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## **NO GREATER LOVE.**

*“To absent friends!” is often cried,  
For those who fought, and those who died,  
To keep us safe, where ere it be,  
In the air, on land, or on the sea.*

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*Our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, too,  
Prepared to die for me and you.  
Those who took up sword and shield,  
And lie there in some foreign field.*

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*A debt we owe, and should repay,  
With our remembrance, every day!  
We see their names in marble hewn,  
And hear the bugler's mournful tune.*

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*“To absent friends!” is often cried,  
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## GROWING UP IN FELTWELL IN THE 1950S & 60S

BY ROBERT WALDEN

### 20. Proper Wages

I was about 12 when I first went blackcurrant picking at Northwold. I think a small group of us cycled via the Cranwich road early one summer's evening after school. Some of our parents – and wives of schoolteachers – had already started going and gradually well behaved children were allowed in too. It was not too hard on the back but breaking the stems with your finger nails so that clusters could be placed in a bucket was a fiddly job. Jim recalls the baking sandy soils that made for some very hot knees. At 2/- (10p) a bucketful, we were lucky to make 4/- in an evening and the adults not much more than 6/-. I don't think I ever tried it for a full day. Petrol costs had to be taken into account when travelling to work but often that cost could be shared. As I write this, petrol is close to £2 per litre which equates to £9 per gallon. But back in the early 60s petrol was just 4 shillings (ie 20p) per gallon - or 4.4p a litre! My second-hand Lambretta enabled me to work further afield during the school holidays. I tried strawberry picking out at Terrington but I was making rather less than £1 a day even before fuel costs. It was not quite so back breaking as the potato picking I later tried but it was a poor net return financially and, working alone in those big, desolate fenland fields, there was little social interaction. At least I had tried.

Men chopping out sugar beet was a common sight back then. For the farmer, it was an expensive one too. I tried it a few times: it was a skilled job. You would often see half a dozen or more men spread out across a huge field, all working along the rows in near silence at their own steady pace. Until the early 1960s it was difficult to sow beet evenly spaced along the drills and some seedlings needed to be cut out so the seedlings remaining were evenly spaced some 7" apart. Also, beet often grew up in "doubles," which needed singling by delicately inserting the hoe between the two and taking one of them out. Then the introduction of pelleted monogerm seeds obviated the need for that and enabled mechanical drills to

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distribute more evenly and accurately. One evening while working in a field just west of the old Methwold Rd for Edwin Porter of Grange Farm he came across to inspect my work which was probably borderline in terms of acceptability. But his beet was remarkably clean with hardly any weeds and needing very little “chopping out”. It was far superior to any other field of beet I had seen or worked on and I told him so. He nodded gently and said “Marvellous stuff this monogerm seed,” giving a little satisfied grin and a friendly nod as he walked away. I had not heard of it before then but its potential was there to see.

Lennie “Curly” Fletcher, a successful farmer growing potatoes, celery and carrots in the fen fields down the Southery Road, drove a big silver Jaguar saloon “LCF 1” and often smoked a fat cigar. Opposite his house in Short Beck and in a building in the yard now occupied by Paul Jarman’s Veterinary Practice was where carrots were topped, ready for the canning factories, by hands holding just a sharp knife. A regular group of ladies were the mainstay of the operation but about a dozen of us over 15-year-olds were employed for the school summer holidays. For us this was a Godsend. In my first year (1963) we stood in front of wooden crates and topped carrots from one into another and got 2/6d for each crate filled. The next year things had moved on and we topped straight onto a moving conveyor and we got 2/- for each sack we emptied. Working hard and with less than a 30 minute lunch break, we almost always cleared £1 per day, collecting £5 at the end of each week – a princely sum. (For comparison: a brand new bike with 3 speed might cost £25) It was quite sociable topping in the long shed with about a dozen of us and 20 or so mature, noisy ladies. Curly’s son Malcolm seemed to run the operation and carrots were brought in for topping not just from his own farm but also from other farms so usually there was plenty of work. The problems occurred when, for whatever reason, there was a shortage of supply and not just our hands but also those of the mature ladies went idle. We were then seen as a bit of a nuisance, stealing their jobs. Also, occasionally the carrots were extremely small so that many more had to be topped

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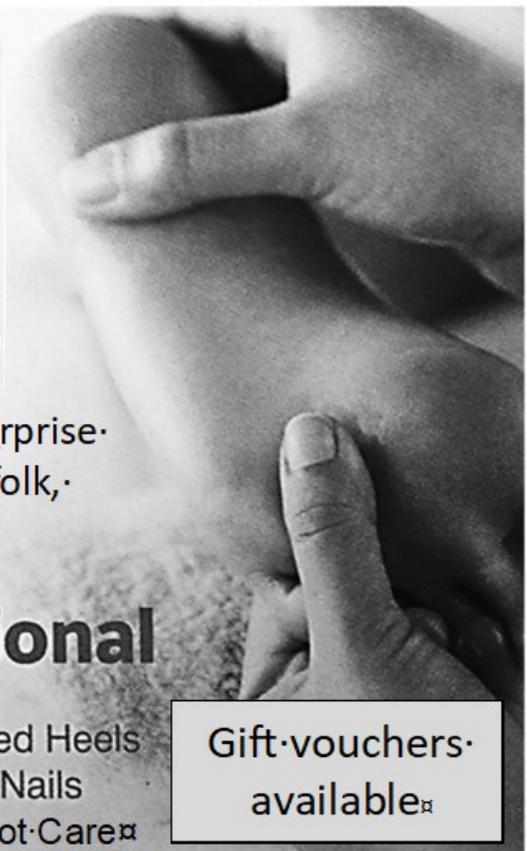
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before the sack was empty. One or two of the mature ladies would take two sacks to top but extracting the larger carrots to make up one sackful and returning the other now full of small carrots to the supply pile, refusing to top them. Once, when the supply dried up completely we were offered a day's work potato picking down the fen: several of the ladies extolled the virtues of potato picking: "I love potato picking – it were my favourite job before I got my lumbago". I decided I would give it a try for a day. A more back breaking job I have never done and I only just earnt 15/-. None of the ladies had joined me that day but of course by removing some of us from their shed for the day, they had improved their chances of getting their hands on more of any carrots that were delivered.

With the money I earned in the first year, I was able to refurbish my older brother's old BSA bike (which was now mine) with new handlebars, seat and saddle and new dynamo and 3 speed; plus a range of camping gear I had long wanted. In the following year I rather foolishly purchased a revolutionary new Moulton Cycle which had suspension and very small wheels. They were popular for a time and spawned clones from Raleigh and Royal Enfield but they were no match for a standard wheeled touring cycle on long journeys as I discovered when Jim and I decided to cycle to Hunstanton one Friday, returning via the hilly 'B' road through Ringstead and Sedgeford.

