since the previous big payout but it was usually around 200 silver 6d coins – ie £5. A single bunch of cherries on the first reel paid 3 coins (1/6d) and on two drums 5 (2/6d). 3 plums paid 12 coins (6/-) while 3 pears 16 coins (8/-) and so on. There were also lemons which won nothing. Because they were mechanically operated, people felt they had a degree of control– unlike the later automatic electronic machines. The operating arm could be pulled with an angry yank or so gently that the mechanism only just engaged but whether winning lines depended on the way the lever was pulled I have no idea. I would have believed they paid out on average not much more than 50% of takings but a search on the internet suggests returns were far better than that and between 70-80% of takings. That does not mean that returns were not set to maximise takings overall: there was a balance between how little could be paid out before overall takings fell. Initially the clubs seemed to install the machines more readily than pubs; possibly due to gambling and licensing laws. The Crown at Cross Hill and The Cock in the High St closed before these machines became widespread but for some, they became a financial lifeline.

Despite the impact of television, I do not recall the pubs having a television in their bars, although The Oak did have a small jukebox.

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The Oak was always warm, comfortable and clean and after the closure of the Crown, it was the only pub in easy walking distance of Munson's Place, Lodge Road and Wilton Road and despite its small bars it was the village's superior venue and not least because of its imposing position and ability to provide comfortable overnight accommodation. It ran a Christmas Club for patrons and participated in the darts and bowls leagues. The Oak (also Steward & Patteson's at this time) and The Chequers (Bullards) were more modern compared with The Cock and The Crown, though the two bars in The Oak were quite snug. The Oak and The Cock's pub signs were given by the brewery to the Feltwell Archaeological Society in 1968.

From the late 1950s I attended the British Legion Social Club (initially with my parents of course) and in the 1960s, the Ex-Servicemen's Club (now the Feltwell Social Club). The recollections of others suggest the reason why 2 social clubs were established in the early 1950s stemmed from 2 senior Home Guard officers Major J T Orange and Captain Arthur Dennington falling out, initially over the use of a commandeered car during the war. The Legion had an active local committee then but lacked a social club and a group of members decided to establish one, to be called the Feltwell (Ex-) Service Men's Club. The current Social Club site in Lime Kiln Lane was provided by a Mr Challis and an ex-RAF wooden hut procured from RAF Bircham Newton. Captain Dennington then moved that it should be called The Feltwell Working Men's Club and this was agreed at a special meeting but it is unclear that it was ever implemented. However the British Legion stalwarts who had been prime movers of the new club, resigned from that committee; to set up a British Legion Social Club. At a Legion Branch meeting (held at the Cock Inn) in November 1950 and chaired by Lord Walsingham, it was reported that after 5 years of negotiations with the Air Ministry, land (surely the site which the Legion still occupies) had finally been purchased. The annual British Legion Fete was already established and Christmas parties, dances and pantos were held in the old barn-like Legion Hall to raise money. Shop keeper Bill Hockley was one of the main fund raisers. Unlike the pubs, the British Legion Social Club

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had a TV and a full size snooker and billiards table. Mr Orange and farmer Chris Walker were keen billiards players and my father and village barber Ray Parnell were frequent snooker players. My mates and I played snooker there too from the mid 1960s. A bowling green was planned from the 1950s and when we were about 10 yrs old, my father enlisted about five of us during Cubs' "Bob a Job" week to pick up stones on the land at the rear of the club house. It was back-breaking work on a hot, sunny afternoon and we made little impression on the offending stones. When we finally gave up, the green had not progressed at all. Dad took pity and bought us all an ice-cream from the nearby Blade Cafe. He would have been so pleased his dream was eventually fulfilled.

The Ex-Servicemen's Club's long wooden hut off Limekiln Lane was popular with both adults and youths. Furnishings were more basic than the Legion's but it also had a TV like the Legion and a stage at one end which could feature live entertainment. I can still hear Peter (Dick) Wing's excellent renditions of Dion & The Belmont's "Teenager in Love" and Johnny Cash's "Woman in Love". Singing with The Checkers, his strong, clear voice nailed both effortlessly. In September 1963 the Lynn News described a talent contest and dance at which a beauty Queen (Miss Watts) was chosen with music provided by top King's Lynn band, Mike Prior and the Escorts. It was in these clubs that I first shook hands with a one armed bandit!

The West End had its followers but was a little out on a limb at the western edge of the village. It was popular with service men, partly because of its proximity to the Camp and its live music from local bands. Ray Weight had a good, powerful voice and also played piano. One of his songs was about the horrific 1930 Ohio Prison Fire: it had the moving line "*Convicts were never meant, to die like rats in a hole*". I have never heard it since. John told me of the time a brother brought back six fellow sailors to share their leave together and challenged landlord Bert Fletcher that they could drink pints faster than he could serve them for 30 minutes. We do not know the other side of the wager but suffice to say the sailors won. Fun times - but we would not want to give up our televisions now.....would we?

FELTWELLBEINGS

Thursdays from 10.00 till 12.00 at Feltwell Methodist Church Hall.

We adhere to all government guidelines and you will be required to wear a mask unless you are exempt. Tables and chairs are all set out socially distanced and a one-way system is in operation. Hand sanitisers are in place on entry and around the hall. The hall is cleaned before and after all meetings. Everyone is welcome. £3.00 per session to cover hall costs including insurance, tea, coffee and snacks. We start off with gentle exercises which are mostly sitting in your chair. This is followed by a organised game session which can include a Quiz, Bingo, Countdown, a talk, Beetledrive, Candle abstract making and glass painting. Other topics will be included. After the first hour, we play games that you want to play, these include scrabble, table tennis, small snooker table, cards, chess, draughts and dominoes to name a few. Tea and snacks provided throughout the session. New members always welcome.

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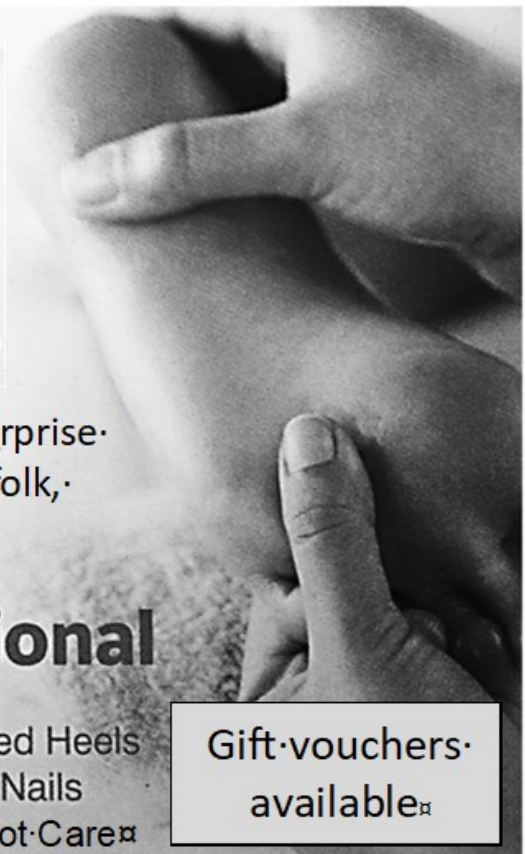
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On the 13th of June I first heard from a family of 3 in Ukraine who wanted to come to the UK where they had worked for G's Produce in the past. With the money they earned in our fields it helped them purchase a flat in Kharkiv for their future and that of their daughter. Their lives and that of the majority of peace loving Ukrainians was turned upside down on the whim of a delusional, deranged man

named Vladimir Putin.

They sent me a picture of them by a lake printed here.

I instantly agreed to sponsor them. Their applications for visas were completed eventually as the process is in o way user friendly. They were granted visas in only 4/5 days which I am told is some sort of a record. I met them at Harwich on the 30th of June. The past 4 weeks have been a wonderful experience and continue to be so.

I have nothing but praise for King's Lynn Borough Council, the Job Centre and the Passport Office for their support and the speed in

which it was delivered. They are back working for G's , their work ethic is something to behold.

If you are thinking about being a sponsor for Ukrainians but have not yet registered please do so. There are two of us in the village currently doing so. The Government runs a scheme and we have two contacts with lists of people needing help. I'm by no means an expert but if you want to ask any questions please contact me on 01842 828167 or 07595826848.

Ian Webb.





