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FELTWELL PARISH MAGAZINE

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of Shopping in
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Mutterings, Scams,
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apparatus in Feltwell?**

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

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Applications are now open for a new form of free ID that can be used at elections.

Ahead of a new voter ID requirement, the UK Government has opened the online portal for the ID, known as the Voter Authority Certificate, for voters that do not already have an accepted form of photo ID.

Accepted forms of ID include a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth passport; a UK or EEA drivers' licence; and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass or an Oyster 60+ card. Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo.

People wishing to vote in the borough council local elections, taking place in West Norfolk on 4 May 2023, will need to show ID at the polling station to receive a ballot paper. If they don't have an accepted form of ID they will need to submit an application for a Voter Authority Certificate through the online portal, at voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk, or by submitting a paper form to electoral services at the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn, PE30 1EX.

Applicants can also call [01553 616773](tel:01553616773) or e-mail elections@west-norfolk.gov.uk for more details.

The deadline to apply for free ID before the May elections is 5pm on 25 April. Applicants must be registered to vote, and will need to provide their date of birth, National Insurance number, and a photograph with their application.

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THE CHANGING FACE OF SHOPPING IN FELTWELL 1970-2022

BY JACKIE REEVES

Jackie sent me this article several months ago and I decided to hold it back from publication until Roberts Walden's "Growing Up in Feltwell" series had finished. As luck would have it the content of this article dovetails well with Robert's instalment on village shops in the village in the 1950-1960s.

It's amazing where my head goes at 3am and I can't get back to sleep. This particular night my head tried to remember how the shops in the village have changed since we moved here at the end of 1970. I know some of the shops were other things before 1970 but I concentrated on the changes since then—50 years. I started in Lodge Road and sort of went round the figure-of-eight and finished up in the Beck (if I've missed any, sorry, but what do you expect at 3 o'clock in the morning!)

Lodge Rd—Carless Milk Depot —> Fox's Car Repairs —> Housing
(Skye Gardens)

Lodge Rd— Grocers —> House

Lodge Rd—Caswells Garage —> House

Oak St—The Oak Public House —> Houses

Bell St—Parnell's Hairdressers —>House

Bell St—Walden's Grocers —> Houses

Bell St—Carpet Shop (Roseneath) —> House

Bell St—Hughie Vincent's Shop—Sold Sweets Grocery —>

Bell St—Allen's Tyres —> Shelving Company/Houses

St Mary's St—Waterman's Newsagents —> Empty

St Mary's St—Broadwaters General Store, sold everything —>Londis

St Mary's St—House —> Barclays Bank —> House

High St—Barclays Bank—> Vets, Mobile Opticians, Chiltern's Estate
Agents (each one day a week) —> House

High St—Big Gates led to ladies hairdressers —>Spar —> One Stop

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High St—Art Gallery —> Wine Lodge —>The Lodge —> Wellington

High St—Pet Shop —> House

High St—Shop that sold Calor Gas —>Boarded up

High St—(Ashton House) was Frank Edwards Builders Yard —>
 Mobile Fish and Chip Shop Business —> House

High St—Wortley’s Greengrocers —> Feltwell Fish and Chip Shop

High St—Andy Arnolds Butchers —> House

High St—Mrs Llewellyn’s (Toys, China) —> House

Sanctuary—Empty for a long while —>Paper Sack Storage —> Double
 Top Club (darts and snooker hall) —> Sanctuary

High St—Emmie’s Second Hand Shop (No change)

Long Lane—Elm Tree Stores (sold sweets, toys, grocery) —> House

Long Lane—Fish and Chip Shop —> Chinese Takeaway

Long Lane—Blade Café —> House

Next Door to Central Garage —> Car Sales —> Gym

Short Beck—Basil Vincent’s Cycle Shop sold Bikes, hardware, iron
 mongery —> Wades Furniture Shop —> Houses

Hill St—(Orangery) Bakers —> House

Hill St—Derby’s (on the corner of Hill Street) sold everything, clothes,
 wool, china —> Craft Shop and Antiques —> Hairdressers

The Beck—Post Office sold gifts and cards —> Gift and Cards Shop

The Beck—Fish and Chip Shop —> Veg Shop —> Shop demolished

There were two Coal merchants, Banham’s and Pryer’s. Both now
 have or will have housing where the coal yards were.

This was written over several sleepless nights but such a lot of
 changes in 50 years and, yes, I did go back to sleep, eventually.

*Now all we need is for some reader to fill in the gap between 1960
 and 1970. If anyone can, please get in touch with me, Paul.*

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A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

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

No newspaper named, probably EDP, summer 2000.

Village snapshot for posterity

It will be a snapshot of a village frozen in time for the millennium.

A team of photographers has embarked on a month-long quest to capture on film for posterity every family, house and building in Feltwell.

Parish council chairman Paul Garland wants to make the 972-home village near Thetford the most photographed in the country.

'The millennium is the time of looking back, of making records and in a sense it's turning the page in the book of history on to a new blank one,' he said.

'I thought I would try to leave future historians the best possible picture record of this village. It's a sort of Feltwell Domesday Book except it's in picture form.'

The parish council has given £500 towards the project and Mr Garland, a 43-year-old teacher and local historian, has 20 volunteer photographers with 50 films covering every street in the village.

He is hoping to persuade members of the American Photographic Club to take pictures of homes, buildings and people inside the grounds of RAF Feltwell.

Once collated, all the pictures will be stored on CD-ROM and made available to the museum, school and library.

His own difficulties in finding old pictures of the village for a website sparked his enthusiasm for the ambitious project.

'I thought if I could get people, cars and houses as they were at the

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'I'm tongue in cheek claiming it's the only project of its kind in the country. I've seen towns and villages which have taken large group photos, but never anything quite like this before.'

A village guide planned for next year will include some of the photographs.

I have to say that this article brought back memories. I don't remember being interviewed by the press about the Millennium Photo Project at all; it was probably done over the phone. The photo albums from the project can be viewed in the museum and I still have all the negatives. However, the planned CD-ROM never did get made so the only copy is the one in the museum. The village guide didn't get made at the time but a copy of "Feltwell Village Tour" sits on my desk for launch later this year. Many of the photographs from the project have appeared in this magazine as part of the "Spot The Difference" and "Then and Now" columns.

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Your Good Health

by Dr Ian Nisbet

I am immensely grateful to all those of you who sent condolence cards after Deannie's death. Almost all the cards were different from each other and the printed words in the cards were really comforting. More comforting were the handwritten comments from all our friends and patients. Deannie, who was always lacking in self-confidence, although that may not always have appeared to be the case, would have been flabbergasted by the flood of cards pouring through the letter box. She would have been equally amazed that 200 people attended her funeral service in our lovely little Hagley Free Church, over 30 of whom came from Norfolk. As planned, the service was really uplifting, with six favourite hymns ending with To God be the Glory, at which the roof rattled and nearly came

off. All agreed that we gave her an amazing send off and the locals are still talking about the "wonderful service" one result of which is that many of the local friends, having been really impressed, are now attending the church on Sundays!

Obviously, all our Family members were present (about 50 in all) and our neighbour opposite commented to her husband "I have never seen so much love in one family". We had poems from Grandchildren and several talks written by the family members. The minister read my eulogy and, afterwards, we adjourned to the golf club where we have our Rotary meetings; there are wonderful views from there over the Clent Hills and a lot of chatting and memories took place. The collection on the day for Deannie's three charities (Salvation Army, Smile Train –

repair of cleft palate and hare lip in third world babies - and The Cystic Fibrosis Trust) raised £1,100 (wow!). The undertaker had never had such an amount

By 4pm, we were all “on a high” buoyed by the success of the day. The adrenaline had kicked in, enabling me to “keep it together” and appear to be in control but then, at 4pm, all our Norfolk friends left to go home. I found that really hard. I came down to earth with a bump and have been distressed ever since. However, all the local friends, Rotarians, church members, Deannie’s hairdresser and beauty treatment girls, are still around and have been immensely supportive.