For several Christmases in the late 1960s, there was turkey plucking in the evenings at Grange Farm, Blackdyke. Under the glow of a single tungsten lamp but otherwise in a dark, cold shed; the birds were stunned and killed before us, our constant conversation deadened by the snowy white feathers in which we stood ankle deep and Husky the little long-haired Jack Russell played happily. We plucked the wings first because they were the first to cool. That first year I ordered a 15lb bird for Christmas lunch and, being not in the least bit dry but moist and very flavoursome, Dad declared it one of the best we had ever had. I suggested it was all due to my plucking. Dad laughed and said bad carving could ruin a good bird but his good carving and my plucking could not rescue a poor one.



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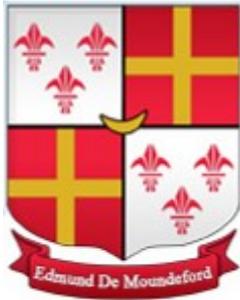
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### FROM THE CLASSROOM

Now with children settled in their new classes it is always nice for children to see their writing published for a real audience. This article is no exception and has been carefully crafted by numerous members of Hawks who have shared their learning from this half-term.

*This term we have been learning all about South America. Some things have been very interesting like reading *The Explorer*. It is all about four children that are stranded in the Amazon rainforest when their plane crashes. We used our class text in a 'Reading Café' where parents came in to listen to the story and everyone completed different activities such as paper-chain pythons, paper-plate sloths and split-pin toucans. It was so exciting to have parents back in school as they have barely been in following Covid; we even got to have drinks and cake!*



*Unexpectedly, we learnt that cocoa beans can grow in the rainforest and that large areas of the rainforest are being destroyed for farming and ranching. Did you know though that the UK and Ireland can fit in to the Amazon rainforest approximately 17 times?*

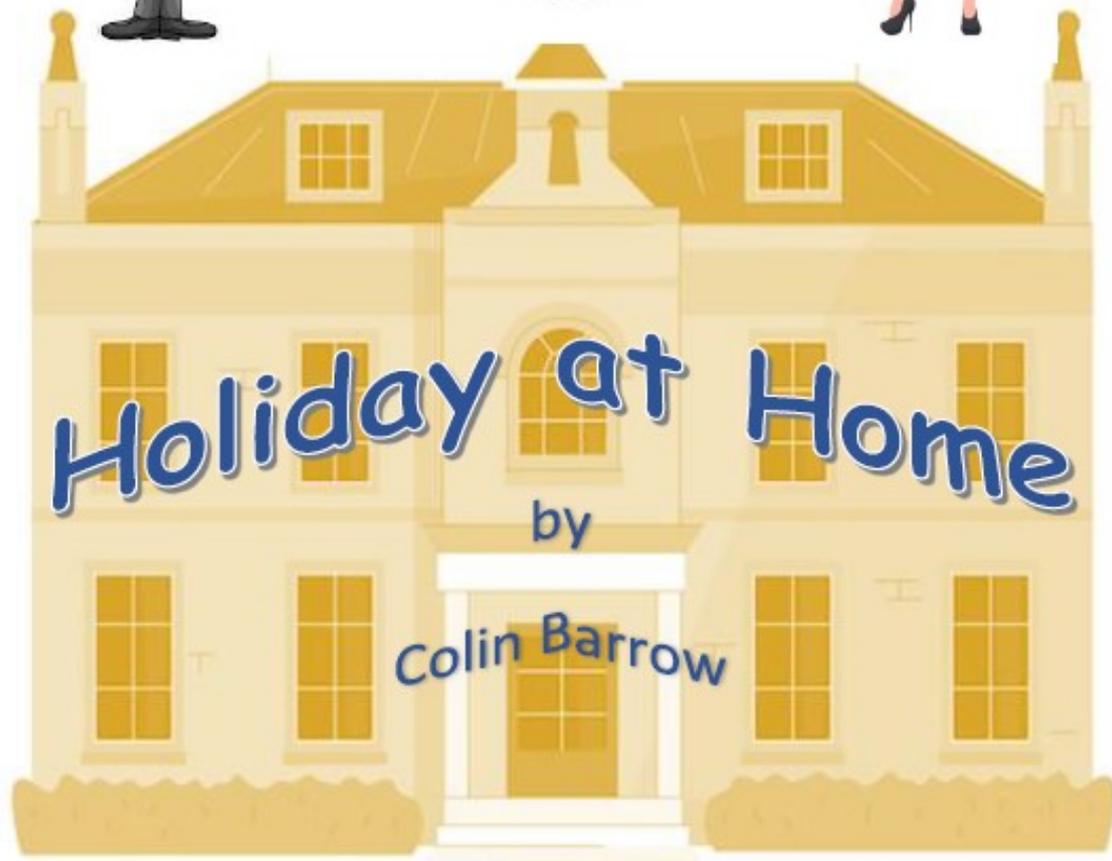
*It has been a great half-term with many achievements and we're looking forward to learning all about the Anglo-Saxons next half term.*

*Written by HP, LM, IB, JS and LH*

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# *Your Good Health*

by Dr Ian Nisbet

Another deadline for the monthly article is upon us and, unusually, I am stuck for any idea of a topic to discuss. As they say, our world seems to be going to H\*ll in a handcart or, as Mum used to say, “Going to Pot”. It is easy to be overwhelmed by the war in Ukraine and the possible future ramifications, the financial chaos which is going on in the UK and also in the rest of the world, the increasing amount of knife crime, the fact that our teachers are at their wits’ ends trying to cope with difficult pupils within their class without adequate resources – they can see the “normal” kids’ education suffering as a result. Enough! Grandma had two sayings “If you can’t think of anything nice to say about someone, say nothing” and, more pertinent to the current discussion, “Count your blessings”.

Although Management and I have suffered medical problems over the past few years, we have both been under good control for 4 years now and I need no medication. The pension is good, our new house is warm and dry, the tiles do not blow off the roof, lumps of wall do not fall down when it freezes, there is no wood to paint and all our lamps (colloquially and incorrectly known as light bulbs) are LED. Our gas and electricity charges are fixed until November 2023 (one of my best decisions a few months ago) and the new garden is manageable. The land drain I installed is working well and we still have a profusion of colours in both the front and back gardens. My cunning plan to fill the garden with perennials is working really well and we have not yet had a frost. The lawn is green, weed free and I am hammering the moss

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with sulphate of iron so we are under control. The palm tree has grown from 6ft to 20ft and I am trying to work out what to do with the three "babies" growing at its base. Any ideas gratefully received.