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	Feltwell Surgery	Boughton Surgery	Lakenheath Surgery
% of patients who find it easy to get through to this GP practice by phone	75% National result: 53%	69% National result: 53%	75% National result: 53%
% of patients who find the receptionists at this GP practice helpful	94% National result: 82%	78% National result: 82%	87% National result: 82%
% of patients who are satisfied with the general practice appointment times available	70% National result: 55%	50% National result: 55%	68% National result: 55%
% of patients who usually get to see or speak to their preferred GP when they would like to	65% National result: 38%	46% National result: 38%	50% National result: 38%

Making an appointment

% of patients who were offered a choice of appointment when they last tried to make a general practice appointment	70% National result: 59%	53% National result: 59%	66% National result: 59%
% of patients who were satisfied with the appointment they were offered	89% National result: 72%	68% National result: 72%	83% National result: 72%

	Feltwell	Boughton	Lakenheath
% of patients who took the appointment they were offered	99% National result: 96%	91% National result: 96%	95% National result: 96%
% of patients who describe their experience of making an appointment as good	70% National result: 56%	58% National result: 56%	66% National result: 56%

Your last appointment

% of patients who were given a time for their last general practice appointment	97% National result: 90%	84% National result: 90%	80% National result: 90%
% of patients who say the healthcare professional they saw or spoke to was good at giving them enough time during their last general practice appointment	95% National result: 83%	72% National result: 83%	91% National result: 83%
% of patients who say the healthcare professional they saw or spoke to was good at listening to them during their last general practice appointment	92% National result: 85%	78% National result: 85%	91% National result: 85%
% of patients who say the healthcare professional they saw or spoke to was good at treating them with care and concern during their last general practice appointment	95% National result: 83%	78% National result: 83%	95% National result: 83%

	Feltwell	Boughton	Lakenheath
% of patients who felt the healthcare professional recognised or understood any mental health needs during their last general practice appointment	87% National result: 81%	84% National result: 81%	96% National result: 81%
% of patients who were involved as much as they wanted to be in decisions about their care and treatment during their last general practice appointment	96% National result: 90%	86% National result: 90%	94% National result: 90%
% of patients who had confidence and trust in the healthcare professional they saw or spoke to during their last general practice appointment	99% National result: 93%	88% National result: 93%	96% National result: 93%
% of patients who felt their needs were met during their last general practice appointment	99% National result: 91%	85% National result: 91%	96% National result: 91%

Your health


% of patients who say they have had enough support from local services or organisations in the last 12 months to help manage their long-term condition(s)	65% National result: 65%	49% National result: 65%	68% National result: 65%
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Overall experience	Feltwell	Boughton	Lakenheath
% of patients who describe their overall experience of this GP practice as good	87% National result: 72%	68% National result: 72%	90% National result: 72%

In this highly challenging times for the NHS I'd like to say, thank you Feltwell Surgery and well done.

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Your Good Health

by Dr Ian Nisbet

As we are going away for a couple of weeks, I am writing this towards the end of July. The garden has really suffered in the heatwave and many plants have “gone over” a bit early. The Tories are ripping themselves to shreds, as they usually do at this stage of the political cycle and, apart from a few skirmishes with maniacal undertakers (as opposed to overtakers) on the A14 on our journeys to Cambridge to see Deannie’s sister, not a lot has happened, so I thought I would lighten the mood by giving you a few jokes this time.

A 75 year old woman had one hobby - she loved to fish. She was sitting in her boat when she heard a voice say, 'Pick me up.' She looked around and couldn't see anyone. She thought she was dreaming when she heard the voice say again, 'Pick me up!' She looked in the water and there, floating on the top,

was a frog. The woman said, 'Are you talking to me?' The frog said, 'Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up, then kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful man you have ever seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous, because I will be your groom!' The woman looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully and placed it in her shirt pocket. The frog said, 'What, are you doing? Didn't you hear what I said?' I said, 'Kiss me, and I will be your beautiful husband.' She opened her pocket, looked at the frog and said, 'No, at my age, I'd rather have a talking frog.' With age - comes wisdom!

A couple of old ladies were sitting on a patio and speaking to each other about their grandchildren. "I send gifts, greeting cards and cheques to my grandchildren," complained one, "and still they barely visit

Sudoku Puzzle

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Answer on page 41

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me!" The second old lady said "Oh I too send cheques to my grandchildren and they visit me all the time!" "You are so fortunate to have more grateful grandchildren than me." said the first one sadly. The second old lady smiled: "No my grandchildren are about as grateful as yours." "So what do YOU do different? Are your cheques bigger than mine?" asked the first one, surprised. "No," chuckled the other old lady, "I just don't sign mine." This joke reminded me of the old grandfather who couldn't get to the shops so he wrote cheques for his grandchildren's Christmas presents and wrote cards saying "Buy your own present this year". All went a bit quiet until Easter when he tidied his desk and found all the cheques under his blotting pad! A stingy old lawyer who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness was determined to prove wrong the old saying, "You can't take it with you." After much thought and consideration, the old ambulance-chaser finally worked out how to take at least some of his money with him when he died. He instructed his

wife to go to the bank and withdraw enough money to fill two pillowcases. He then directed her to take the bags of money to the attic and leave them directly above his bed. His plan: When he passed away, he would reach out and grab the bags on his way to heaven. Several weeks after the funeral, the deceased lawyer's wife, up in the attic, came upon the two forgotten pillowcases stuffed with cash. "Oh, that old fool," she exclaimed. "I knew he should have asked me to put the money in the basement." A little old lady checked into a motel on her 70th birthday, but she was a bit lonely. She thought, "I'll call one of those men you see advertised in the phone books for escorts and sensual massages." She looked through the phone book, found a full-page ad for a guy calling himself Tender Tony - a very handsome man with assorted physical skills flexing in the photo. He had all the right muscles in all the right places, thick wavy hair, long powerful legs, a dazzling smile, six-pack abs, and she felt quite certain he would be fun. Nobody would ever know. She gave him

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Three old men were discussing their failing memories. The first old man said, "Today I was at the top of the stairs, and I couldn't remember if I had just gone up or was about to go down." The second old man said, "I was sitting at the edge of my bed and I couldn't remember if I was about to sleep or just woke up." The

third man scoffs and said, "My memory is as good as ever, knock on wood." With this he hit the table twice with his knuckle, looked up in surprise and yelled "Who's there?"

An elderly Canadian gentleman of 83 arrived in Paris by plane. At the French customs desk, the man took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry-on bag. "You have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked, sarcastically. The elderly gentleman admitted he had been to France previously. "Then you should know enough to have your passport ready." The Canadian said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it." "Impossible, Canadians always have to show your passports on arrival in France!" The Canadian senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look, then he quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Juno Beach on D Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find a single Frenchmen to show it to."

Some had counselled me to go to a long-term care home. I was not sure about this so I decided to ask my long time doctor.

"How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in a Long-Term Care Home?" "Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub." "Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No," he said. "A normal person would pull the plug." "Do you want a bed near the window?"

An elderly lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!" The four men didn't wait for a second threat. They got out and ran like mad. The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then she realized why. It was for the same reason

she had wondered why there was a football, a Frisbee, and two 12-packs of beer in the front seat. A few minutes later, she found her own car parked five spaces away. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake. The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a carjacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun. No charges were filed. Moral of the story? If you're going to have a senior moment... make it memorable!

This joke stimulates another memory. Management and I once spent nearly half an hour looking for my car in the Grafton Centre car park in Cambridge. Being tall, with roof rack supports, it was usually easy to spot. Quite convinced it had been stolen, I was about to telephone the police when we realised that we had, in fact, used Deannie's much smaller car as mine was being serviced! Enjoy the rest of the Summer.

PLOUGHING LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.

	17 Hectares	19 Hectares	21 Hectares	23 Hectares	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cornish Pasty	Tuna Sandwich	John Deere	Claas	New Holland	Massey Ferguson
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Match each farmer to his tractor, his lunch and the area ploughed.

The solution is on p29

1. The Claas driver, Edwin, Scott and the person who ate the Tuna are all different people.
2. John ate his Sandwich after he had ploughed more land than Scott.
3. The farmer in the New Holland ate the Cornish Pasty.
4. The farmer who ploughed 21 Hectares ploughed less than the John Deere driver.
5. Edwin ploughed more than John but less than Stephen.
6. Vegetarian Scott used the Massey Ferguson.

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Scam Alert – Text messages about your bank account

We have received reports from residents about text messages claiming to be from banks stating that ‘an attempt to add (name) as a Trusted Payee was successful on (date)’. The message then offers a link ‘if this was not you’.

These messages are spammed out randomly to huge numbers of mobile numbers hoping to trick people into clicking on a link which will take them to bogus versions of the genuine bank website which will attempt to gather personal and financial details.

Other examples of banking scam messages will often claim that accounts have been frozen, that money is about to leave the account or that there is fraudulent activity with the aim of panicking the recipient into reacting.