We shall be holding a memorial service for Deannie at St George’s Church, Methwold at noon on Saturday, March 11th. The service will be almost identical to the one we held in Hagley and I hope we shall raise the roof again! At least the St George’s roof repairs will no longer be my problem.

Life carries on regardless and I recently received a letter from

DEFRA (I used to write about them as The Department for the Elimination of Farming and Rural Affairs) who demanded that I should register with them my chickens, ducks, geese, game birds (partridges and pheasants), pigeons, guinea fowl, quail or other birds as there is an outbreak of Avian Influenza in my area. Well, my garden is of a size that does not allow the keeping of poultry but Deannie and I have, for a couple of years, watched a pair of pigeons who live on the second branch up of a tree outside our bedroom window. As they both seem healthy, nurtured by our bird food, and very much in love, I have decided not to register them with DEFRA as I have no idea where that would lead.

I have to admit to being lazy about cooking at present as there seems little enjoyment in food and I have taken to eating salad - buy an individual plastic box of salad (crunchy or otherwise), mix in some gammon offcuts from Aldi, some dressing and there is the meal. Dead easy and no washing up! I popped into Aldi

yesterday and saw some salad boxes with 33% off – A RESULT. I brought the boxes home and, for some reason, looked under the discount label. I discovered that I had bought stir fry vegetables, not salad, so I now have 4 really crunchy meals, well 3 actually as I ate half a box last night.

I came across an item on Facebook yesterday. A worker at Piccadilly Underground station had written the following on an information board:

*In a society that has you counting money, pounds (weight), calories and steps, **be a rebel** and count your blessings instead. My blessings are:*

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Deannie.

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She will have no need of a care home.

Wonderful friends and patients in Norfolk.

An amazing family of seven children and eighteen grandchildren and many new friends here in Worcestershire.

A strong faith that Deannie is being cared for.

I am sure you will forgive my introspection and the lack of jokes this month.

Bless you all!

Ian.



Cover Puzzle Answer

This mechanism can be found in St Mary's Church.

The object in the middle of the picture is the weight which, by dropping down the wooden chute, keeps the clock ticking. Periodically, it has to be wound back up, a job which has been done for many years by Mr Barrie Reeve. Thank you, Barrie.

Subscription renewal.

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

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Scam Alert – Text messages about your accounts or payments

We frequently receive reports about text messages claiming to be from various companies and organisations stating there are issues with accounts or payments.

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LLOYDS ALERT: You have successfully paired a new device on 16/01 at 19:32. If this was NOT you, visit: <https://lloydbank-securedlogin>.

Netflix: We were unable to process your latest bill. In order to avoid fees, please update your billing information via : <https://netflix-billing-erroruk>.

[EE]: Payment for your latest bill could not be processed by your bank. Please update your payment information via: <https://myee.bill704>.

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 organisation's genuine website. There it will attempt to gather personal, login and financial details.

The messages will often claim that accounts have been frozen, that money is about to leave the account, that payments can't be made or that there is unusual or fraudulent activity with the aim of panicking the recipient into reacting.

If you receive messages like these 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 suspicious or spam text messages to your network operator by forwarding the message to 7726. You may get an automated response thanking you for the report and giving you further instructions if needed. You will not be charged for sending texts to 7726.

If you are concerned about the security of an account contact the service provider directly using the customer service number printed on the card, on a recent statement or via information available on their genuine website or app. **Never** use details provided in a text message.

If you think you might have responded to a text message scam and provided your bank account details, contact your bank **immediately**.



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Scam Alert – Beware of charity scams

Times of crisis may bring out the best in people, but they are a magnet for scammers, and sadly right now is no different.

Fraudsters follow the headlines and have already been working overtime to create ways to encourage people to part with their cash and personal information. We saw this with the Australian bushfires in January 2020, throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and with the war in Ukraine.

If you are looking to help people in Turkey and Syria, please donate wisely – do your research first so you give without getting scammed.

Please protect yourself with the following information:

- Scammers will pretend to be legitimate well-known charities, creating their own charity names, and impersonating people impacted by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria
- Scammers will be cold-calling, direct messaging and creating fake websites and pages on social media to raise funds. Avoid clicking on links or downloading attachments in unsolicited emails, texts or social media messages. They may attempt to lure you into unwittingly downloading malware onto your device or take you to a fake website to steal your money and personal information
- Do not donate via fundraising pages on platforms that do not verify the legitimacy of the fundraiser or that do not guarantee your money will be returned if the page is determined to be fraudulent
- Be careful about crowdfunding requests as these may be fake and also come from scammers. Check the terms and conditions of funding platforms and ensure you are dealing with official organisations. If you are unsure, make your donation to an established charity instead

If you think you have paid money to a scammer, please contact your bank immediately.

Scam Alert – Fake parcel delivery emails

We are again warning residents about scam emails making claims about parcel deliveries. The messages will often state they are 'shipping notices', 'package delivery notices', 'delivery status updates' or 'unable to deliver your parcel'.

All the messages will then contain a link to either see or update your information or arrange the delivery/redelivery. These links will lead to bogus websites that attempts to gain personal information or take payments for 'redelivery'.

These scam emails are sent by criminals who have created fake websites to look similar to the genuine websites, with the same branding, layout and font choices.

Sudoku Puzzle

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

Answer on page 59

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Scam Alert – Energy Bills Support Scheme scams

We are again reminding Norfolk residents to be aware for automated telephone cold calls and text messages stating there are ‘eligible’ or need to ‘claim’ their energy bill discount.

Remember:

- You **do not** need to apply for the scheme
- You **do not** need to give you bank details

If you receive a contact asking you to apply or provide details **it is a scam**.

[For more information on the Energy Bills Support Scheme visit the GOV.UK website.](#)

Citizens Advice have also produced guidance for consumers on traditional prepayment meters, this can be found on the [Citizens Advice website](#).

Scam Alert – Investment Scams

Criminals are targeting Instagram users with fraudulent investment schemes. Fraudsters approach (or are approached by) victims via the instant messaging feature of the platform after advertising their service. They claim to only require an initial investment of a few hundred pounds which they say will be used to trade on the stock market or to buy and trade foreign currency (Forex) until they have multiplied the investment several times within a matter of days which is paid to the victim after a small commission is deducted for the service.

In reality, once the initial investment has been transferred the victim is given a series of excuses as to why their money and ‘profits’ cannot be returned unless more money is sent. Eventually all contact is severed, and the victim is blocked by the suspect. Victims are usually requested to send the money by bank transfer or through a cryptocurrency platform which means it is nearly impossible to retrieve.



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RAILWAY TRAVEL CHAOS LOGISTICAL

Leaves on the line, strikes and the wrong kind of snow!

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.

The solution is on p66

	2 Hours	3 Hours	3 ½ Hours	4 Hours	Via Milton Keynes	Via Crewe	Via Leicester	Via York	Glasgow	Leeds	Manchester	Newcastle
Gordon												
Percy												
Thomas												
James												
Glasgow												
Leeds												
Manchester												
Newcastle												
Via Milton Keynes												
Via Crewe												
Via Leicester												
Via York												

Match the traveller to their destination, their change point and their total delay.

1. Thomas didn't travel via Milton Keynes.
2. The person travelling to Newcastle went via Crewe, they suffered the shortest delay.
3. The Glasgow traveller didn't go via Leicester or York.
4. Gordon was delayed longer than the person traveling to Glasgow.
5. The person travelling to Manchester, the person travelling via Leicester, James and Thomas are all different people.
6. Percy travelled via York, he was delayed for 3 Hours.



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OLD CODGERS NIGHT

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6.30—10.00pm



The speaker for our February 2023 was Kevin Boardman who delivered a ramble on growing up in Norfolk and Suffolk with particular reference to his own life. His intention was to give a nudge to our memories rather than to learn anything

new.