The new car, a SEAT Alhambra, bought at 18 months old with 1,600 miles on the clock, is identical in every way to a VW Sharan, with seven seats which fold down to produce a van. It has no integral spare wheel so I have bought one which lives neatly in the back of the car just in case. We are delighted with the car. It has a "coasting" function where you lift your foot off the throttle, the revs drop to 800 and, on the flat or down a slight hill, the car keeps going at 200 miles per gallon. Using this function, I have increased our overall mpg from 35 to 58mpg. It makes for interesting long journeys as we both watch the screen to see how we are doing. Hey Ho! Well, that feels better. Let's continue with a few jokes.

A long time ago, a wealthy man was having an affair with an Italian woman. One night, during one of their rendezvous, she confided in him that she

was pregnant. Not wanting to ruin his reputation or his marriage, he paid her a large sum of money if she would go to Italy to have the child. If she stayed in Italy, he would also provide child support until the child turned 18. She agreed, though she wondered how he would know when the baby was born. To keep it discrete, he told her to mail him a postcard, and write "Spaghetti" on the back. He would then arrange for child support. One day, about 9 months later, he came home to his confused wife. "Honey," she said, "you received a very strange postcard today." "Oh, just give it to me and I'll explain it later," he said. The wife handed the card over and watched as her husband read the card... then promptly turned white and fainted. Alarmed, she picked up the card on the floor and read aloud: "Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti. Two with meatballs, one without."

Grandpa was celebrating his 100th birthday and everybody complimented him on how athletic and well-preserved he appeared. "Gentlemen, I will tell you the secret of my

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success," he cackled. "I have been in the open air day after day for some 75 years now." The celebrants were impressed and asked how he managed to keep up his rigorous fitness regime. He replied, "Well, you see my wife and I have married 75 years ago. On our wedding night, we made a solemn pledge. "Whenever we had a fight, the one who was proved wrong would go outside and take a walk."

A female researcher was writing a thesis about the effects of long army service and sexual function. In one of her first meetings with war veterans she posed a somewhat delicate question. "Can you please tell me, and don't be shy, when was the last time you had intercourse?" Most of them

mumbled some embarrassed reply. Only one man, a general, stood tall and said "1956 ma'am." The woman, taken back by this answer said "1956?! That long?!" "Yes ma'am." The woman felt terrible for the general, who was actually a good-looking gentleman and decided to break his long dry streak herself. She invited him to her apartment for dinner after the meeting. He agreed, and after a nice meal, the two spent a very passionate hour. Afterwards, exhausted, the woman cuddled up to the army general and whispered: "Well, you sure haven't forgotten anything since 1956..." The general looked at her confused and said: "Well I sure hope not. It's only 2330 now!" Best wishes to you all.  
Ian Nisbet

## **METHWOLD SPIRITUALIST SERVICES**

Are now taking over from Northwold Spiritualist Church Meetings. Our sincere thanks to Faye for her many years of running these services for the community.

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## LATEST CONSUMER ALERTS AND TRADING STANDARDS NEWS

### **Scam Alert – WhatsApp ‘family member’ scam messages**

As a result of a report from a Norfolk resident this week, we are alerting mobile phone users to be aware of WhatsApp messages where scammers attempt to impersonate family members in an attempt to steal money.

The message will often start “Hi Mum, I dropped my phone”. The message continues, “Please use this new number and delete the old one from your contacts”, or something similar.

After several innocent type messages such as “hugs” etc, the sender will highlight a problem such as a broken item and that needs money to be transferred for fixing or for an urgent bill to be paid.

Our advice if you receive a message like this, always be suspicious, especially if a request for money is involved, and try and contact the person who the message claims to be from via another known number or method.

### **Scam Alert – Energy saving texts received claiming to be from “gov.uk”**

We are warning residents about texts circulating regarding ‘energy rebates’ claiming to be from the government website – gov.uk.

The text claims that responders will get a £400 rebate for energy bills, the link contained with the text takes you to a gov.uk looking website which then asks you to enter a myriad of personal details.

Our advice is to always be very wary of any unsolicited texts no matter how familiar you think you know the source, never give, or confirm any personal or financial details via a personally unknown sender. Take those usual simple checks to enable you to discover whether the a text is genuine or not.

### **Scam Alert –Fake SMS messages from Facebook marketplace**

We have received a report this week from a resident after receiving a message suggesting it was linked to seller on Facebook marketplace. The message asked for payment for goods however our consumer noted that the logo on the link to the bank looked different for what they know.

These messages are sent by hackers hoping to trick people into clicking on a link which will take them to bogus versions of genuine bank websites which will attempt to gather personal and financial details.

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### **Scam Alert – Emails claiming to be from PayPal**

We are warning residents about fake PayPal emails after a receiving a report of a resident receiving an email alleging to be from PayPal which advised them to open a crypto currency account.

PayPal provide useful information on common email scams and advice on how to avoid them. [View the PayPal information on common email scams online.](#)

What you need to do?

- Sellers beware: If you're selling items on an online marketplace, such as eBay, be aware of the warning signs that your buyer is a scammer. Don't be persuaded into sending anything until you can verify you've received the payment
- Scam messages: Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial details
- Listen to your instincts: If something feels wrong then it is usually right to question it

If you have been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, you can [report it to Action Fraud online](#) or by calling **0300 123 2040**. You can also report it to us via our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on **0808 223 113**.

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# Santa is coming to town

## Christmas Sleigh Timetable

1st Feltwell Scout Groups' Annual Christmas Sleigh will be visiting Feltwell village with Santa on the following dates.

**PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DONATION.**

All donations are used to support the village scout group & the children that attend. Any monies will be gratefully received by the elf collectors who wear tabards with the 'Scout Logo' on & will call on the night published - unless severe weather conditions prevail.

**Santa's Present Delivery Service** - Have Santa deliver a present to someone special (children or adults). Due to time factors, presents need to be collected from the sleigh. Cost is £5 per delivery with a maximum of **3** gifts per stop (extra presents can be delivered at the same time for £2 per gift).

Please drop presents off at Claire Scarff's - 67, Nightingale Lane, Feltwell. IP26 4AR by 12 noon the day before delivery day. This year we would like you to include an information note with your gift/s.

We are only asking for this information to make the experience for the recipient more special however, if you'd rather not include all this info, that's fine. You can just write everything on a piece of paper. but please do not attach it to the gift.

RECIPIENTS NAME; AGE &/OR DATE OF BIRTH (not needed if an adult); GENDER; INTERESTS/HOBBIES;  
ANYTHING NEW THAT THE RECIPIENT HAS STARTED (like Beavers/Cubs/football etc.); ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU'D LIKE SANTA TO KNOW ABOUT (older brothers/sisters, been working on a project for school/work etc.)

Please ensure presents are well wrapped and clearly marked with the recipients name, address & the delivery day.