If you receive this or a similar message our advice is:

Do not click on any links or open attachments

Do not reply to the message

Do not call any numbers given in these messages

You can report suspected text message scams to us via our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on freephone 0808 223 1133.

Scam Alert – Text messages claiming to be from the ‘Post Office’

We are again warning residents about text messages circulating claiming to be from the Post Office.

The text states that ‘we didn’t catch you yesterday’ and then offers a link to ‘get a new delivery slot’.

Criminals are experts at creating spoof messages that then link to fake websites using official logos and branding of trusted organisations to trick you into taking urgent action without closer inspection.

Take five and contact the organisation directly using a known email or phone number instead of clicking on links.

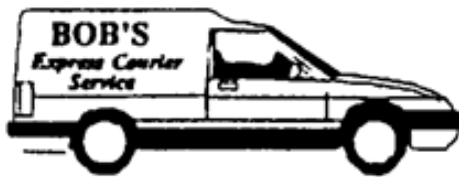
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Safety Alert – e-bike charging safety warning

We are highlighting a e-bike safety warning from London Fire Brigade following a serious blaze at a block of flats in Shepherd's Bush last month.

London Fire Brigade fire investigators have determined that many of the e-bike incidents have involved e-bike conversion kits (to convert a standard push bike into an electric bike rather than purpose-built ones). These only provide the motors and control gear, but batteries must be sourced separately.

The Brigade's Assistant Commissioner for Fire Safety said: 'There is a significant risk posed by e-bikes which have been converted and we are predominantly seeing fires in ones which have been purchased from online marketplaces and batteries which have been sourced on the internet, which may not meet the correct safety standards.'

We would also remind e-scooter owners that their use on public roads is illegal.

Where a trial rental scheme is running, it's legal to use a rental e-scooter on a public road or cycle lane, provided you have the correct licence and follow road traffic regulations.

E-bike and e-scooter safety advice:

Always use the correct charger for the product and buy an official one from a reputable seller

Batteries can get warm during their use, and it is advisable to allow them to cool down before attempting to re-charge as they could be more susceptible to failure

Batteries should always be charged on hard flat surfaces where heat can dissipate

Batteries can also pose a risk if they have been damaged, so try to ensure they are not getting knocked around while in use or while being carried as spares as this can increase the chance of damage to cells

You should always make sure you unplug your charger once it's finished charging. Always follow manufacturers' instructions when charging and we would advise not to leave it unattended or while people are asleep

Ensure you have smoke alarms fitted in areas where e-bikes or e-scooters are being charged and make sure they are tested regularly

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Never block your escape route with anything, including bikes and scooters. Store them somewhere away from a main through route

Scam Alert – Cost of living payments

We have been made aware of a text message scam relating to cost-of-living payments. Customers are sent a text and asked to click on a link and provide their bank details to receive their payment.

This is a scam. Please do not click on the link or provide your bank details.

If you are eligible:

You do not need to apply for the payment

You do not need to call

Payment to you is automatic

DWP will never ask for personal details by text or email

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) have a number of different ways to report scams depending on the type:

Email scams

If you get a suspicious looking email, you can report it to the NCSC by forwarding it to report@phishing.gov.uk Remember not to click on any links within these emails.

Text message scams

If you get a suspicious text message, you can forward the message to 7726 – this will allow your provider to track the origin of the text and arrange to block or ban the sender if it's a scam. You can also report scam text messages to report@phishing.gov.uk by emailing a screenshot of the text message.

Website scams

If you notice a website that doesn't look quite right, you can easily report the URL to NCSC via their online form.

Scam Alert – Pension Tracing Cold Calls and Letters

We have become aware of correspondence and cold calls from companies that say they can find your lost pensions or those pension schemes that you may have paid into and forgotten about. While some



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of these companies may be genuine, some are from fraudsters using this route to steal your personal information. We are advising residents to be ultra-cautious if you do take the decision to use these services as you will be required to part with sensitive information.

The UK government website offers services and advice on this area. They also provide a free service to find contact details for a lost pension. You can follow the advice using the link <https://www.gov.uk/find-pension-contact-details> or alternatively telephone 0800 731 0193.

If you receive a cold call about your pension, get any info you can, such as the company name or phone number, and report it to the Information Commissioner’s Office via their website or on 0303 123 1113.

Information Alert – “Feature Numbers” appearing in telephone number “Caller Displays”

We have had a rise in notifications in the use of “feature numbers” from mobile phone users and landlines with “caller display” facilities. These are telephone numbers that mimic local STD codes duping you into thinking it comes from someone local where, in fact they come from a scammer.

The displayed number can also make you believe that the call derives from someone you trust or is possibly known to you – including your support services or your bank branch.

The caller will pretend to be a representative and follow on with several personal questions with the sole intention to scam you. If you get one, you should hang up and call a number you know that you use for that service.

If you have received a telephone cold call which you believe to be a scam you can report it to us via our partners, the Citizens Advice consumer helpline, on **freephone 0808 223 1133**.

PLOUGHING HOLIDAY LOGISTICAL SOLUTION			
John	19 Hectares	Ham Sandwich	Class
Edwin	21 Hectares	Cornish Pasty	New Holland
Stephen	23 Hectares	Tuna Sandwich	John Deere
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Unfortunately our scheduled speaker for September had to call off due to suffering from Covid. Our coordinator, Paul Garland, stepped in and told us about his family's experiences of hosting a refugee family from Ukraine.

But first, I am delighted to announce that this year's Radish Push raised **£1084.75** for Prostate Cancer care and support. A huge thank you to all who sponsored us.

As this writer is the one who spoke at the club meeting I am deliberately keeping this report brief. Plus there is another article about the same subject elsewhere in this issue.

I began by outlining why we made the decision to host a family and then moved on to outlining the difficulties they had experienced in travelling from Russian occupied territory in the SE of Ukraine, via Moscow, Latvia and Lithuania to Warsaw in Poland and how much they ended up paying for the privilege, £2000 each. It took six days on a bus and the father got taken away by the Russian military for 5hrs with no explanation of where to or why! Mum was distraught.

In Warsaw the battle with British bureaucracy began. I believe it is fair to say that in order to be a legal refugee in this day and age you must possess a smart phone as everything has moved online. To cut a much longer story short I finished by posing the question, "What would you take if you had to leave your home, knowing that you would never be able to return, and are only able to take two large suitcases, as our family had to?" A sobering exercise.

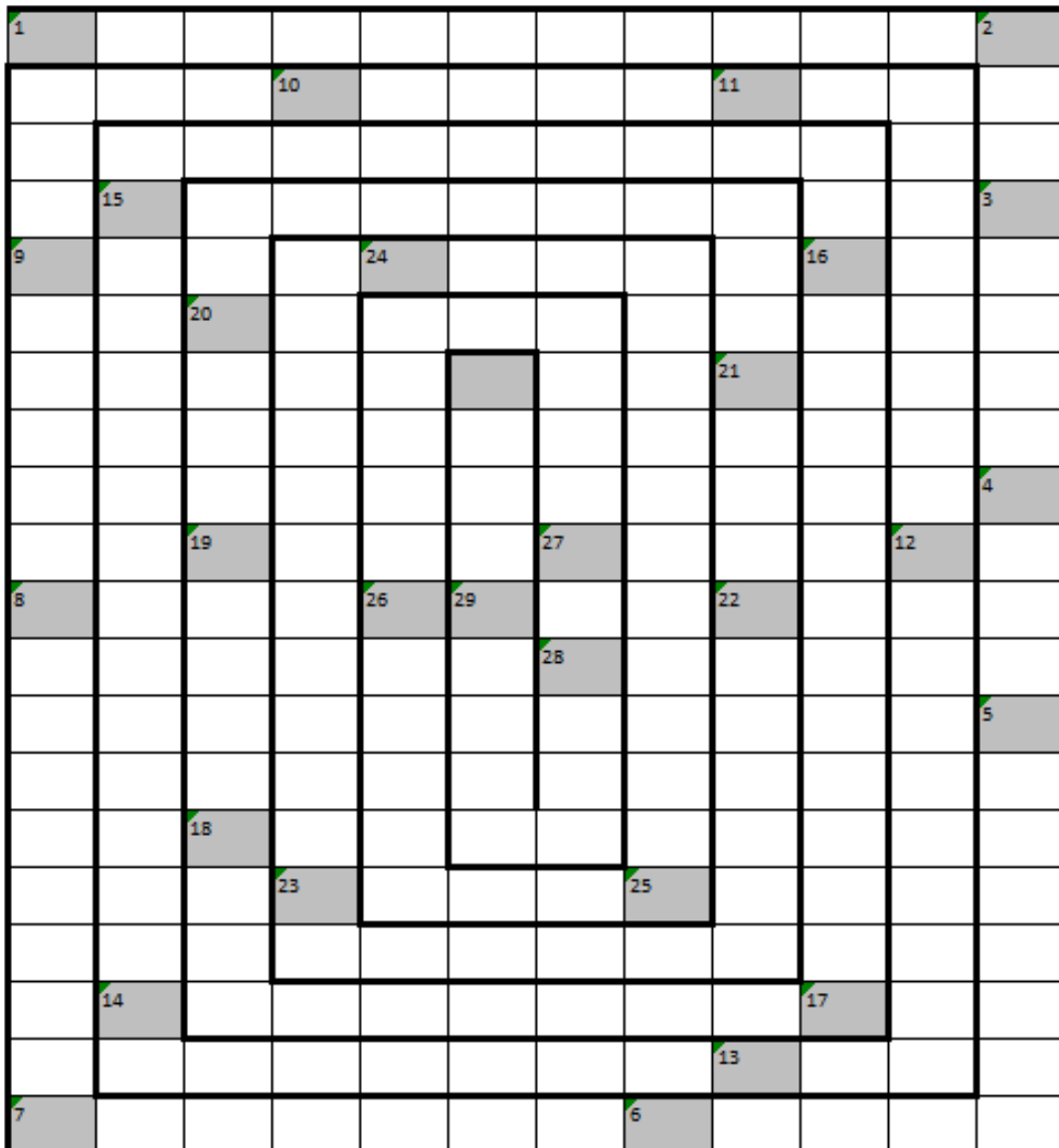
The Men's Breakfast Club usually meets on the 1st Saturday of the Month at The Wellington in Feltwell at 9am. It costs £7.50 per person to attend which includes a talk, tea or coffee and a full English breakfast which has to be tasted to be believed just how good it is.