He began by showing us some photographs of his early life. He grew up in Barton Bendish which, at the time, had a population of about 110 people. The family moved three times, all within the village due to an increase in the size of the family, ending up with seven members in all. Having set the scene he then started on the task of stimulating our memories. He did this by addressing our five senses, firstly with a photograph of him playing cricket at Hemsby, the sound of the ball hitting the bat. Then onto smells and touch; the soft touch of barley heads as he was rousing out wild oats, and the irritation of having to remove barley awns from his socks. Then onto taste; he revealed that he hated the taste of liver (much to the consternation of many members). Then the sound of his mother calling him in from where he and his friends were playing. If she called *Kevinnnn*, he was safe, if it was *Kevinnnn William* then he knew he was in trouble. He reminded us of the 'dance' many of us had done in order to reduce the impact of the hand across the backside and the red hand-print that we would inspect in the mirror later; the parental discipline of the time. The smell of cricket bat linseed oil always takes him back home to his childhood, (how evocative smells can be). Kevin still coaches cricket to this day. A picture of a tin bath caused many members to recall their bath times as children; Friday night was bath night. Water was heated in a copper in front of the fire, mum went in first, then dad, then the children in age order.

Then came the photo of the toilet in the *Back Place*, a wooden hut some distance from the house in which a bench seat, no lid, just a hole with a metal dustbin underneath which his dad and grandad would empty into a hole they'd dug 'round the back', pour on petrol

or paraffin and burn it off. There was no flushing back then. Then the photo of a roll of Izal toilet paper the only good thing about it being that it made excellent tracing paper! Much discussion and recollections followed amid much merriment and ribald laughter. Kevin then talked briefly about how he would have to chop wood every Saturday and break up large lumps of coal with a hammer for the fire. Of how each school morning clothes would have to be hung in front of the boiler to dry them out before putting them on due to the condensation that they had absorbed during the night. And in the winter ice on the inside of the bedroom windows. The smell of a paraffin heater on the landing to heat five bedrooms!

Kevin has done this talk several times at care homes, sometimes to the residents and carers separately, to stimulate memories in the former and to educate the latter.

Washing day was next in his photographic recollections—the copper, the large wooden tongs, the smell of the soap flakes, the washboard, the dolly, the mangle, all items now redundant.

Further photos followed in rapid succession including, car indicators, corridor trains, bicycle clips, grocery delivery vans (well before the modern versions), the milkman, the breadman, the Corona man—much discussion amongst the members here—elasticated belts, jeans pockets used as patches, the smell of Germoline, kaolin poultices, Vick (which his grandad used to swallow! - not advised) eucalyptus oil (taken with sugar).

Then we came to meals: roast on Sunday, leftovers Monday, Sausages Tuesday, Liver Wednesday (or some other offal—heart, kidneys etc), Spam on Thursday, fish on Friday, baked potato, cold meats on Saturday. If mum didn't like it, you didn't get it. And pasta? Or a Chinese? Back in the 50s they didn't exist in rural Norfolk.

Photos and personal recollections of working in the fields followed and then a picture quiz to end the talk in which members had to identify singers, TV programmes and entertainers of the time.

Throughout the presentation the youngest member of our group sat eyes wide and mouth open in amazement.

The Men's Breakfast Club usually meets on the 1st Saturday of the Month at The Wellington in Feltwell at 9am. It costs £8.00 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 4th March and the speaker will be... it should have been Ryan Hill from the USAF to tell us about rescuing a stranded C5 aircraft but the USAF has kindly posted him at short notice. At the time of writing a replacement is being sought.

CASINO NIGHT WINS BIG FOR FOOD PANTRY.



& The Wellington

We are delighted to say that The Wellington Charity Casino Night in aid of Feltwell Food Pantry was a roaring success. 50 people attended and enjoyed a Cocktail Reception followed by three hours of Casino entertainment with roulette, blackjack, poker and play your cards right. At the end of the evening, we held an Auction and Raffle Draw.

The combined total raised for the evening was **£4000.00**. This far exceeded our best expectations and we cannot thank everyone who supported the event enough, for helping us to reach such a huge figure. The money raised will be used to purchase food and other household essentials. This will help ensure that the over 370 households that rely on the Pantry will continue to be supported in the weeks and months to come.

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Please could I request that all Christmas wreaths and flowers be removed ASAP in preparation for the churchyard work day. As per the Diocesan churchyard rules, and to help the grass cutting contractors, please note that no plant pots, vases, ornaments etc. should be placed in the middle of the grave spaces, they should stand on the plinth of the headstone.

For those of you new to the village, you may not realise that although St. Nicholas Church building belongs to the Churches Conservation Trust, the churchyard remains the responsibility of St. Mary's to maintain. We do try to do our best to keep on top of both churchyards, it feels like a never-ending job! Any help appreciated!

Chris Parker, Churchwarden, St. Mary's

FELTWELL COMMUNITY GROUP

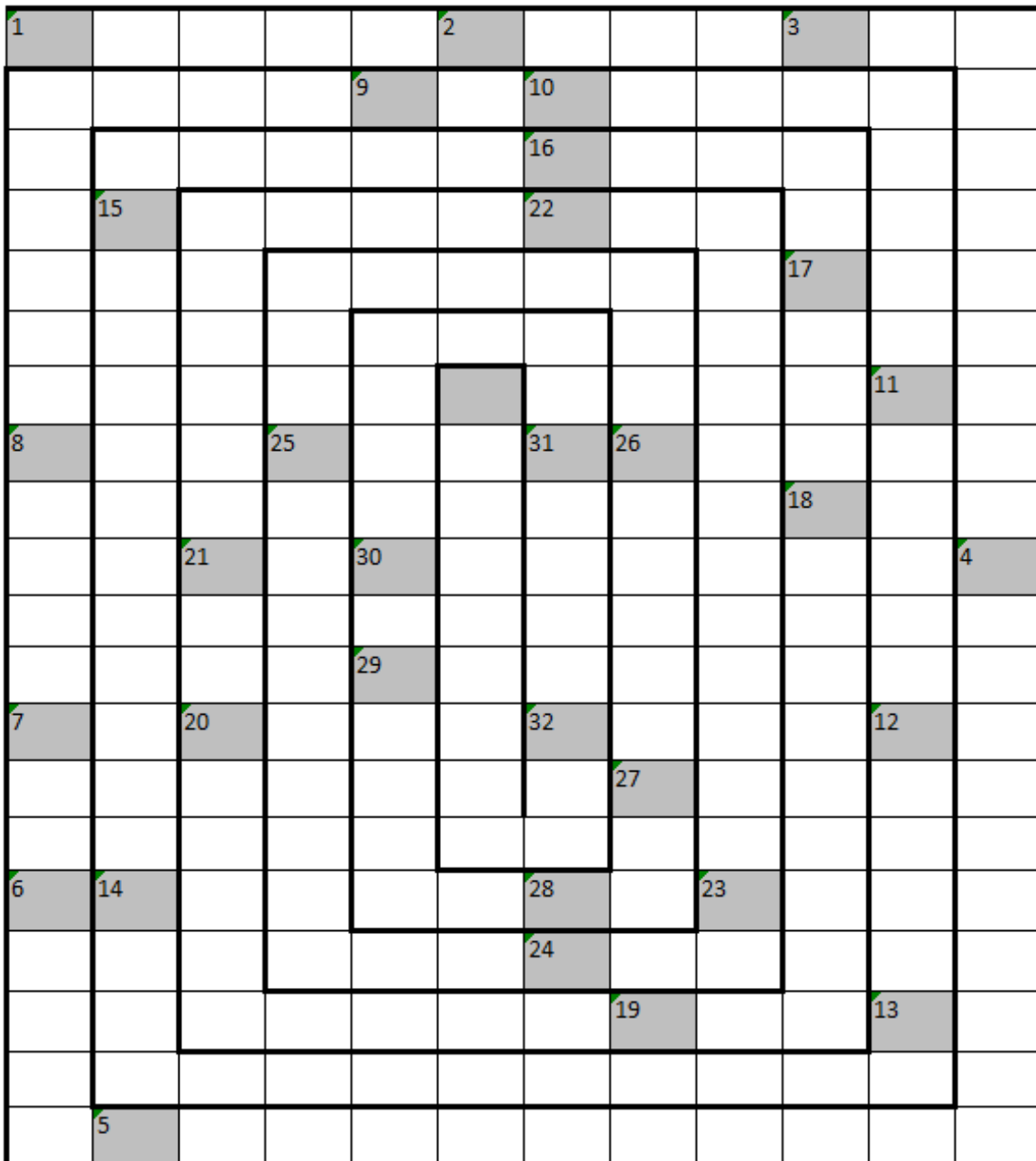
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WORD TRAIL NO. 26