**Each evening we will start at approximately 5.30pm & are usually finished by 8.30pm - apologies if it is a little later**  
*All timings are approximate*



**Tuesday 6th Dec.** - PRESENTS MUST BE AT CLAIRE'S BY 12 NOON ON MON 5th ALONG WITH PAYMENT & INFO FORM WILTON ROAD; BANHAM WALK (due to turning difficulties we will stop at the entrance); CLOUGH DRIVE; NIGHTINGALE LANE (should be there about 6.15pm); FAIRFIELD WAY; FAIR CLOSE; ST. JOHN'S WAY; EDMUND MOUNDEFORD ROAD (due to turning difficulties, we will stop at the entrance); UPCHER CLOSE (should be there by about 7.15pm); the rest of WILTON ROAD; BELL STREET; NEWCOMBE DRIVE; FALCON ROAD; ST. MARYS STREET; Front of HALL DRIVE & houses opposite; MULBERRY CLOSE; HIGH STREET.

**Wednesday 7th Dec.** - PRESENTS MUST BE AT CLAIRE'S BY 12 NOON ON TUE 6th ALONG WITH PAYMENT & INFO FORM LONG LANE; WESTERN CLOSE; MOATSIDE; ARCHERS AVENUE (should be there by about 6.30pm); SPARKES WAY & CAMP CLOSE (due to turning difficulties, we will stop at the entrance); CURTIS DRIVE (due to turning difficulties we will reverse down as far as we can); HEReward WAY; PORTAL CLOSE (should be there by about 7pm); SHORT LANE; LIME KILN LANE (due to turning difficulties, we will stop at the Social Club) (should be there by about 7.30pm); VINCENT CLOSE (due to turning difficulties we will reverse down as far as we can); PAYNES LANE; CRABBES CLOSE (due to turning difficulties we will reverse down as far as we can); the rest of PAYNES LANE.

**Friday 9th Dec.** - PRESENTS MUST BE AT CLAIRE'S BY 12 NOON ON THU 8th ALONG WITH PAYMENT & INFO FORM SHORT BECK; HILL STREET, THE BECK; OLD SCHOOL CLOSE; the rest of THE BECK; NEW HALL FARM (due to turning difficulties, we will stop at the entrance); OLD METHWOLD ROAD (should be there by about 6.30pm); MUNSONS LANE; MUNSONS PLACE; the rest of MUNSONS LANE; RAWLINGS WAY; LAMBERTS CLOSE; ST. NICHOLAS DRIVE; OAK STREET; ADDISONS CLOSE (should be there by about 7.30pm) (due to turning difficulties we apologise if we are unable to get down each road); LODGE ROAD; EAST HALL.

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Thank you & a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
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Charlie										
Kieran										
Harold										
Leo										
Pip										
Handlebar										
Walrus										
Cowboy										
Pencil										
Chevron										

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.  
*The solution is on p63*

1. Charlie didn't have a Walrus or a Handlebar style moustache.
2. Pip raised £30 more than the Pencil Moustache, he raised £15 less than Charlie.
3. The person who raised £160 wasn't Harold, and they didn't have a Walrus moustache.
4. The Handlebar Moustache raised more money than Kieran's Chevron, it didn't belong to Harold or Leo.
5. The Handlebar, The Pencil, The Person who raised £175, The Person who raised £145 & Leo are all different people.

### ST. MARY'S, FELTWELL

#### The Aisle Project.

As I write we are well on our way with the installation of a loo and kitchen in church. Unfortunately the carpenter may not have the wooden "pod" for the loo completed in time for Christmas but it will happen just as soon as possible. We can't wait!!!



A huge thank you goes to everyone who has worked towards

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The speaker for our October 2022 meeting was Tony Fitzjohn who spoke about the Borneo Confrontation in the early 1960s.

Tony served as a Royal Marine Commando for nearly 12 years, leaving the corps in 1970 with the rank of Colour Sergeant. He served in Aden and the Radfan, in Malaya and Borneo and Singapore.

The Borneo Confrontation emerged and was fuelled by Indonesia and President Sukarno's opposition to the creation of the Federation of Malaysia. The creation of Malaysia was a merger of Malaya, Singapore and the British crown colonies of North Borneo and Sarawak. Now known as Easy Malaysia and the independent state of Singapore.

The precursor to the conflict was the Indonesian backed Brunei Insurrection (December 1962-March 1963) followed by escalation including incursions into British Borneo (April 1963-August 1966) ending with President Sukano being deposed.

The insurrection had been seeded by factions of the Indonesian Army infiltrating activists and political groups and training them in the use of arms so that they could rebel against the Sultan of Brunei. On the 8th December 1962 it began by the seizure of hostages at Limbang and elsewhere. Tony then showed us archive film of 42 Commando Royal Marines ending this initial revolt and freeing the hostages. Unfortunately, five Royal Marines were lost in this action.

The conflict escalated in April 1963 resulting in the return of 40 Commando alongside other units and ended in August 1966 after President Sukano was deposed.

Tony served with 40 Commando from Feb 1964 until August 1966 just five weeks after marrying his wife Sandra, who he had known for only five months and after 58 years they are still together.

He did two tours in Borneo. The first from July 1964 to December 1964 where he oversaw a section of marines and was involved in the death of an insurgent who had killed two people and who was holding his wife hostage.

Tony showed us film from the BBC, first aired in December 1964 of 40

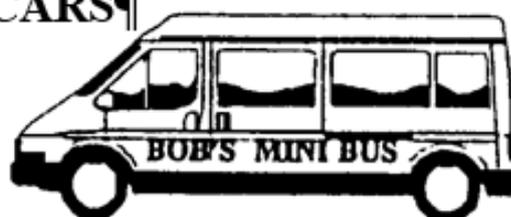
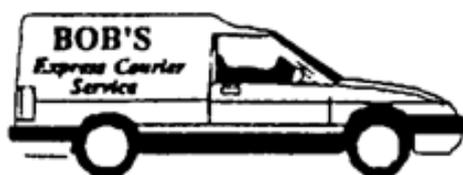
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Commando, carrying out patrols in the dense Indonesian jungle. To say that the conditions were inhospitable is an understatement. (The sight of leeches being burned off skin with cigarette tips is something that will stay with me.)

Tony's second tour was from April 1966 to August 1966 where conflict was very much reduced as the war was nearly its conclusion. But that didn't mean that the conditions in which 40 Commando operated were any easier but the mission was more 'hearts and minds' than previous. After two and a half years in the Far East Tony and family, including his young son Steven, returned to the UK where he took up a posting at the Commando Training School at Lympstone, near Exeter, Devon.

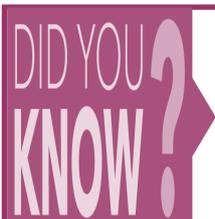
Tony ended his talk by reading this Roll of Honour:

Total killed—248, of which  
British—140 including 17 Royal Marines  
Gurkhas—44  
Australian—23  
New Zealand—12  
Singapore—9  
Malaysian forces—20  
Total Indonesian killed –590.