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 **10th September**. Our speaker will be Stephen Parker who will talk to us about the bombing raid on the Falklands during the war with Argentina.

WORD TRAIL NO. 19

Janet Clements brings us a different type of puzzle, a Word Trail. Starting at No.1 follow the clue numbers around the box clockwise finishing in the middle. The last letter of each answer is the first letter of the next answer. Work clockwise. Have Fun



CLUES

- 1 Promised land features (4-3-5)
- 2 A wooden bar fastened over the necks of two animals, especially cattle (4)
- 3 FILM: Scissorhands, 1990 (6)
- 4 As the aforesaid (5)
- 5 This actor, born in 1977 starred in 'The Lord of the Rings' and the

- 'Pirates of the Caribbean' (7-5)
- 6 A sweet Mediterranean herb used to flavour food (8)
 - 7 The name given to the order mammals where they carry their immature young in pouches (10)
 - 8 Expressing or suggesting physical pleasure or satisfaction (7)
 - 9 Pain in the lower back region (7)
 - 10 Using the Internet (6)
 - 11 Something that never comes to an end (11)
 - 12 The author of 'Gone Girls' and 'Sharpe Objects' (7-5)
 - 13 What was the name of Peter Pan's fantasy world (9)
 - 14 Victorian British breakfast dish cooked in a spiced sauce (8-7)
 - 15 A plant with large roots and heart shaped leaves when crushed gives flavour to a favourite old American drink (12)
 - 16 A type of cancer that grows in the layer of tissue known as the epithelium. (14)
 - 17 FILM: 1997 film starring Harrison Ford on board a hijacked plane (3-5-3)
 - 18 Give a job to (6)
 - 19 To wish very strongly for something that you cannot have (5)
 - 20 Something that is not likely to catch fire (3-9)
 - 21 The number of legs on an Arachnid (5)
 - 22 FILM: In 1927 what was the first "Talkie" movie (3-7-6)
 - 23 FILM: The name of the FIRST actor to play Dumbledore in the Harry Potter films (7-6)
 - 24 The only British Prime Minister to be assassinated (7-8)
 - 25 The capital city of Slovenia (9)
 - 26 A large endangered seabird of the Gannet family (7-5)
 - 27 An affirmative (3)
 - 28 MUSIC: Which month became a 1978 disco hit foro Earth, Wind & Fire (9)
 - 29 An enzyme secreted by the human kidney (5)

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



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MUTTERINGS FROM THE FARMYARD

The thing never to do when writing an article to be published a month in the future is comment on the weather, as it will always have changed by the time anyone reads it. I can only hope that this is what happens this month as this is the driest and hottest time that we have experienced since we were first involved with this farm in 1964.

This is the first time that we have ever had to cease our irrigation early as we have reached the limit on our water abstraction license. Our onion crops would ideally require another three weeks of water to maximise their yield but we will have to accept that the bulbs will be somewhat smaller than we would have hoped. We have not irrigated our sugar beet but they do still have two or three months to benefit from any rain that does come.

We used some water to help establish our wheat crops in May. Two inches of rain in early June has meant that we have in fact harvested the biggest crop of wheat we have ever achieved here. The price of wheat is still being affected by the war in the Ukraine and by drought in many parts of the world. This means that we will be adequately compensated for the increased costs of fertilizer this year but I have to say we are very unsure about the risks involved with growing these crops next year.

In order to mitigate these risks as much as possible we plan to tweak our cropping to reduce our fertilizer use and reduce our cost base. We are planning to grow hybrid rye for the first time for many years as it requires less nitrogen fertilizer than wheat and is much more drought tolerant. In addition, we will grow more peas as they fix their own nitrogen from the atmosphere. We will continue to grow sugar beet as the NFU has negotiated a better price for next year. In addition, we can now insure against a measure of crop failure and we can continue to partially link our price to world sugar market price if we consider there is an advantage to be gained.

We are of course continuing with our environmental areas but we do need to establish cover crops in stubbles and various legume type mixes on some field margins but this is impossible at present until we get some rain. In true farming fashion of course, I only want the rain on selected areas of the Farm as we have probably 1200 tonnes of onions still in the fields and we will need nice dry sunny weather to harvest them in good condition!

Meeting at Mundford Bowls Club July 2022

Commander David A opened the meeting with a welcome to two new members David B and David C. The Commander proceeded to offer the apologies of the scheduled speaker who, through illness, was unable to present his talk. However, an ad hoc double/double act came to the rescue in the form of Steve C and Steve dR, both of whom gave separate accounts of their experiences whilst attending the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) last month at Fairford near Swindon.



Steve C, a paramedic, donated his time and expertise as a volunteer and, provided 5 ambulances to oversee the health and safety of the 200,000 attendees (you've a long way to go: Girls of the England Women's Football Team, before you can beat these attendance figures).

Every year many separate groups get together on this occasion in a charitable endeavour to promote funding for children's science education.

Steve's paramedic team gave demos of medical response initiatives; even being provided with a mock-up field hospital as part of their showpiece equipment.

There were many ground based side shows associated with the flying displays during the day and the fun didn't stop there: a live jazz band accompanied all of the other activities associated with night time revelry.

However, there were some casualties; about 100; mainly suffering from the effects of freak weather conditions but, Steve made it clear that the safety of everyone was paramount and the organisation of the event had to meet with the approval of at least three protection agencies including the Federal Aviation Administration.

Then, it was Steve dR's turn: Steve is a photographer extraordinaire and no stranger to this stage. With evidence to illustrate the point, using his own 10 foot screen, he gave an account of the performances of the star attractions at this same event. What appeared to be his favourite among the aerobatic display teams were the South Korean Kia formations flown with breath-taking precision. It seems the Red Arrows are losing their lead.

The Commander finalised proceedings by congratulating the impromptu speakers, the catering staff and, reminded all that their presence would be welcome at the senior officer group meeting at the same venue on the Friday of the same week, 11-00 Hrs.

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The various grasses are tall and waving beautifully in the breeze providing seeds for various birds. Already this year we have seen more birds of different species than ever before. This month we have discovered a resident young frog. He'll be eating our slugs and snails, we hope. 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 different 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. A PLEA..... 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.

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Wednesdays we weed and feed. Simple food at easy prices is happening on Wednesdays in the Methodist Community Hall in Bell Street, 12 til 2, followed by casual indoor sports til 4. Go on, you know you want to!!

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We can be contacted on Facebook, Messenger or mobile 07712578721 or by email mikegw15@gmail.com Mike & Brigitte Wilkinson



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 - Help to plant the plants/bulbs
 - Grow some plants for us for next year
 - Donate some winter/spring plants
 - Watering/weeding

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

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Thetford & Watton Times 23rd Oct 1964

CROMWELL SLEPT HERE, THEY SAY.