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 Rainbow colour (6)
- 2 External (5)
- 3 1980's U.S.A President (6-6)
- 4 N.H.S. in full (8-6-7)

- 5 Young Eagle (6)
- 6 Quaint, cute (4)
- 7 Symbolic badge or motif (6)
- 8 Climber (11)
- 9 **FILM:** The colour of the pill Neo takes In '*The Matrix*' (3)
- 10 The best selling novel of all time (3-7)
- 11 This country is bordered by Latvia and Russia (7)
- 12 Sharpe witted (6)
- 13 **SONG:** 1977 Dire Straits live recording at the Hope & Anchor public house (9-5)
- 14 The name of the Skyscraper in the film '*Die Hard*' (8-5)
- 15 Salty tin fish (7)
- 16 The colour between green and orange on the spectrum (6)
- 17 Festival celebrating the birth, enlightenment and death of Buddha (5)
- 18 **FILM:** This 2010 film starred Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz as a fugitive couple (6-3-3)
- 19 **MEDICAL:** African/South American infectious disease transmitted by mosquitoes (6-5)
- 20 From what grain is Japanese spirit Sake made (4)
- 21 Central Iceland volcano reaching 5495ft (11)
- 22 **MEDICAL:** A band of muscles posterior to the trunk (10-5)
- 23 Children's observation game (1-3)
- 24 **ENTERTAINMENT:** Born in 1969 this Canadian Actor/Director is famous for murder mysteries (7-6)
- 25 In which European country will you find the *Rijksmuseum* (11)
- 26 Meeting of a legal court (7)
- 27 Home built by a bird (4)
- 28 Occasion for a cuppa (3-4)
- 29 Location of the *smallest* human bone in the body (3)
- 30 The maiden name of President FD Roosevelt wife and 5th cousin once removed (9)
- 31 Long ditch (6)
- 32 Ancient characters used in a system of pictorial writing (12)

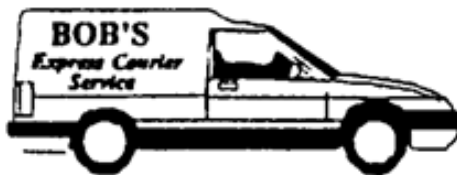
This month's Word Trail solution can be found on page 73

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY by Harry Gill

I started work somewhere new
And saw this pretty wench
She gave me a lovely smile
And rolled an apple down the
bench

I had not bothered much before
Not one little bit
But that apple and her smile
Was an instant hit

We did not know at that time
That we would end up wed
But we started courting
Because an apple I'd been fed

It's our anniversary this month
Sixty-nine long years
And so happy we have been
A pair of happy dears

We might get to seventy years
We really hope we do
And get a card from the king
But we do not have a clue

I do not regret a thing
Since that day we met
My first day on the job
And my future wife I get.

WARREN ENERGY COMMUNITY FUND 2023

The Warren Energy Community Fund has been created to support local projects and groups local to the biogas facility. We aim to be a positive force in the local community providing economic, social and environmental benefits to the local community in which we operate. We can do this by working closely with local residents and stakeholders to ensure community benefits

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This month has seen several thefts from building sites again. Items targeted have included everything from machinery fuel to small handheld tools and mid-size machinery. Of course, these items need to be transported out of the site by some means, so it is highly likely suspects are using vehicles to transport the stolen goods.

We continue to encourage those living near these sites or driving past to be aware of their surroundings, keep an eye out for anything that looks suspicious, and if you see anything, report it to us immediately.

For owners of tools and equipment, where possible, please try to remove items from the site, always store them securely and, if you can, chain smaller items together to make it difficult to remove. Park large machines in well-lit conditions close to roads, and always mark your property with unique details (postcode/business name/number etc).

You can take similar crime prevention measures with your equipment at home. Marking property is a really simple and effective way to make your property undesirable.

HARE COURISING

This past month continues in a similar trend to the rest of the season with the weather playing a key role in recent weeks: frozen ground is not considered a desirable surface to run dogs as there is a high risk of injury.

On the warmer days, when the ground is much softer, we have had a handful of calls in the west Norfolk area. Our request remains the same:

if you see hare coursing in progress, and it is safe to do so, please report this immediately to us on 999. Do not put yourself at risk but please provide as much details as possible with descriptions, vehicles involved and exact locations (try to use What3Words) so we can put the right resources in place.

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GREAT CRESTED NEWTS

It is getting close to the time of year when we start to receive a few reports of incidents/crimes involving Great Crested Newts (GCN) so thought I would use this opportunity to explain some of the legislation that protects them.

GCNs are protected currently by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, GCNs are protected from being intentionally or recklessly disturbed while occupying a structure or place which it is using for shelter or protection. In addition, you cannot obstruct access to any such structure or place. It's also an offence to sell or offer to sell a GCN or any part derived from them including GCN eggs.

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations also provide them with the added protection from being deliberately captured, injured, or killed.

We often get reports in Spring of people carrying out pond maintenance in areas where GCNs are present. It is essential that any pond maintenance is carried out in winter months, generally between November and the end of January as this is when GCNs tend to slow down and find log piles, old walls and gaps to curl up in to stay out of the frost. Because of this its important to be mindful of disturbing such locations around ponds. If you believe you have GCNs in a pond you maintain, it's important to seek expert advice before carrying out any work.



Once you get to Spring, GCNs and other aquatic life start reproducing earlier than a lot of our wildlife and therefore you don't want to harm to them.

If you do carry out any work and find a GCN in a log pile or in the immediate vicinity, stop what you are doing and seek advice.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IN FEBRUARY

On our arable farms, preparation for Spring drilled crops was well underway as the soil was dry enough to work. 'You shouldn't work wet soil as it tends to never dry' is a wise old tale that has been passed down from generation to generation in farming.

Spring cereal crops were planted. Spring cereals tend to have lower yields but the grain they produce is often a 'premium' grain that is ideal for brewing in

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the case of barley, and spring wheat for cakes and bread. Although sugar beet was still being lifted, the majority sugar beet is also planted in the coming months as it needs a huge growing season to secure a large bulb...hopefully full of sugar!

Elsewhere, the land remained very wet for livestock to be out too much, although I did see some very young lambs on lighter soils, which is always a highlight of the farming calendar. There was also a number of store lambs (last year's lambs) and ewes currently strip grazing stubble turnips. The term 'strip grazing' basically means the farmer opens another 'strip' of fresh food as and when needed otherwise the sheep (or cattle) would just eat the tops and some of the bulb before trampling it all in the ground and wasting it. 'Strip grazing' allows the sheep to eat the whole plant, including the nutritious bulb, without wasting anything. It can often look muddy, but sheep and cattle generally do very well on stubble turnips, and it keeps them out of the sheds for longer as grazing stock is non-existent this time of year.

Avian Flu continued to circulate within our wild bird population and while the number of outbreaks in domesticated flocks seems to have slowed in recent weeks, it continues to pose a very real risk. Poultry owners are still required by law to keep domesticated birds indoors and take extra bio-security steps.

As for our wildlife, things started to come to life towards the end of the month and I did see some snowdrops popping through. Please remember it is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act to uproot any wild plant without the landowner's permission, and we often start to receive reports of people suspected of stealing snowdrops. And when buying bulbs, please buy them from a trusted source. We also get similar reports around suspected bluebell theft later in spring, however they are a protected plant and cannot be uprooted, even if you own the land, if they are wild native bluebells.

Many of our reptiles and mammals remained curled up for most of February, however, if we get any consistent period where the night-time temperature was above 5 Celsius some toads and great crested newts may be seen returning to ponds for the breeding season.

While you may not have seen them, badgers gave birth during January and into February which allowed the sow (female badger) to raise them in the safety of the sett before taking them out in early Spring when there is an abundance of food. It just shows how clever nature can be.