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

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

Our next meeting will be on **5th November**. Our speaker will be the ever popular Kevin Boardman, this will be his third visit, who will talk to us on a historical topic of his choosing.



**A human skeleton renews itself completely every 10 years.**



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## OLD CODGERS NIGHT

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6.30—10.00pm

Following an assignment he made some years ago to talk to us about his exploits in Antarctica, Steven Parker from Feltwell, paid us another visit to account for the role he played in the handling of the Falklands war, code named operation Black Buck.



Stephen, who spent 23 years in the RAF, was stationed at Marham for 5 years serving as Chief Technician whilst working on Victor Bombers. During his time there, the war broke out and 24 of these bombers were converted into tankers in order to refuel the Waddington based Vulcan (nicknamed the flat iron) which had been chosen to target the Argentine held Port Stanley airport. Steven seemed to have his own rather cynical view about whether this was a wise decision especially when it was revealed that a slide rule bought on Swaffham Market was used to assist with the calculations involved in the planning of the refuelling operations. Eighteen of the converted Victors waiting at Wideawake airport on the RAF Ascension Island were to be juggled in training exercises before the actual assault. Steven, now based there too, gave an account of his own personal problems: breathing (dust); accommodation (tents); manoeuvring aeroplanes (Vulcan's weight so great with cargo, bombs and fuel the wheels sunk into the soft runway).

Steven also gave an account of the part played by other support aircraft. Among them were: Sea Harrier jump jet, Nimrod and Hercules. The latter was another aircraft adapted for tanker duties, but, Steven remarked, 'owing to its speed limitation it needed to adopt an unconventional flying attitude': once connected to its recipient the pair would descend in a shallow dive in order to transfer fuel more efficiently.

At the end of his talk Steven, very modestly, revealed that he and an associate of his, Brian Martin, had written a book entitled 'Marham Tankers'. So impressed was our base Commander, David A, that he suggested our society buy three of these to present to worthy stalwarts of our crew: twenty one strong on the night.

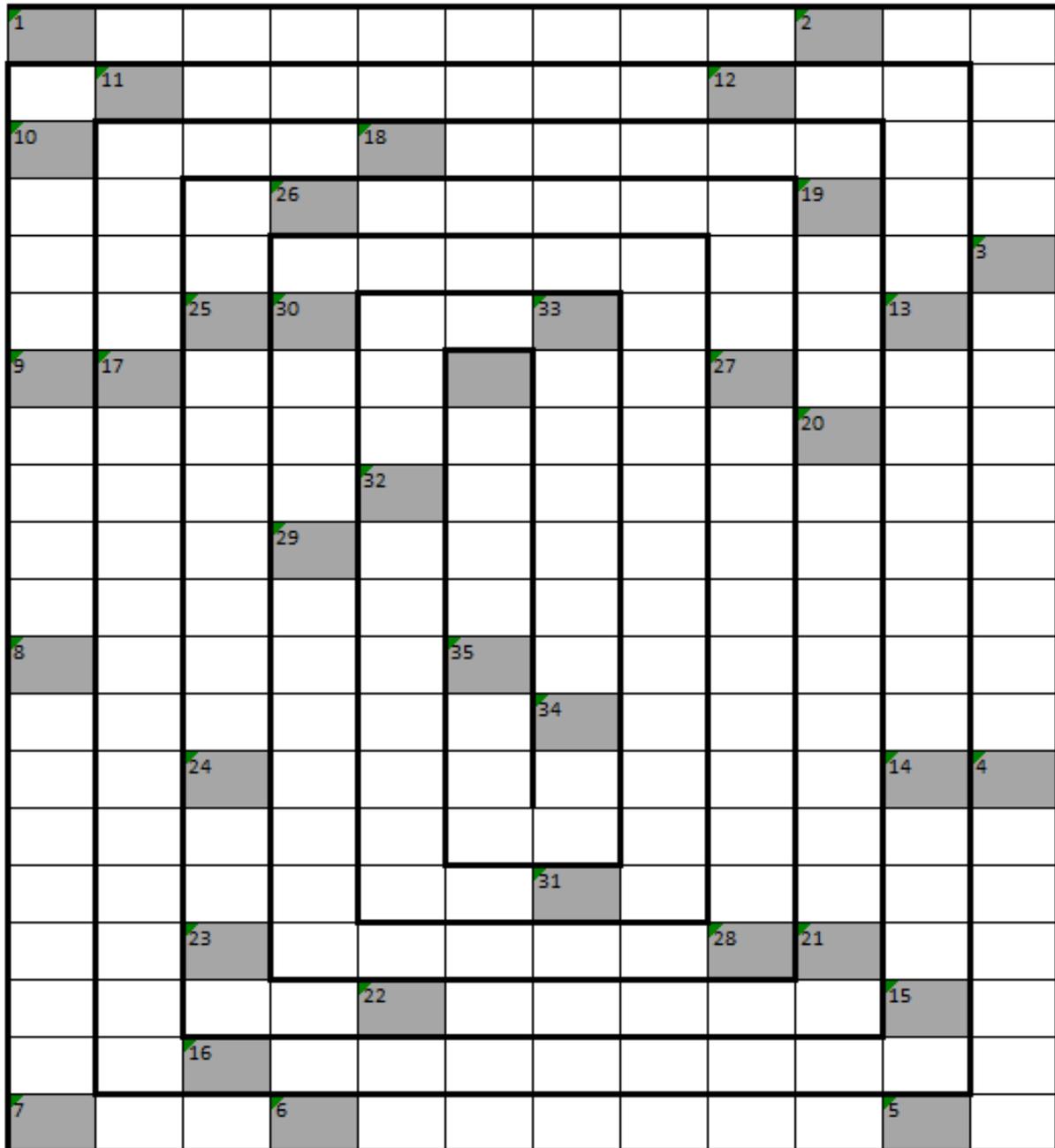
The Speaker Meetings are usually held at the Mundford Bowls Club on the first Tuesday of the Month at 1900hrs. As well, our Commander has organised a morning splinter group meeting at 1100 hrs on the following Friday to chat about fascinating trivia and provide succour to some of our veteran members who find it difficult to attend the speaker meetings in the evening.

Please find here: [www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk](http://www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk) details of WNAS Calendar, Photos, Press Releases, and any changes to the schedule.