An ancient East Anglian public house, where rumour states that Oliver Cromwell slept in an upstairs room, closed its doors on Monday (19th).

The Cock Inn at Feltwell, whose history, according to an old scrapbook, dates back 800 years, may have supplied its last ale.

The licence was transferred from Mr. & Mrs. Harry Stratton, licensees for the last 7 years, back to the brewery, Steward & Pattesons, at Methwold Court on Wednesday. A spokesman at the Ely office for the brewery could not say what the future of the ancient building was, and whether the pub would be used again.

Monday night's festivities were spent around the old honky-tonk piano, and the modern juke box, discussing the end of a large slice of Feltwell history.

Apart from Cromwell, the favourite story of those who know the nub is of the mighty mulberry tree which stood at the rear of the pub. It is claimed that this was 500 years old when it finally died.

"We shall be sorry to leave so many friends in Feltwell" said former Londoner, Harry Stratton. He and his wife will move into the Bull at Stoke Ferry on October 29th.

Thetford and Watton Times May, 1925.

Our Patron Saint

St George's Day was celebrated in Feltwell at the headquarters of the 1st Feltwell (YMCA) Troop, Boy Scouts, by the hoisting of the Scouts' flag.

A short address was delivered by Scoutmaster P. B. Spencer, and the poem, "John Struther's St George" was recited by Scout Frank Webb. The Scouts and Wolf Cubs recited their promises.

At mid-day a service was held at St Mary's Church attended by the Scouts, Cubs and children from the Elementary Schools. They were addressed by Rev. A. M. Hagerty.

*I looked for the poem referenced above online but couldn't find it anywhere.
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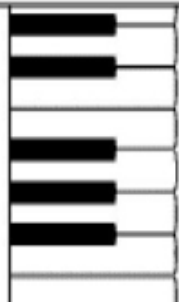
EXTREME DRY WEATHER CONTINUES—RISK OF WILD FIRES

As I write, in July, this is one of the hottest and driest months on record. I am sure you've all seen the devastating photos of the field fires and homes on fire. My thoughts are with those affected and, once again, we have seen fantastic community support for those who have suffered such loss. As a force we assisted the fire service with drone capabilities, road closures and evacuation support. Communities came together to open community buildings, provide refreshments to fire service and police, voluntary groups assisted with manning evacuation stations, farmers provided machinery and manpower to help bring wildfires under control.

There are far too many people and organisations to thank so it's one massive thank you to everyone who assisted the emergency services' response in every and any way. Thankfully, there was no loss of life reported.

Moving forward, the ground remains incredibly vulnerable to fire again. Please do not use naked flames anywhere, do not use disposable BBQs and dispose of cigarettes and BBQ waste appropriately. A small fire has the capability of spreading rapidly and causing serious harm in minutes.

Along the same lines, we are asking members of the public to be aware of the risk and report any early concerns. Similarly, around Unlicensed Music Events (sometimes called raves), we are asking people to report any suspicious behaviour particularly around vehicles accessing remote areas unusually.



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As harvest comes to an end and when we get some rain, we traditionally start to this type of crime. Please make sure that if you see such behaviour, you tell us about it immediately so we can respond appropriately.

FUEL THEFTS

With the price of fuel remaining so high, sadly it will come as no surprise to most that we are seeing an increase in fuel thefts. In particular, we have seen thefts recently from farm machinery overnight where it is parked in fields during harvest time. Please report any suspicious behaviour in such areas and if you own agricultural or farm machinery, please carefully consider where you're leaving machines overnight.

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- 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 your bank straight away to cancel the card

Officers are offering farmers and landowners in rural communities the following crime prevention advice:

Try to note down the car registration number of any suspicious vehicle, if it's safe to do so, and report it to us.

If possible, remove all GPS kit from machines when not in use, especially if the machinery is left out overnight.

Review security at your outbuildings, as well as any building where equipment is serviced. Always keep outbuildings locked and secure.

Record the serial numbers of your equipment and take a photo of the serial number and keep it safe.

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WHAT HAPPENED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IN AUGUST

Harvest got well under way with Combine Harvesters working around-the-clock to bring in the crops. From what I've seen, nearly all the winter barley is now in alongside all the oil seed rape. Many farms are now working through the winter wheat and then on to the spring drilled crops. Alongside bringing in this year's harvest, there is always a rush to get next year's crop into the ground particularly the winter barley and oil seed rape – the earlier this is planted, the better the likely yield. The only issue this year is the lack of moisture in the soil to germinate the seed. So, while farmers would not normally be doing a rain dance at harvest time, I think many wouldn't mind a drop sooner than later.

Livestock farms similarly suffered from the ongoing dry period with livestock running out of fresh grass and the hay/silage fields struggling with growth after the last cut, which is worrying given this is vital feed stock for the winter months ahead.

Shepherds started to think about their breeding stock for the spring, looking at which tups (male sheep) are required and which ones already on the farm need extra feed ahead of the breeding season that generally starts in November for commercial flocks, and earlier for pedigree flocks. It will also be necessary to assess the breeding ewes as there is little point breeding ewes who are not capable of rearing two lambs in the spring. It also puts the health of the lamb at risk as well as the ewe.

As for wildlife, most birds finished their breeding for the year although there may have been a few late additions...especially this year given the hot weather. Swifts will start to leave us for the warmer winter climates of the Africa continent. Towards the end of August, these were followed by house martins and swallows.

During the hot dry spell, birds appreciated any small bath of water, even a small plate or plastic tub which provided them with enough water to drink and freshen up. Other small mammals, in particular hedgehogs, also thanked those of you who put out water. Hedgehogs continued breeding well into August, you may have seen a few more stoats and weasels too as the young start to move around and find their own territory.

August isn't usually a month to admire huge amounts of colour in our wildflower meadows and hedgerows as so much has gone to seed. August hedgerows have their own unique beauty too as they start to fill up with blackberries and other small fruit, which the birds will be enjoying alongside us. Orchards will be filling up with apples and pears nearly ready for harvest.



**Do you sing in the bath?
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*Reminiscences by Mr A. J. 'Pip'
Orange Part 2*

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

During the afternoon of the event, one John Lee and family would arrive on the green outside the (old) Chequers Inn and attractively arrange their wares masses of china, pottery, etc. ornaments, dinner and tea services, wash-stand sets and even chamber-pots. The crowd would begin to assemble at dusk while John's family were preparing their lamps. Metal stakes were driven into the ground round the piles of crockery and from the stakes were hung the naphthalene flares. These were tapering canisters with an up-turned tube at the base. The tube ended in a nozzle from which, under pressure, belched forth bright roaring flames whose light flickered on, perhaps two hundred shining faces.

By about 10 p.m. families, loaded with their bargains, would begin straggling homewards - sometimes one would hear - a father's reprimand as, perhaps, a plate slipped with a crash from a tired little hand. Occasionally during the auction, there was a commotion - running feet, shouting and swearing - as the odd stone was lobbed over the heads of the crowd into the middle of John's wares.

The late Mr. Samuel Lambert once told the story of another, less pleasant, event which used to take place around the end of the 19th Century. At infrequent intervals a covered wagon, no doubt suitably heralded by the Town Crier, used to crunch its way through the gritted village streets to the Chequers Hill. While the horses were left to graze nearby, the tailboard was lowered into a horizontal position and on this sat a gentleman, remembered only as "The Drummer". Behind him, the canvas flaps were unfurled and steps were placed against the tail-board to permit shaky access to the interior of the wagon. Inside, the travelling dentist attended to all-comers and it was the duty of the drummer to listen carefully, then, at the crucial moment, to beat a loud tattoo on his drum and so discourage potential patients from returning home without his master's attention.

More next month.

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FELTWELL'S WW2 WAR HEROES No. 1

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:

H. Cordy. Royal Navy

On the Church Roll of Honour he is also recorded as H. Cordy

Able Seaman CORDY, HENRY GEORGE

Service Number:..... C/JX 148947

Died:..... 23/08/1940

Ship:.....H.M.S. Hostile, Royal Navy

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CWGC: www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2466277/cordy,-henry-...

The relevant panel of the Chatham Memorial can be seen here:-
www.findagrave.com/memorial/14369053/henry-george-cordy#v...

No obvious Civil Probate for this man.

Birth and family

The birth of a Henry G Cordy was registered with the Civil Authorities in the Freebridge District of Norfolk in the October to December quarter, (Q4), of 1919. His mothers' maiden name was Froud. The most likely marriage of his parents was that of a George E Cordy to and Edith E.'Froude' which was recorded in the Depwade District of Norfolk in the July to September quarter, (Q3), of 1912. Until September 1911 the quarterly index published by the General Registrars Office did not show information about the mothers'

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maiden name. A check of the General Registrars Office Index of Birth for England and Wales 1911 – 1983 shows a possible 8 other children with mothers maiden name “Froud”, all in Norfolk.