Some of our early nesting birds started to establish their territory – by the end of the month, rooks were starting to build their nests in scruffy looking twig structures at the top of trees and making a lot of noise. They tend to be one of the earliest nesting species in the UK and tend to have the same partner for life.

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WNAS February 2023, Mundford Bowls Club

It was about ten years ago when Feltwell man Stephen Parker first talked to us about his exploits in Antarctica and this third instalment was delivered with the same enthusiasm as the others; audience participation being reflected with the same gusto.



Stephen began his talk, entitled 'Antarctic Aviation', by describing the environment in which he was expected to work: the topography, geography, temperatures, winds and accommodation; all very extreme. He paid tribute to the pioneers of the early part of the last century, the primitive aircraft and machinery that were used to tame this hostile environment. He named numerous aircraft types involved, those he mentioned more than once had greater versatility, like the 1911 R.E.P monoplane that could be converted into a tractor, the DHC Fox Moth that was used to map the peninsula in 1934 and the ubiquitous DC3 Dakota that could be relatively easy to dismantle and reassemble following marine transport. Practically all the equipment had to be transported this way including all the fuel; in 50 gallon drums. As the activity in the region increased so did the interest among many nationalities. All wanted a slice of the cake. There were a few skirmishes at the beginning but remarkably, since the Antarctic Treaty in 1959, all active countries share a cooperative spirit; a bit like the multinational activity we witness now in the space station - science triumphs over politics it seems.

Stephen saw many other changes after his arrival there in 1990 with more modern aircraft having more sophisticated pollution monitoring technology; even airliners made an appearance. Another difference he noticed: in 1994: women started arriving. On that note it seems pertinent to remark that the most interesting question he was asked all evening was by a lady club member: "Where did you put all your rubbish?" Stephen was not fazed, in fact it was almost as if he himself found it the most interesting question and joyfully announced that the rubbish was put in the empty oil drums and

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shipped back to where it originated.

At the beginning of the evening Commander Allen made the unhappy announcement that a younger member of our club had died and that his family had very kindly bequeathed all his aviation literature and several framed pictures to the society which they could dispose of as they wished.

Thanks as always to our hosts, Val and Len.

Please find here: www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk details of WNAS Calendar, Photos, Press Releases, and any changes to the schedule.

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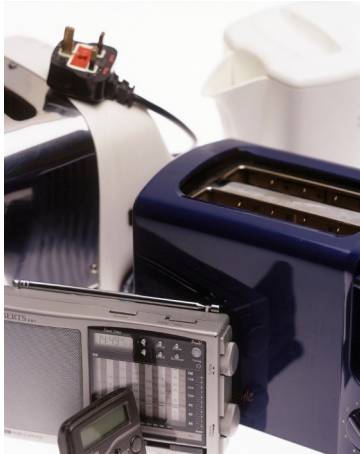
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FELTWELL'S WW2 WAR HEROES No. 8

This month we continue our new series about WW2 War Heroes

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:

R.B. Walden. Royal Navy

On the Church Roll of Honour he is also recorded as R.B. Walden

Telegraphist WALDEN, RAYMOND BARRY

Service Number:..... C/JX 139964

Died:..... 14/07/1940

Aged:..... 23

Unit:.....H.M.

Submarine Salmon, Royal Navy

Son of Robert H. G. and Ella Winifred Walden, of Feltwell, Norfolk.

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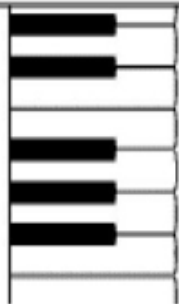
Source: www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2473572/walden,-raymo...

No obvious Civil Probate for this man.

There is a picture of Ray and the crew of the Salmon on the Feltwell site.

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Birth and family

The birth of a Raymond B. Walden was registered with the Civil Authorities in the Thetford District in the July to September quarter, (Q3), of 1917. His mothers' maiden name was Clarke.

The most likely marriage of his parents was when a Robert H G Walden married an Ella W Clarke in the Bury St Edmunds District of Suffolk in the April to June quarter, (Q2), of 1913.

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 potentially four other children of Robert and Ella, all registered in the Thetford District with the mothers' maiden name of Clarke.

Q4 1914	Henry C Walden
Q4 1915	Geoffrey Walden
Q2 1919...	Kenneth H. Walden
Q3 1921	Iris L Walden

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.

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There looks to be a match for his widowed mother and his sister recorded living at one of the East Hall Flat in the Downham Rural District Council area.

1: Walden, Ella W., Widowed, born 7th February 1888, Unpaid domestic duties.

2: Walden, Iris L, Single, born 28th July 1921, Drapers Apprentice.

On the day

HMS Salmon was a Royal Navy S-class submarine which was launched on 30 April 1934, and fought in the Second World War.

On 4 December 1939, while on patrol in the North Sea, Salmon torpedoed and sank U-36.

On 12 December 1939, Salmon sighted the German liner SS Bremen. While challenging Bremen, an escorting Dornier Do 18 seaplane forced Salmon to dive. After diving the Salmon's commander, Lieutenant Commander E. O. Bickford, decided not to torpedo the liner because he believed she was not a legal target. Bickford's decision not to fire on Bremen likely delayed the start of unrestricted submarine warfare in the war.

On 13 December 1939, Salmon sighted a fleet of German warships. She fired a spread of torpedoes which damaged two German cruisers (one was German cruiser Leipzig, the other, her younger sister ship, German cruiser Nürnberg). Salmon evaded the fleet's destroyers, which hunted her for two hours.

She was lost, probably sunk by a mine, on 9 July 1940.

There is a report from 2008 that the same survey ship that found the wreck of the sister submarine HMS Shark also found the wreck of HMS Salmon nearby in waters off Norway.

Source: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Salmon_\(N65\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Salmon_(N65))

On 4 July 1940 HMS Salmon (Cdr. Edward Oscar Bickford, DSO, RN) departed her base to patrol off Skudesnes on the south west coast of Norway. She was sent signals on 9th, 11th and 12th July, the final one ordering a return to harbour. None of these signals were

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acknowledged. Later it became known that one of the signals routed her across a minefield which at the time was unknown to the Admiralty. There is also a possibility that she was attacked by aircraft, but mining is the most likely somewhere in position 57°20'N, 05°00'E. Declared overdue on 16 July 1940.

This site also gives in diary form the activities of this submarine from the start of the war, which found her stationed in the Mediterranean, to her departure from Rosyth on the 4th July 1940.

Source: uboat.net/allies/warships/ship/3424.html



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WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

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There is ONE extra name on the list that is not found within the grid.

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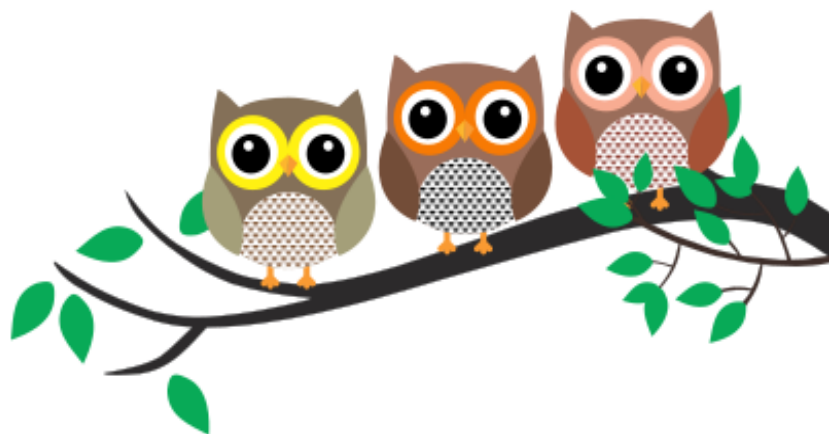
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Evening Pairs league Div 2 3 teams entered, 1 team bottom section, 1 team mid table and 1 team in the top 3.

We have entered two leagues in the outdoor, Rosie Smith Triples league played on a Monday evening and the Ashill Triples league played on a Tuesday evening.

Club nights to remain Monday evenings on away games and Wednesday evenings.

Our Quiz night was great success with one the largest attendances to date.