Nigel Tooth

## WORD TRAIL NO. 22

*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 FILM: Which Hollywood movie star plays himself in 'Zombieland' (4-6)
- 2 The name of John Lennon's second wife (4-3)
- 3 A healthy fatty acid found in many fish (5-5)
- 4 One of the three particles that make up an atom (8)
- 5 The eleventh month of the year (9)

- 6 MEDICAL: Thoracic bones (4)
- 7 The capital of the Isle of Grenada ( 2-7)
- 8 Which bird is a symbol of 'good luck' (6)
- 9 MUSIC: Which singer sang 'Shape Of My Heart' (5)
- 10 Wander (about) (3)
- 11 Guardian (8)
- 12 Mechanical (7)
- 13 A large conspicuous waterbird (9)
- 14 Adjust slightly (5)
- 15 An edible plant also known as 'Wrinkled Giant Hyssop' (6-4)
- 16 ANIMAL KINGDOM: The slowest animal in the world (5-4-5)
- 17 What nut can you find in the middle of a Ferrero Rocher?
- 18 FILM: The name of Quint's shark hunting boat in 'Jaws'(3-4)
- 19 Vipera Berus is commonly found in grasslands, woodland, heathlands and moorlands, what is its common name (5)
- 20 MEDICAL: The radiological study of the kidneys by using a gamma camera (10)
- 21 Conifer with bright red fruits (3-4)
- 22 A primordial deity and the god of love and attraction (4)
- 23 Crust on a wound (4)
- 24 The first part of something or the start of something (9)
- 25 Metal associated with El Dorado (5)
- 26 Common garden weed (9)
- 27 Continuous (5-6)
- 28 POLITICS: Which British P.M. had the shortest time in office (6-7)
- 29 The colour of the House of Commons seats (5)
- 30 MUSIC: Who sang 'No more What ifs' (7-11)
- 31 31 TV: This satellite TV channel has shown 'The Mandalorian' since 2019 (6-4)
- 32 Planet that has the most Moons (6)
- 33 33 MEDICAL: An inverse agonist opioid used to counter the effects of an overdose on opioids (8)
- 34 Formally agreed to marry, involved in something (7)
- 35 To wish or long for, want (6)

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



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### **Era of change ends for Hugh and Ethel** (1974)

After 36 years of keeping a general store in Feltwell, Hugh Vincent and his wife, Ethel, will close the door on customers for the last time at the end of this month. For them it will be the end of years of happiness, meeting and chatting to customers who came into the small store which stocked just about everything.

Hugh moved into the place in 1938 and since then thousands after thousands of customers have visited the store where they could get everything from cosmetics to shoes, from butter to medicines. "We've tried to provide our customers with all they have asked for but I must admit we have seen a few changes," Hugh explained.

Gone is the old-fashioned general store form of trading. Hugh says it has been replaced by modern supermarkets and a service without any personal contact. Gone too are the days when companies delivered goods to the store. Now, Hugh and Ethel have to fetch them. Perhaps the most significant changes they have seen is the decline in the number of shops in their village.

"We have seen shops come and go. There are less than half the number here now than when we began keeping our shop, yet the population has increased," said Hugh, "the day of the small trader has gone. We have been replaced and taken over by the big businessmen. With all the crisis, with V.A.T., food shortages and things like that I think we may be better off out of the business." Both of them will now enjoy a measure of freedom they have not known before.

Gone will be the days of keeping the shop open until 10pm and being "the store on the corner."

One change which for Ethel which is particularly noticeable is the fact that she and her husband now have to go shopping themselves. "It seems funny walking around the shops," Hugh said. "It's something we're not used to."

The store officially closed in July but since then it has opened a few hours daily to sell up stock.

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**WEDNESDAYS** we're into autumn clearing up of the **Community Garden** - We welcome anyone who wants to share or pick up some tips or just have a chat, or even make us a drink. We're usually there from about 9.30 til 12.

There are many styles of gardening and some people like to buy new spring and summer bulbs and plants each year. This results in the previous year's stock being thrown away.

PLEASE..... if this is your style we would be delighted, even ecstatic to have your old stock. It can be sorted and passed on to the Feltwell in Bloom team for planting around the village to add more colour to our verges. We may even be able to pot them up and share them with people who are unable to grow their own.

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**Thursdays** the local 'wellbeing' group, "**Feltwellbeings**" meets in our Community Hall from 10-12.

**Brownies** meet from 6pm with Tracy as the Brown Owl

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

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Our special guests coming up are

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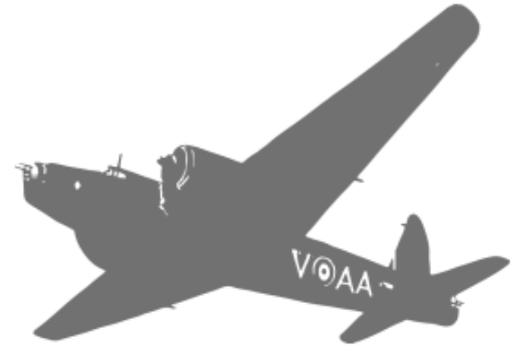
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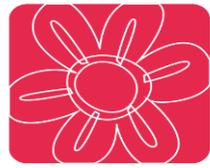
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26TH

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## HELP - HELP - HELP

### PLEASE SPARE YOUR GREY WATER FOR US

Even though it is autumn and winter is closing in on us there is little moisture for the plants so your grey water is still needed. Empty your washing up bowls into buckets and water the plants in your garden or in our beds.

We've created some colour on some of our grass verges.

Many of them are 'perennials' so will survive through the winter (we hope) and give us colour again each year, so please help us keep them alive.

We will need to get more plants to keep us blooming through the autumn, winter and spring months.

- 1 We have bought four self-watering large plant tubs with funding from Warren Energy Community Fund. Two of them are at the entrance to Newcombe Drive and will be planted with the favourite roses of our dear late Queen Elizabeth II.
- 2 We also need willing helpers to tend the plots by soaking them when the weather is dry. If you have a watering can, you'll be invaluable to us. Even a bottle of water or a washing up bowl will be welcomed by the thirsty plants.
- 3 We have planted natural English wild daffodils at the four entrances to the village, so look out for the flowers in the New Year.
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Towards the end of last month we saw a rise in shed/barn breaks with tools being taken alongside a couple of quadbikes. Please review your security around such buildings, remember make it as difficult as possible. Consider putting lawnmowers, quadbikes and large tools behind objects that cannot be moved quietly. Another simple idea is to chain all your larger tools and equipment together makes them much harder to remove and noisy to remove, possibly alerting to you to a theft

Also consider audible shed alarms which are a very affordable deterrent too. For those who store agro chemicals, we had two thefts from farm chemical stores again, please review security and who has access to these stores. The chemical that seems to have been targeted is Glyphosphate (weed killer) so if anyone is offered any quantities of this from an unknown source please let us know immediately

## PEST AND PREDATOR CONTROL—TRAPS

Predator and pest control is an important part of managing our wildlife and countryside. It is vital that any methods employed are legal and humane. We have recently seen a number of traps that should not be set at all or are set incorrectly which could cause harm to untargeted species or suffering to species targeted.

All traps must be legal to be set, set in a manner to target correct species and not cause suffering. If this is not the case you could be liable to prosecution.

Essentially any spring traps must be approved under the Spring Trap Approval Order (STOA) 2018 which can be found in the link below listing all legal traps and what species they can be used for, and how they must be set:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/1190/made>.