Q3 1913 Beryl M M Cordy	Aylsham District
Q3 1914 Doris E Cordy	Aylsham District
Q4 1915 Vera Cordy	Freedbridge District
Q1 1918 Ronald E. Cordy	Freebridge District
Q3 1921 Jim W Cordy	Henstead District
Q1 1923 Frank Cordy	Henstead District
Q2 1928 Peter Cordy	Walsingham District
Q2 1930 Lorna Cordy	Thetford District.

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 one household recorded that probably relates to his parents. Shown as residing at Leonards Lane in the Downham Rural District Council area was this group.

1: Cordy, George E, Married, born 23rd August 1885, a Police Pensioner

2: Cordy, Ellen E, Married, born 8th February 1884, Unpaid



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Domestic Duties

3: Cordy, Ronald E, Single, born 23rd January 1918, Butchers Assistant

4: Cordy, Frank, Married, born 22nd January 1923, Footman in Private Service

5?: This record is officially closed.

(Note, because the whole line is blanked out it cannot be assumed with absolute certainty that the fifth person lived in the same address – they could have been the only occupant of a separate household. Most likely however is that it was either Peter or Lorna Cordy going from the births identified.)

Because of the way the page has been scanned it's also usually possible to see the first column of the facing page, where more information was recorded but has not been made available. The first column deals with subsequent role in Civil Defence. For George E Cordy it is noted that he was a First Class Police Reserve with Norfolk Constabulary.

Other family members in the war

The Feltwell.net site mentions in passing that the village had six men who served in Submarines in WW2, including a Jim Cordy, son of the village policeman.

www.feltwell.net/raffeltwell/articles/royal_navy1_bill_la...

His Naval career can be read about here

www.feltwell.net/raffeltwell/articles/jim_cordy_and_hms_s...

On the day

HMS Hostile (H55) was an H-class destroyer built for the Royal Navy in the 1930s. She was the first and so far only Royal Navy ship to bear the name Hostile. During the Spanish Civil War of 1936–1939 the ship spent considerable time in Spanish waters, enforcing the arms blockade imposed by Britain and France on both sides of the conflict. She was transferred to Freetown, Sierra Leone, in October 1939 to hunt for German commerce raiders in the South Atlantic



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with Force K. Hostile participated in the First Battle of Narvik in April 1940 and the Battle of Calabria in July 1940. The ship was damaged by a mine off Cape Bon in the Strait of Sicily while on passage from Malta to Gibraltar on 23 August 1940. She was then scuttled by HMS Hero.

On 9 July Hostile participated in the Battle of Calabria as an escort for the heavy ships of Force C and unsuccessfully engaged Italian destroyers, suffering no damage.[8] The ship, together with her sister, Hero, and the destroyers Nubian and Mohawk, were ordered to Gibraltar on 22 August where they were to join Force H. Hostile struck a mine en route on the early morning of 23 August off Cap Bon that broke her back. The explosion killed five men and wounded three others. Mohawk took off the survivors while Hero fired two torpedoes to scuttle her.

Source: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Hostile_\(H55\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Hostile_(H55))

August 1940: Mediterranean Fleet escort deployment in continuation

22nd: Transferred with HM destroyers HERO, MOHAWK and NUBIAN to Force H at Gibraltar to reinforce ships of Force H during assist planned operations in the Western Mediterranean (Operations HATS/MB, SMASH and GRAB)

(Note: These operations were to cover passage of HM Battleship VALIANT, HM Aircraft Carrier ILLUSTRIOUS, HM Cruisers COVENTRY and CARLISLE to join the Fleet at Alexandria and to cover air attacks on Cagliari, Sardinia).

23rd: Whilst on passage struck mine in position 36.53N 27.19E , 18 miles SE of Cape Bon. Major damage sustained abaft engine room and back broken. Ship rapidly became awash forward and had to be abandoned. Survivors were rescued by HMS MOHAWK rescued and hulk sank after two torpedoes had been fired by HMS HERO.

Five of the ship's company were killed and three others injured.

(For further details see Naval Staff History (HMSO-2002)).

Source: www.naval-history.net/xGM-Chrono-10DD-27H-Hostile.htm

WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search is on the **NAMES OF MOUNTAINS**. 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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- ADAM'S PEAK
- BEN CRUACHAN
- BEN NEVIS
- BOTEV
- BRANDON MOUNTAIN
- BROCKEN
- DODA BETTA
- GLITTER MOUNTAIN
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- MOUNT ATHOS
- MOUNT ETNA
- MOUNT FUJI
- OSSA
- SLIEVE DONARD
- SNOWDON

TEIDE PEAK

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FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB



We are now nearing the end of the outdoor season and starting to look forward to the indoor at the Lakenheath Bowls club.

We finished mid table in the Rosie Smith League, although we lost most of the games overall we had sufficient individual team wins to gain points to push us up to that position.

We came bottom of the Dave Allen League, I think the format of the games for this league was not well liked by most of the members.

We have our club championships to play end of August early September I will give the results the October edition.

The green has held up well bearing in mind the hot weather but it has taken a lot of watering

Our Quiz night was held on 13th August it was not well attended probably due to the hot weather and holidays, we were able to use our club room, but all who attended really enjoyed it.

Max

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*A good friend has gone but his mate carries
on fishing in the pond.*

What do he think about?

Frederick James has some ideas.

CARRYING ON

“It just ain't the same. I knows I promised 'im I'd still come 'ere, an' keep t'fish company, an' keep practicin', like 'e told me ta do, but it just ain't the same.

First it were our Jack, 'im goin' inta t'Navy ta do 'is National Service, an' all, an' now me mate's gone an all. T'worst is, our Jack's decided ta stay in t'Navy, when e's done 'is two years, so I ain't sure when I'll see 'im agin.

'Course, e'll be 'ome on leave, I s'pose, but 'e can 'ardly swim 'ome, can 'e, 'im on a ship, God know's where. Ma misses 'im already, but she let me 'ave 'is bedroom, like e'd promised me, so that's alright, I s'pose. 'E did take all 'is pin-ups wi' 'im, though. I wonder if they'll make 'im go blind, like Ma said? E'd be 'ome a bit sooner then, wouldn't 'e? That would mean 'e'd want 'is bedroom back, an' that wouldn't be good, so let's 'ope he don't look at 'em too much!

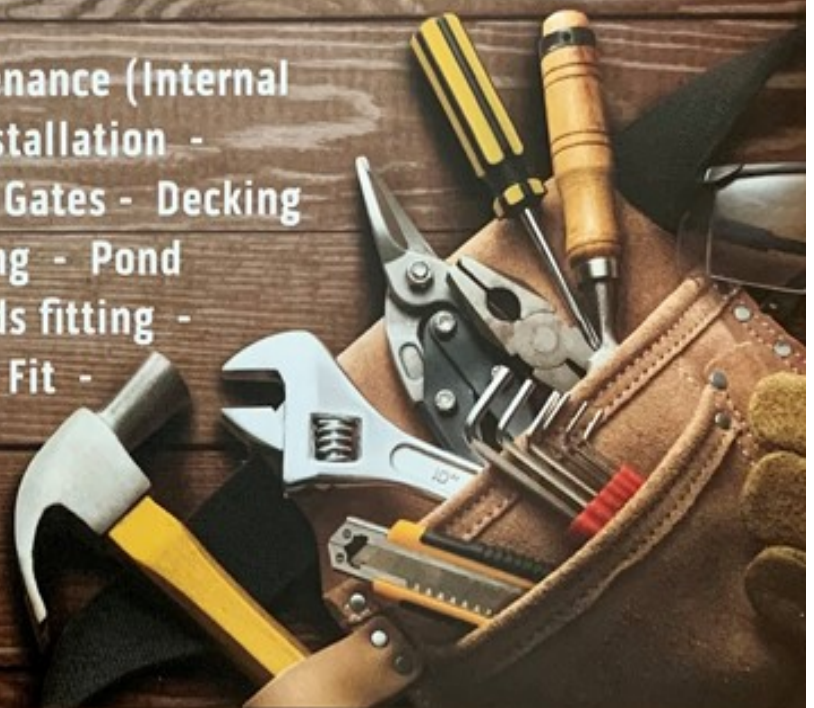
An' now me mate's gone off an all! Mind ya, 'e did say it wouldn't be long afore they was after 'im, an all. That's when 'e said ta come 'ere an' ta keep on practicin', like 'e showed me, while 'e were gone. Don't 'ave those dreams about giant worms, no more, so that's ok. Any road, I 'as ta get on wi' it, an bait 'em meself now, ain't I?