Our next Quiz night is set for 1st April 2023 (you will be the fool not to come along) see separate advert.

Coffee morning held on 18th February went well not so well attended as the Christmas one but still well attended.

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In this instalment author Frederick James takes us back to the beginning and finally provides names for our two young protagonists

WHEN HENRY MET GEORGE.

“Well, Henry, this is it. We've told them how it all began for us, all those years ago, and now maybe they'll let us get on with the important things in life, eh?”

“You know, George, I thought for a minute that they thought we were making it all up, just to keep them happy.”

“You know, Henry, filling the children in on our friendship has brought it all back for me. It's really strange how things can work out, and how it all started for us all those years ago.”

“You're right, George. We do share a lot of memories, don't we?”

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Both men went quiet as they recalled their friendship, and how it began, back in that little mining town. Glassy-eyed, they stared out across the lake, as that first day slowly came back to them, and how things might have been so different, had they never met.

Henry wasn't particularly impressed when he was told he had to share his desk with a new pupil. The new lad was the son of the new owners of the Grange, a stately home on the hill high above the village. “I s'pose 'e'll be a toffee-nosed git, like the rest of them up there!” Henry grumbled under his breath, as Mrs Grey introduced the new boy to the rest of the class, until finally the new boy was standing in front of him.

“Now this is Henry, he'll look after you and help you settle in.”

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“Ere ya go, mate, come and park it 'ere, next ta me. I's 'enery. That's 'enery wi' a H, like. Don't use t'H, but ya can call me Henery with an H, if ya want's ta! Any road, what's your monika, then? Wot's I call

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"Welcome, George Blake. At least ya ain't 'enery wi or wi'out an H, eh? Good name is George. Our King is a George, ain't 'e? 'Ere, ya ain't related to our King George, are ya? I'd 'ave ta watch me p's an q's if ya was, wouldn't I? Oh, I got another name, an all. Mine's Talbot. Same as t'pub in t'village. My old man spends so much time there, it 'elps 'im remember 'is name when e's pissed, an' 'as ta be brought 'ome by t'rozzers.'E works down t'pit, so I guess e's earned 'is pint at t'Talbot, Eh?"

Any road, 'ow about you, then? Wot's your old man do for a crust, then? Must be summat high up, reck'nin' on t'way you talk, all posh like?"

"I'm sorry Henry, I can't help the way I speak. I hope it doesn't upset you. Pa sent me away to school, and the nuns taught us to speak this way."

"Cor, love a duck! Ya was taught by nuns! No wonder ya speaks posh. I reckons I'd talk posh if I's learned from nuns! Scare ya ta death they does, creepin' around like they does! 'ere, d'ya reckon any o'those nuns o yours 'ad any dirty 'abits, eh?"

"I don't know about that, Henry, but they were very strict with us. I was glad when Papa said we were moving here. You will help me to speak your way, won't you? Papa said I should learn a foreign language, but I don't think he meant Yorkshire! You asked what papa does. He's an officer in the Coldstream Guards, and he's away with his men at the moment. He's always away somewhere, and I think that's why he sent me away to school. Didn't want me under his feet, so to speak! Please don't tell anyone, Henry. I'm not like him, really I'm not. I just want to be like you and have a friend to talk to, instead of Nanny and the staff at home! Helping me won't upset your friends will it, Henry?"

“Nah. Any road, I ain't bothered 'bout that. You's you, ain't ya, that's wot counts!”

So, with the introductions over, the Henry and his new friend settled into their new routine, and got to know each other in the weeks that followed.

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“Henry?”

“Yes, George Blake, wot's up now? Let's be 'knowin'”

“Henry, will you help me to talk like you do? Everyone looks at me, as if I'm saying I'm better than they are, and I'm not, really I'm not!”

“Tell ya wot, George Blake, my friend, it won't be easy, but if that's wot ya want, we'd better give it a try, eh? Ta start wi', from now on, you's GB. No more George Blake, eh? 'less you's in bother, 'course!”

“Oh thankyou, Henry! When can we start? Can we start now?”

“Woah, 'old you 'ard there! What d'ya reckon ya folks will say 'bout ya new vocab'lry, ya talkin' all common like us locals, like?”

“I don't think they will like it, but I don't care, Henry! Papa is away with the Army, and I don't think he'd care anyway, and Mama is away with the fairies most of the time, so I don't think she'd notice somehow!”

“That's no way to talk about your old lady, GB. She may be a bit doolally, but she is your mother, after all. Gotta respect ya oldies, whatever.”

“So, when can we start, Henry? When can my lessons with you start?”

Throughout the weeks that followed, the two lads used every moment in George's quest to talk like his new friend , and by the time they were due to break up for the summer break, George was getting the hang of his new identity, and what it took to be like his new friend Henry.

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“Wot we gonna do, now that we's broken up for t'summer? We 'as to 'ave summat ta do, don't we?”

“Hadn't given it much thought, really. It's early days yet, considerin' we's only just packed up, but like you says, we has to have summat ta do, so let's just sit 'ere an' think about it.”

“Well, you always 'as been t'one for good ideas, so I'll leave it to you ta come up wi' summat as'll pass t'time. We needs owt that don't involve readin' an' writin', cos we' bin doin' enough a that in school, ain't we?”

“So, no readin', an' no writin'? How's about a bit a fishin? That don't involve no readin' or writin', does it? I bin goin' to t'pond wi' Grandpa now an' then, an' I've often thought about 'avin' a go meself, as it 'appens. He don't catch much, but says it don't matter, cos e's only there to get away from 'er indoors for a bit a peace an' quiet, any road. He says there's only minners an' the like, so it's not as if Gran was expectin' 'im to be fetchin' summat 'ome for tea. He's got t'right idea there, an' no mistake!”

“So, d'ya reckon we could give it a try? I ain't got a rod, or owt, so I'd 'ave ta watch you doin' it. Sort a keep ya company, like?”

“Yeah, why not? I'm sure Grandpa'll let me borrer one of 'is rods an' stuff, an then all we 'as ta do is dig up a few worms, an' we'd be fit ta go, as they says!”

“Maybe I could make me own rod out of a cane an' a bit o' string, an' you could show me wot ta do. It'd be a laugh if I caught a tiddler, wouldn't it?”

“You'd 'ave just as much chance as me, cos I ain't done it before, neither! 'An like Grandpa says, you don't need ta catch owt, 'cos even if ya did, ya'd only 'ave ta chuck it back in. Who knows?, maybe one day, you an' me will be proper anglers, an' be in competitions an' stuff, an' takin' home cups for t'folks ta put on t'sideboard?

Ya know summat, Henry? It really feels right good, bein' able ta talk proper, like wot you do. I's now gotta mate who understands me at last!”

“Mebby so, GB, me old mate, but what'ya gonna say ta ya old man when ya next sees 'im?”

“Well, Henry, I's just gonna 'ave ta give it some thought!”

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And so it was that two young lads contemplating a long summer break from school with nothing to do, decided that they would take up fishing together, starting a friendship that would last a lifetime.

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This concludes our series of tales about George and Henry as told by local author Frederick James. I hope you've enjoyed them.



TABLE TENNIS

Feltwell Table Tennis club is now up and running every Tuesday from 1.45 at the Methodist Hall, Feltwell.

Come and have a coffee, great company and a bit of exercise from beginners up. £3 for two hours of fun.

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Gordon	4 hours	Via Leicester	Leeds
Percy	3 hours	Via York	Manchester
Thomas	2 hours	Via Crewe	Newcastle
James	3 1/2 hours	Via Milton Keynes	Glasgow

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Readers may recall that in 2021, owing to Covid related lockdowns, we moved our annual subscription renewal date from January to March. We just wanted to remind everyone that this renewal date is permanent and subscriptions **will** be collected by our distributors this month - that's £5 for 12, 50p issues. Thank you.

MUTTERINGS FROM THE FARMYARD

Now that March is here the tempo on the farm should begin to increase. We would hope to get all our onions, sugar beet and peas planted before the end of the month. Everything will however depend on having reasonably dry conditions and adequate soil temperatures.