Most traps we see are perfectly legal and set correctly so gamekeepers, farmers, land owners, pest controllers and many more are doing a great job

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## WILDLIFE/ANIMAL INVESTIGATIONS

It is disappointing to have to report that at the beginning of September a member of the public reported a dead otter had been killed in a trap near Bressingham/Fersfield which is close to Diss in South Norfolk.

When officers attended, we found what we believe to be an illegal trap which had been set alongside some other traps set incorrectly. We are now working with some experts to fully ascertain the circumstances of this incident and will provide further information in due course.

Otters are a protected species both under Wildlife and Countryside Act and also Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. In summary you cannot kill, trap or disturb otters. There are some very strict conditions that can be met for some individuals to be given a licence to capture an otter to be released elsewhere but these are very uncommon.

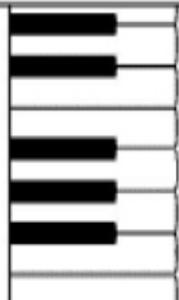
Otters were almost extinct in the UK in the 1970s, however the work of the Otter Trust in the 80s and 90s saw the endangered species saved from extinction and doing really well the East of the UK. Norfolk also has a claim to fame in the history of the Otter Trust and the success of rescuing the species with the Otter Trust setting up at the time largest collection of otters and its headquarters in Earsham, Norfolk. This site was closed many years ago after the success of the project it was deemed no longer needed, the Otter Trust however continue to do their fantastic work and their old site is also being used for conservation work again.

I have been assisting with a job in the North Norfolk area whereby a building was being demolished which had a single bat roosting within, we have now interviewed the suspect in this matter and are preparing the file for its final outcome.

We have also started making enquiries around a couple of buildings in West Norfolk after locals become concerned with works being conducted within these buildings.

It is essential if you plan to do any renovation work, especially around roofs and attics or in old outside sheds/barns etc. that it is properly checked and correct ecology surveys conducted.

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## **FUEL BOWSER THEFT INCREASE - SECURE YOUR FUEL**

Over the past couple of weeks we have seen a couple of incidents of theft from building sites or site compounds in various locations. In particular, white diesel being targeted with bowser being taken alongside tools.

We are asking owners to consider the security around these items of plant by securing them as best as possible and increasing security around the site's. Some points to consider are;

- Can you immobilise the bowser (wheel removal or use of a wheel)
- Place the bowser behind heavy hard to move objects
- Consider the use of tracking devices
- Install a trailer lock
- Mark the bowser up overtly and covertly to assist in recovery
- Have a record of serial numbers should the worst happen
- Consider lighting and CCTV options

We are also appealing to members of public who see movement on such sites during the hours of darkness and it doesn't look right to contact us immediately. With the nights pulling in most building sites do not operate during darkness for safety reasons any lights or movement on such properties is unlikely to be legitimate

## **AVIAN FLU**

Sadly, we have not seen the end of bird flu we had hoped for during the Summer months, many will have seen the shocking sites of huge amounts of dead sea birds in the north and we didn't escape it along our coast.

Unfortunately, we are now starting to see a number of outbreaks within commercial flocks across the county as are neighbouring counties, we are nowhere near the peak 'bird flu season' yet which is a real concern.

Currently there is no housing orders in place, relevant agencies are meeting regularly to discuss any steps which may be needed as we go through Winter. Any keepers of poultry should be trying to exclude wild birds from mixing with domesticated poultry, also take sensible bio security steps with visitors to your premises.

Avian Flu (bird flu) is a notifiable disease and if you believe your poultry have got or died from it you must report it immediately to Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301 failure to do so is an offence.

We know that the disease is circulating in our wild bird population and also potential in pheasants too.

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DO NOT TOUCH any dead or visibly sick birds that you find, whilst the risk to humans is very low there is an increased risk from handling infected birds, same for domestic animals like cats or dogs.

## WHAT HAPPENED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IN OCTOBER

Many of our arable farmers made the most of the drier days in between the much-needed rain in getting next Summer's cereal crops in the ground. Many have delayed doing this as the seed would just not have germinated and grown well enough in drought conditions.

Norfolk is also a key area for sugar beet and we saw that begin to be lifted. The Bury St Edmunds and Cantley factories opened on the 5 October and 20 October respectively. This was a few weeks later than normal in an attempt to give the plant a chance to recover from the Summer drought and improve the sugar yield. There also needs to be some moisture in the ground to lift the beet safely.

This brought the classic muddy winter roads, most farmers do their best in clearing up this 'by product' of farming and I am appealing to all to drive to the conditions, drive to arrive. If there is some mud on the road, slow down a little as it will affect handling and breaking, pay attention to signs and give the farmers a chance to clear up before calling us. If, of course, it is so dangerous then do let us know and we will make enquiries.

On the livestock farms many began preparing for bringing stock in for the winter months but hoped to get as much as possible out of the grass outside as winter feed stock are likely to be lower than normal due to our drought conditions. Housing livestock for their welfare during winter months is an expensive necessity for most, particularly cattle. Feed and bedding do not come cheap and never



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more so than this year.

Most sheep remain outdoors until lambing in the spring normally, however many will be preparing them for tugging season (mating), its essential that not only the male sheep (tup or ram) is in top condition ahead of going in with the ewes as he is likely be asked to cover 30+ ewes very quickly. The ewes themselves also need to be in top condition to carry the lambs through the winter months. Some early lambing flocks will have already started tugging traditionally you put the tup in on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November for lambs to be born on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April however, with modern markets requiring lamb all year round some flocks have moved to earlier lambing making the product available for a longer period of time. You also tend to find pedigree pure bred sheep are lambed earlier, so they are much bigger for the show season which starts at the end of May.

As for our wildlife most, if not all of our Summer visitors are long gone to warmer climates. That said, we still had some migratory birds that visit us from the North for a less harsh winter. These include many Geese, one of our most prolific species that appears is the Pink-Footed Geese. It arrives from Iceland and Greenland to spend winter here in better feeding grounds. I am yet to see any in Norfolk but they have been seen further north along the coast, so I don't expect it to be much longer before we see them down here.

October was also a fantastic time to be getting out into our woodlands, as the leaves start to change colour carpeting the ground in an incredible crunchy carpet which never gets boring walking through. You would also have seen some colourful mushrooms popping up. Many of our hibernating species or ones that slow down during winter will be building reserves up and collecting the nuts. Robins returned to our gardens looking for that worm you turn over alongside the blackbirds as their more natural food sources run out.

October also signalled a mad rush to the orchards to collect up all the apples and pears, however its been reported some were already harvested in September again due to our freak Summer weather. Some have reported apples tasting incredibly sweet because of the sun they received so we can enjoy that over the long winter months!