If 'e goes an' signs on, I s'pose I'll 'ave ta get used ta fishin' on me own fa good. Don't fancy that, so I 'ope he don't stay in, like Jack 'as. Mind ya, 'e's in t'Air Force, so I s'pose 'e could fly 'ome ta see us, couldn't 'e? We 'as a big field be'ind t' village 'all, so that would be ok, wouldn't it? I don't s'pose anyone would be miffed, would they? An' it would be nice ta see 'im, now an' again!

Once I gets a letter from 'im, I'll be able ta tell 'im wot's goin' on 'ere. Ma said she'd 'elp me wi me writin', cos 'e said it were scrawly,

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like, an' 'e wouldn't be able ta read it, any road. I been practicin', when Ma's got time t'elp me, an' I's done all me chores. When t'old man ain't about, I 'as ta do 'is chores an all. Getting t' coal in, and choppin' t'sticks. Stuff like that, so practicin' me writin' 'as ta fit in wi' all that.

It's no fun, fishin' on me own, but I does get ta just sit for a bit, an' pretend 'e's still 'ere, tellin' me wot ta do, an' stuff like that. 'e's real clever, 'e is, an' 'e tells me stuff when I asks 'im. 'e don't take t'Mickey, neither, cos I's not clever like 'im. 'e says ya 'ave ta get older ta get clever, so I's just got ta be patient, I s'pose. I wonder if I ever will be as clever as 'im? Ya never know, do ya? Maybe if I work 'ard at school, I can get a bit cleverer than I am now. I wish 'e was still 'ere, 'cos I could ask 'im stuff, an' 'e would tell me wot's wot', an' I would get cleverer”

“Hello, young man! Who were you talking to just then? Do you mind if I join you? You've got a good spot here. Maybe I'll try it myself. With your permission, of course! I used to do a bit of lake fishing myself, in my youth. What do you say? Would you let me give it a try? You'd have to show me the ropes, of course!”

Who is this mysterious visitor? Perhaps we'll find out in the next instalment of our tale of two boys fishing.



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Race for Wildlife 2022

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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

HOW TO HELP WILDLIFE IN DRY WEATHER

As I write this in mid-August, we have just entered the second heatwave of the summer, so I thought it would be a good idea to talk about the ways in which we can help our wildlife to survive hot, dry spells. Some of the good deeds you can do actually bring a lot of enjoyment for us too- watching the garden birds splashing about in a bird bath, or seeing hedgehogs turn up in the evening for their regular drink brings a smile to anyone's face!

Bird baths don't have to be expensive to be functional- a plastic or terracotta plant saucer works really well. Generally, the larger the better- it will hold more water- enough for a really hot day without drying out, and you may get groups of social birds like house sparrows or starlings splashing around together in a larger one. If you put it on the ground, when darkness falls, it won't be long before mammals like hedgehogs, wood mice, voles or muntjac find it too. At this time of year, nearly every hedgehog that ends up in a wildlife rehab unit is suffering from some degree of dehydration, even if it isn't the main reason they are were brought in. So, offering a shallow saucer of water on the ground in your garden really does save lives. If you put it near a window or glass door, then it will mean you can keep a watch for your nightly visitors- which gets really addictive!

During this dry spell (which seems endless at the moment!) many of us have watched our gardens slowly dry up, because we not only want to keep our water bill down but also to conserve water as we are asked to do. One thing that can be quite useful is to collect 'grey water' for the garden- water that has been used for non-toxic household tasks, like rinsing crockery, washing hands or preparing vegetables, in a bowl to take outside. It can be very surprising how quickly the amount you have saved builds up and it can easily be

enough to keep potted plants or vegetables going. Another longer-term solution to a suffering garden is to look towards planting more drought-tolerant plants such as echinacea, agapanthus, lavender, rosemary, poppies or heather. By changing what you grow, you will use less water to keep plants going (once they are established), you'll see more colour during a drought and the insects will thank you for it too, as their nectar sources don't dry up.

I hope this article has something in it that you have found useful. As usual, if you have any questions about the wildlife in your garden, do give us a call on 01842 863400 or drop us an e-mail at lakenheath@rspb.org.uk.

Heidi Jones (Visitor Experience Officer, RSPB Lakenheath Fen)



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 kicked-off this year with a **Blue Hour Challenge**, a wander around Brandon capturing the town at dusk on camera, this was followed up at the second meeting of the month with a display of the images taken and critique offered from all attending.

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.

The first meeting in October will be on Wednesday 12th when we will be listening to a 'Mystery Speaker' – these evenings are always very enlightening, when we can learn from other photographers, some professional, some who just have a love of photography and wish to share their knowledge with others. At the end of the month, Wednesday 26th October we will be holding our first Print Competition of the year, more details as to subject matter for each of the categories will be available later, on Facebook. *Cont. over*

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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.

We meet twice a month at the **Baptist Church Hall, 39 High Street, Brandon, IP27 0AQ**, at 7:30pm and our next dates are 12th and 26th October 2022.

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

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.



Above: Circa 1915-20. At about this time this used to be a Six Day Inn (ie closed on Sunday). The Landlord was Luke Rolph who swapped pubs with George Ketteringham c.1922. Brewers: Steward & Patterson Ltd.

Note the Barns, hedgerow & trees on the right, now Manor Park estate.



Post 1922 as the Landlord was George Ketteringham (formerly of the Elm Tree PH). Note that a new extension had been built and the front entrance blocked in. Over the barn roof can be seen the chimneys of the former 9 West End Cottages (2 blocks, one of 4, one of 5).

BRECKLAND CATS PROTECTION

Vitiligo is a rare skin condition that some humans may develop, but so can cats and dogs. A human or animal with this condition experiences depigmentation, which occurs when the skin loses its natural pigments. The skin will turn white (or light pink) in patches and hair in those spots can also turn white. Melanocytes that produce melanin, the pigment that gives skin its colour, may die. Don't worry that your cat might develop vitiligo, because the skin condition is quite rare though some breeds such as siamese cats may be predisposed to it.

Vitiligo commonly affects the face, particularly the nose and lips and around the eyes and is more noticeable in black cats.

It can be caused by an autoimmune disease which causes the immune system to attack the body, instead of foreign substances. Other causes may be stress, exposure to toxins and neurological diseases. Or it maybe due to an underlying medical condition.

There is no treatment for the condition, but increasing exposure to the sun may stimulate the production of new melanocytes. Omega 3 fatty acids and vitamin C can help manage vitiligo.

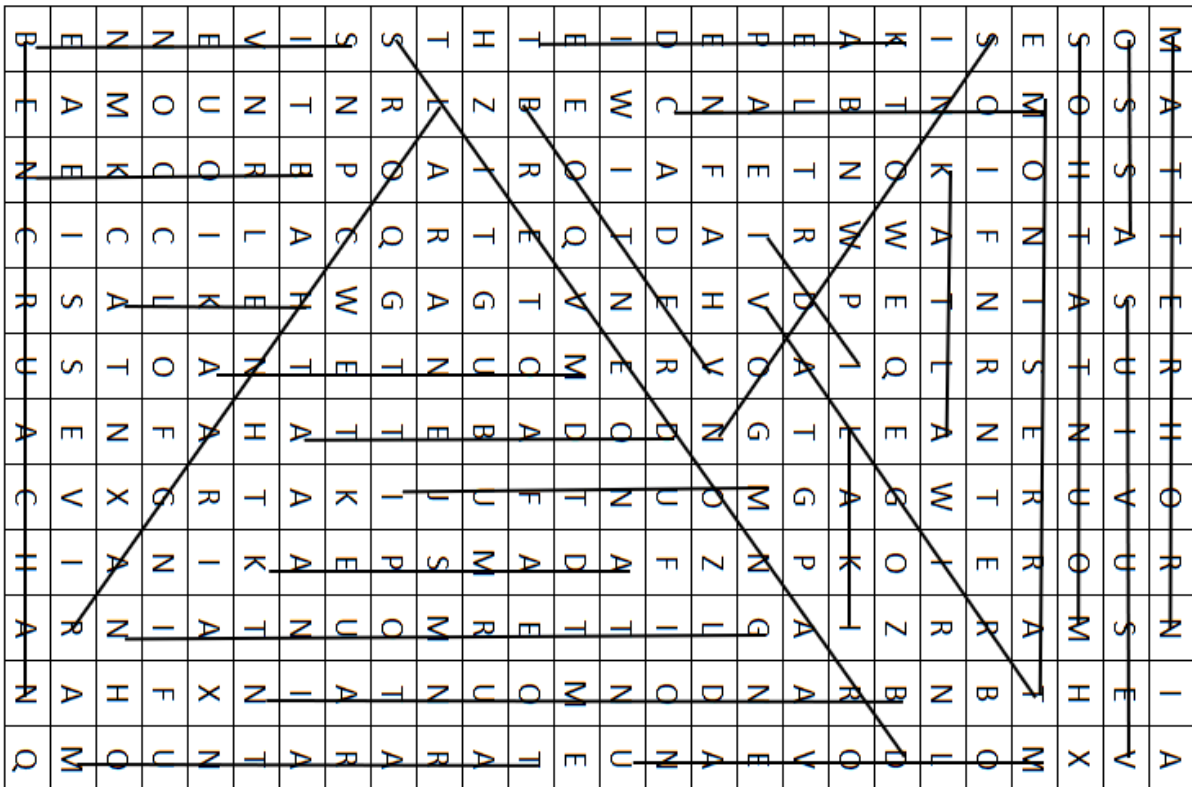
Vitiligo cannot be caught from another animal, but the condition maybe hereditary, so if a previous generation experienced depigmentation, your cat is more likely to develop this uncommon condition.