During January we have planted over 1000 metres of hedging plants. We have had this professionally done as the hedges in question are mainly on the roadside and our efforts over the past 15 years have been very variable. Our work in previous years has been mainly to fill gaps in existing hedges. In general, the plants are still alive but have been constantly grazed by deer and so have barely emerged from their protective tubes. It seems that now the plants are older and tougher the deer are finding them unpalatable and the gaps are gradually filling. We have found that deer seem to be frightened by traffic and so we have great hopes this planting will establish more quickly.

Our other significant project during the first two months of the year has been to erect a substantial length of deer fencing. We are planning to plant about 20 acres of grape vines and 55 acres of fast-growing hardwoods for carbon capture later this spring. The only way to protect what will be a substantial capital investment is to surround the fields involved with fencing that is high enough to stop Roe and Fallow deer from jumping over. Fences of this nature are essential to allow these vulnerable plants to establish and thrive. They are, however, well away from the road and should not be particularly visible.

We, like everybody else, are struggling with the effects of high inflation. The figures for January showed that agricultural inputs had increased in price by 18.7% over the past year whereas output prices have only increased by 11%. It is also notable that retail food inflation is 16.8% so there is very little good news for either producers or consumers.

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There have been new announcements from Government regarding the future of their agri-environment schemes. They have increased the payment rates for some elements in order to try to encourage more businesses to sign up. It seems to me that many of us are still very unsure that policy makers really understand how we have to make decisions for the future of our businesses. We need to feel confident that the production of high-quality food and long term food security are as important as the various environmental targets that we constantly hear about.

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RSPB Lakenheath Fen

THE COMING OF SPRING

By the beginning of March, the first signs of Spring will be noticeable wherever you are- crocuses and daffodils flowering on roadside verges whilst small birds like robins and blackbirds pair up and sing in gardens. Whilst we don't have the Spring bulbs, we do have the birds and one of the first changes we notice is the increase in variety of wading birds on the Washland. Already (on 7 February) a few avocets have turned up and during March we can expect to see other species such as dunlin, ruff and black-tailed godwit in small numbers. These don't come to the reserve to breed but use us as a pitstop to refuel on their long migration to their breeding grounds. March, as a result, is a fantastic time to see some more unusual waders without having to travel far from home!



A Hobby photographed by Denise Randall

April will bring more migrant birds to us, but perhaps the more



Events at RSPB Lakenheath Fen

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

Easter fun at Lakenheath Fen

Saturday 1 April to Sunday 16 April (9am to 5pm)

Join in with Harrier and Bittern Nest Watches

Tuesdays 16 May, 30 May, 13 June (all 7:30am-12:30am)

Why not join a warden for the morning and help complete our bittern and marsh harrier nest watch surveys?

Price: Adults £40 for RSPB members; £50 for non-RSPB members.

Guided pond dipping at RSPB Lakenheath Fen

Thursday 6 April, Saturday 6 May, Thursday 1 June (11am to 1pm).

Come along to see what beautiful and strange creatures live below the water at our nature reserve!

Price: Adults £6 (RSPB members), £7 (non-RSPB members), Under 18's £3 (RSPB members), £4 (non-RSPB members).

Treasures of the Moth Trap

Fridays 31 March, 28 April, 26 May, 30 June (all 10am to 11am).

Learn more about the amazing world of moth- join us to admire what we catch in our harmless trap.

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

Dawn Chorus guided walk

Sunday 7 May (6am-9am)

Short description: Why not celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day by joining us for an early-morning guided walk?

Price: Adults £20 (RSPB members), £16 (non-RSPB members), Under 18's £10 (RSPB members), £8 (non-RSPB members).

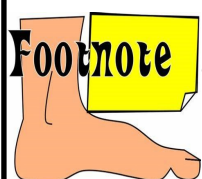
familiar ones- such as swallow, house martin and cuckoo. It will also be the month when bitterns 'boom' their low, deep calls from within the reedbeds more frequently- through March we may hear some booming but it really gets regular in April, especially on sunny, calm mornings. Other highlights to enjoy will be aerial displays from marsh harriers- male birds will be turning, twisting and diving in energetic displays over reedbeds, designed to show females how capable they are of chasing prey and of their general agility. You may also see 'food passes' from males to interested females, again to demonstrate a very important skill- that males are capable of catching and delivering plenty of food.

April normally sees the first butterflies and dragonflies become airborne on fair days. Numbers of these larger insects quickly build up and together with the mass emergence of the clumsy, black (but harmless) St. Mark's flies, they will provide a feast for the hobbies arriving from Africa. These elegant falcons (with a conspicuous red patch of feathers around the base of the legs) look like miniature peregrines and numbers can rise to around 50 birds here by the end of May. At this point, the hobbies begin to disperse to their breeding grounds across the UK and our numbers drop to two or three pairs which stay to breed with us for the summer.

All in all, there is plenty to enjoy here at RSPB Lakenheath Fen in Spring- as well as all the changes in wildlife, it is magical to watch the reserve become a brighter shade of green, to watch wildflowers appear and to listen to a wealth of birdsong. If you have a spare day, or even half a day, why not pop down and spend some time here? If you have any questions, you can always give us a call on 01842 863400 or drop us an e-mail at lakenheath@rspb.org.uk.

With best wishes from the team at Lakenheath Fen,

Heidi Jones (Visitor Experience Officer).



"I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.

Genuine statement from an insurance form

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE NO. 37

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.



The Mission Hall (above, left) was built over a hundred years ago by Henry Walden, who then owned and occupied Hill Farm House; there was a cart-shed in the same space before the hall. The space is now occupied by a pair of garages and the house has gone.



WORD TRAIL No. 26—SOLUTION

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Your **Parish Councillors** are:

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

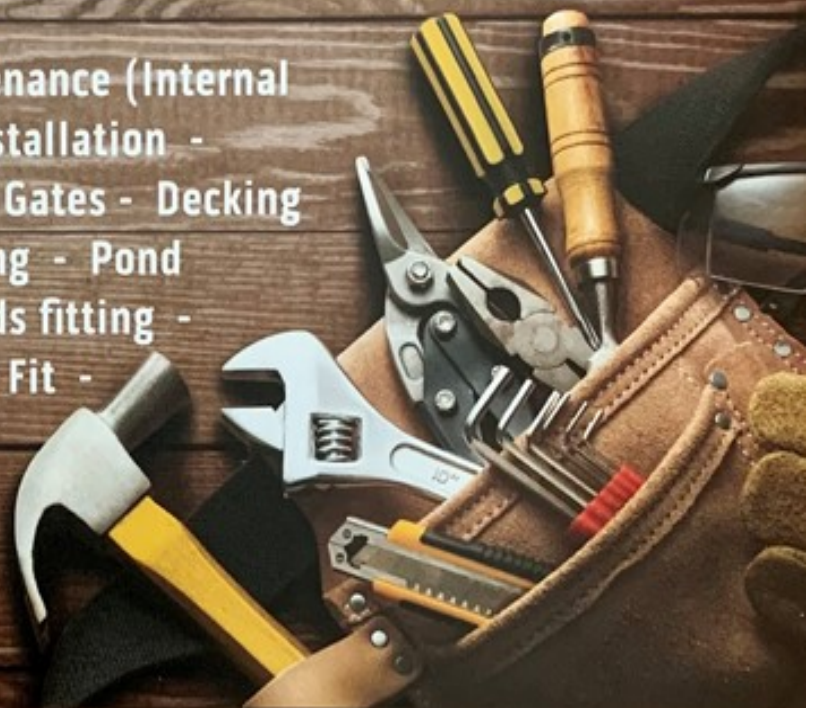
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The Parish Clerk, Jo Martin can be contacted by email at feltwellparishclerk@gmail.com. Or by phone on 828383.

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Breckland Branch



It's that time of the year again, when female cats come into season, so that kittens are born in the spring. If you have a female cat over 5 months old and she has not been neutered, now is the time to get her done to avoid unwanted pregnancies.

Female cats will come into season every few days unless they are mated, which is very stressful for them and not much fun for the owners, as they constantly yowl and demand attention. It can be difficult to keep a female cat in season indoors, as she will be desperate to get out and get mated.

Female cats can have up to 3 litters a year, which is a drain on their systems, and there is always the chance that something may go wrong and she needs a caesarean section which can cost around £1000.

Male cats also need to be neutered, as they constantly spray indoors and out, marking their territory and their urine has a very unpleasant smell until they are neutered. It takes around 2 weeks for the smell to decline once they have had the operation.

Male and female cats will wander far and wide to find a mate, and often get hit by cars in the process. They can also become infected with Feline Aids or Feline Leukaemia from other cats they come into contact with. Male cats often get into fights with other male cats and can get abscesses as well which often need veterinary treatment.

We are here to help you. We can send you a voucher towards the cost of neutering if you are on a low income, or struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. Our vouchers are worth £35 towards the cost of neutering a male cat, and £50 towards the cost of neutering a female, cat which you can take to any vet. Just ring our help line on the number below, listen to the message to access the correct phone number and have a pen and paper ready to write the number down. Our helpline does not take messages, but will lead you to the correct number to ring, depending on your requirement.

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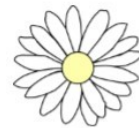
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NEWS FROM THE LEGION

What an amazing start to the year, our hall lets are going very well. The coffee mornings are also increasing in numbers, the carpet bowls both the morning and evening sessions are going very well.

This month (Feb) saw our County conference at County Hall Norwich with 5 members (including myself) from our branch in attendance. Our branch picked up two awards. The first was The CW Jex Cup for the progress and efficiency over the past year (2022) for a small branch. The second was The Copsey Cup for the most improved war memorial.

The valentine quiz was a great success, thanks to JM for some of the questions, there were very few question discrepancies which made my life as the question master a lot easier. Also, a big thank you to Ian for marking the answer papers and putting up the scores on the screen.

The next branch meeting will be on the 21st March. Coffee morning Wednesday 8th March. The carpet bowls every Thursday morning and evening. Crib will continue on a Monday until the 3rd April when it will change to a Tuesday, the first being the 11th April. New players are always welcome

John Linkin

METHWOLD SPIRITUALIST SERVICES

Friday Meetings 2023, Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start.

24th March POPPY BOWLING

14th April ANN VENN

28th April LYNDA ROSE

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Feltwell Historical Society

The 24th December Carols by Candlelight at St. Nicholas Church went ahead despite the very cold weather. More people turned out than expected and they all enjoyed it.

We had refreshments afterwards at Hill House kindly hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Watts. Our thanks to everybody who helped to make this annual event so special.

The Historical Society look forward to our next one.

Our upcoming meetings will be:

17th March - Feltwell Wildlife - Claire Scarff.

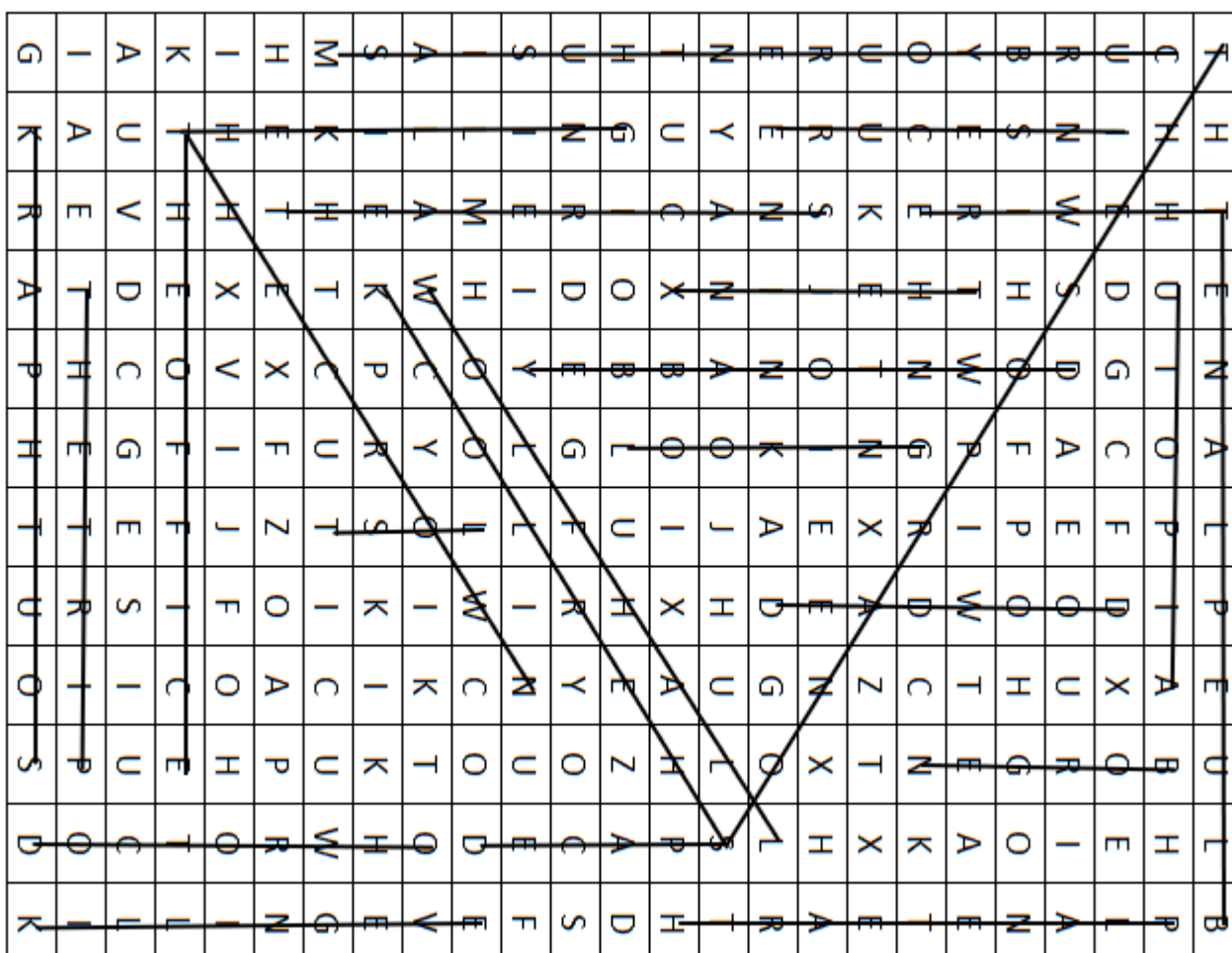
21st April - The Yanks are Coming - Linda Scoles.

Other meetings will be advertised later.

We meet at the Methodist Chapel on the **3rd Friday** of the month.

Word Search Solution

Next month's Word Search will feature
Counties in England



An **Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council** was held on Monday the 23rd of JANUARY 2023 to discuss pay reviews and the 2023/24 Budget. 9 Councillors attended.

Precept was set at £45,000, an increase of £2,500 on last year due to rising village running costs such as grass maintenance and electricity, and potential election costs. This is an increase of £2.10 per annum for a Band D taxpayer.

A **Meeting of the Parish Council** was held on Monday the 13th of FEBRUARY 2023 in the British Legion, Long Lane. Eight Councillors attended and three members of the public.

Clerk to report dangerous condition of Southery Road to Highways.

H W Coatings have kindly offered to powder coat the memorial bench for £50 which covers the cost of the paint.

New defibrillator has arrived and will be installed outside the Social Club.

TWR Accountants will carry out the internal audit this year.

TOP Garden Services have been awarded the grass maintenance contract for the 2023 season - 1st April – 31st Oct

Warren Energy Community Fund 2023 is now open until 30th April 2023, application forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk on 01842 828383 or email feltwellparishclerk@gmail.com

Residents are encouraged to deposit any glass waste into the bottle bank on the playing field as the Parish Council can obtain recycling credits for every tonne collected.

Don't forget to join Feltwell Parish Council's Facebook page for regular updates and subscribe to our website <https://feltwellparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk> where draft minutes will be published a minimum of three clear days before the next meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the British Legion on Monday 13th March 2023 at the earlier time of 7.00 pm, all are welcome.



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