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Hospital Happenings *by Tony Bennett*



Monthly Ramblings about West Suffolk Hospital

Patient Information:

Checking the hospital website produced no news this month so I had a wander around the website. I found a useful section of patient information leaflets and had a look at a few. In nuclear medicine for children our departmental mascot, Nuclear Med Ted, has a cannula and a kidney scan done. Ted is of course a teddy bear with his very own information leaflet.

Mr Mole explains about MRI scans as well, another helpful leaflet for children.

There are other leaflets, I found the one explaining post-mortem examinations informative and I'm sure many others are too.

Carers and relatives:

From memory, the hospital is still asking patients to visit alone. Having searched the website, I can find no helpful information on this, maybe it's there and I've missed it. Generally speaking, ward patients can have 2 visitors between 2 pm and 8 pm but please check before travelling.

In our department we rather welcome some patient companions, interpreters, carers and guide dogs for example. They all help to relax the patient and improve compliance and understanding. However, I'm not sure if all departments are the same so again please ring before attending, the number to call will be on the appointment letter.

Incidents and Anecdotes:

Last week, a patient came in for a lengthy scan which gave us a chance for a little chat. Not only had she previously worked in the same hospital as me in Kent but she had also lived in the same road as me in Sussex! Not at the same time I hasten to add, she was a fair

bit younger than me. She lived very close to a childhood friend of mine, we have lost touch now but I recall playing with him in a little concrete lined brook opposite his house. We often used to go home soaked which we thought was great fun. Some months later my horrified mother discovered that this was no brook but an open sewer. It must have been a very clean sewer because we never saw anything untoward in it, nor did we ever catch anything nasty! Looking back on Google Earth, I see it is all now covered over with only the inspection covers showing.

Medical Progress:

The Royal Free Hospital in London have completed a successful gene therapy trial to treat Haemophilia B. This is a blood clotting disorder in which patients bleed without stopping as they lack a clotting factor called Factor 9, or Factor IX in Roman numerals. It is abbreviated to FIX.

This type of gene therapy works by using a small part of a virus to

deliver a copy of a gene directly to patient tissues to compensate for one that is missing. This new gene can then generate the missing FIX proteins which allows the blood to clot as normal. At present, patients have to inject themselves weekly but the new treatment is a one off injection that protects them for life, allowing normal levels of clotting. It's all in the early stages but looks very hopeful.



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What follows is the first story from a notebook I was given a few months ago of unpublished children's stories by W. H (Walter Henry) Barrett, 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. This is the first tale. More will follow as space permits.

A LITTLE BLACK THIEF

By W. H. Barrett

I found Jackie beside an old ruined church. He had fallen out of a nest high up in the ivy that covered the wall, being unable to fly, having broken a wing. I put him inside my shirt for warmth and went back to school for the afternoon session. I did not learn a lot from the teacher, but I learnt a lot of nature study, being sent out to the headmaster three times in a short period to be caned for fidgeting in class instead of learning my lessons. No one had ever taught me Jackdaws were smothered in fleas, but on reaching home I drenched the bird's feathers with powdered quick lime. I suppose this dust made the fleas cough themselves to death, for a lot lay dead on the newspaper Jackie stood on. I went down to a quiet spot beside the river, stripped and went for a swim, and as I dried myself I sang, 'Tally Ha, a hunting we will go', and the sport was so good I was able to dress and go into tea without fear of taking unwanted visitors. But thinking it was best to be on the safe side, I gave the Jackdaw a wash with carbolic soap, dried him off fed him with bread and milk, made a nest of hay in an empty rabbit hutch, then after putting a splint on his broken wing, I left him for the night.

It took several days for the broken wing bone to knit but soon he was able to take short flights. He became a firm believer in 'Where thou goest I go also', and except at school or meal times, he was beside me. In the interest of peace and quietness he was barred from coming indoors.

At first all he could say was 'Caw Caw', but after a lot listening-in he would repeat 'Jackie', then in a more throaty voice he would call 'Puss Puss', and the cat would come running along, thinking an extra meal was being offered, but it was a neighbour's dog who got disgusted with racing along when he heard 'Pip Pip', his name, being called from a distance.

He learned to cackle like a hen and he would sit perched up a tree watching a farmer's wife searching for a nest where a hen was laying away, but she never found one. But he did, and he often flew home with an egg in his beak, and laid it in his bed of hay. He knew every house within ten minutes flying time, and if he visited one, he rarely returned empty-handed, mostly cheap spoons which he hoarded up in his hutch. I never had to buy any marbles. When lads were playing taw, he would swoop down and grab a coloured one with his beak.

Then one day I received a shock. On giving him a fresh bed of hay, I found three silver sixpences underneath his mattress. I was some time finding out where he got his money. There was a public house close by, where the till was a wooden basin which always carried a float of change. Jackie was soon aware the pubs windows were opened to let out the smoke very early in the morning, so he used to fly in and help himself from the till. When he was caught thieving, a piece of cardboard placed over the till ended his raids.

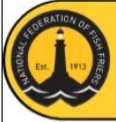
Jackie on Sundays used to sit on the outside window sill of the village chapel, waiting for me to come out. During a hush when the preacher was searching for words, everyone looked towards the window where Jackie was rehearsing some words he had heard the river bargemen speak. After that I had to shut Jackie up Sunday afternoons.

As he got older, he got more artful and one never knew what he would be getting up to next. He had listened to farmer several times, who, not wanting to walk down the meadow, would stand by the gate and call the cows up for milking. Jackie caused those cows a lot of running about when they heard call of 'Molly and Polly', and when they got to the gate it was never opened to let them go in to tea.

Two words he picked up, where from I do not know - it must have been the bargemen talking. When a sober man was going home it did not please him to hear a voice close by say 'Drunk Again'. Jackie, on hearing the first Cuckoo call tried to repeat it, but it was some time before he could get beyond 'Cuck'. At last, he managed to say it in full. The result was a story in itself. A professor from Cambridge enjoying a day's fishing, was surprised, it being late in August, to hear the Cuckoo call. On looking up at the nearby tree, he not only saw a bird, but also heard its call. That night he wrote to a friend, a keen bird watcher, to come down and see a black cuckoo and hear a bird call never heard before so late in the season. A few days later the two men were sitting on the river bank eating sandwiches, waiting and watching. Jackie, when on one of his morning flights, saw the crumbs being dropped, so he landed a few yards away hoping for a piece of bread to be thrown his way, but the men were so intent looking up at a tree they took no notice. But when they heard the cuckoo call behind them, they jumped to their feet, and on seeing Jackie, they walked away, as they did not like being mocked. by a Jackdaw, leaving him to finish off the lunch they left behind. Everyone had a good laugh when they told that story in the Hotel where they were staying, and one of them came along wanting to buy Jackie, but I told him I was not selling a pet.

After more than four years spent in human company, Jackie became restless and one sunny morning in the early spring he did not come for his breakfast, and nearly a week passed before he came home, only staying for a day before he was off again. He did not wish to talk, all he said was 'Caw Caw'. He never returned. An old man cutting the long grass later on in the ruined churchyard was startled to hear high up in the ivy on the wall where Jackdaws were building their nests, a voice call out 'Drunk Again', and he made a hasty retreat from what he said was a 'haunted place'.

There is no 'News From The Parish Council' report this month as there was not a meeting in August.



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