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## YESTERDAY'S MEMORIES

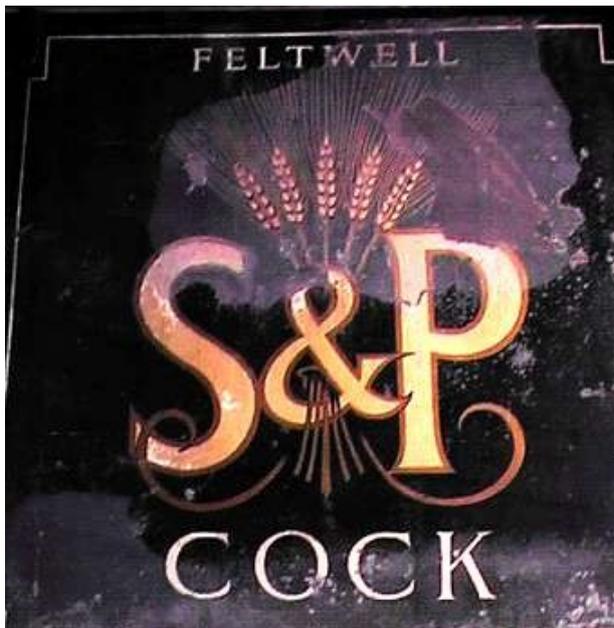
*Reminiscences by Mr A. J. 'Pip'  
Orange Part 4*

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

Now and again we had the pleasure of watching the horses and other animals at a travelling circus - the last one I remember in Feltwell was held on the meadow of the (now demolished) Cock Inn where we lads used to feast ourselves on the fruit of a 500 year old mulberry tree.



The Cock was knocked down to make way for Mulberry Close which took its name from the Mulberry Tree in the grounds of the Inn. Above: Children watch the Inn being demolished in 1964.



S&P stands for Steward and Patterson, the brewery that owned the Cock.

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***More memories from the past next month.***

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## FELTWELL'S WW2 WAR HEROES NO. 4

*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:*

### **P.T. Lawrence. Royal Norfolk Regt.**

Recorded on the Feltwell War Memorial as P.T. Lawrence, Royal Norfolk Regt.

Recorded on the Roll of Honour in the church as P. Lawrence

Private LAWRENCE, PETER THOMAS

Service Number:..... 14848599

Died:..... 23/07/1945

Unit:.....Royal Norfolk Regiment

Son of Thomas William and Rose Ellen Lawrence, of Feltwell.

Buried at FELTWELL (ST. NICHOLAS) CHURCHYARD

CWGC: [www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2763604/lawrence,-pet...](http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2763604/lawrence,-pet...)

There is a family headstone in the churchyard of St Nicholas, Feltwell, although it is very difficult to make out the inscription. I believe it reads:-

*.....In Loving Memory of.....*  
*ROSE ELLE wife of | PETER THOMAS their son*  
*THOMAS WILLIAM LAWRENCE | Royal Norfolk Regt*  
*Died May 16 1940 | accidentally killed by a mine*  
*Aged 47 years | at Winterton Beach*  
*| July 23 1945*  
*| Aged 18 years*



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The Army Roll of Honour 1939-1945 records that Private 14848599 Peter T Lawrence died on the 23rd July 1945 whilst serving in the United Kingdom with The Royal Norfolk Regiment.

### **Birth and family**

The birth of a Peter T. Lawrence was registered with the Civil Authorities in the Thetford District in the July to September quarter, (Q3), of 1926. His mothers' maiden name was Swain.

The most likely marriage of his parents was recorded in the Whittlesey District of Cambridgeshire in the October to December quarter, (Q4), of 1924. This was when a Thomas W Lawrence married a Rose E Swain.

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 no other likely matches for children of Thomas and Rose unless they moved to the Midlands.

### **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

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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.

The parents of Peter are probably part of the household recorded at 5 Council Houses in the Downham Rural District Council area. The complete household is:-

- 1: Lawrence, Thomas S, Married, born 14th November 1891, a General Labourer
- 2: Lawrence, Rose E, Married, born 18th September 1892, Unpaid domestic duties
- 3: This record is officially closed.
- 4: Swain, John H, Widowed, born 14th July 1863, Retired.

#### **On the day**

In the British Army Casualty List Private 14848599 P.T. Lawrence is recorded as accidentally killed on the 23rd July 1945 whilst serving on the Home Front with the Royal Norfolk Regiment.

The death of a Peter T Lawrence, aged 18, was recorded in the Acle District of Norfolk in the July to September quarter, (Q3), of 1945.



## **Festival of Light**

**26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November.**

**We would be grateful of donations of prizes for both the Christmas hamper raffle and for the children's tombola, also mince pies and or cake for the refreshments stall.**

**Please contact me if you can help in any way.**

**Thank you in advance, Chris (Churchwarden)**

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# WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search is on **BREEDS OF DOG**. 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 72*

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- BEAGLE
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- BLOOD HOUND
- BOXER
- COLLIE
- DACHSHUND
- DALMATIAN
- DINGO
- FOX HOUND
- GERMAN SHEPHERD
- GREAT DANE
- GREYHOUND
- HARRIER
- JINDO
- MALTESE PAPILLON
- POODLE
- PUG
- SAPSALI
- SPITZ
- TOSA INU
- VISLA

## NEWS FROM THE LEGION

Not a great deal happened at the branch in September. We had our normal meeting on the third Tuesday of the month (14/9/2022) crib then restarted on the 26<sup>th</sup> due our sovereign's funeral, likewise our coffee morning was also cancelled. Then in October we were back to some sort of reality. The branch meeting which was our AGM took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> Oct when we elected a new chairman and committee in place for the next Legion year. The crib is going steady with a regular 12 people in attendance. The coffee morning for Oct took place on the 12<sup>th</sup> with a good turnout. Thank you to all those that attended. The old saying still stands "There is always room for more"

This coming month (Nov) the act of remembrance will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> (Friday) at the memorial commencing at 10.55am. This will consist of the last post, Exhortation, 2-minute silence followed by the Kohima. Everyone is welcome.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> (Sun) there will be the small service at the sword of peace (war graves) at St Nicholas. The parade will then form up at the on the Chequers car park for the march to the war memorial for the act of remembrance and wreath laying followed by the service in the main church (St Mary's) All the timings will be sorted when we have our briefing from the vicar.

The poppy appeal launch was at the end of October. Mary will be doing her normal thing in getting the wreaths and poppy boxes out.

All the normal things will be happening, crib, carpet bowls (Thursday morning and evening) coffee morning (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)  
The other thing that is happening is our **"QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 7.30pm.** John Linkin

## MOVEMBER LOGISTICAL SOLUTION

Charlie	£175	Cowboy
Kieran	£145	Chevron
Harold	£130	Pencil
Leo	£190	Walrus
Pip	£160	Handlebar

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



Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Service of the Word	9.15am 11am	Feltwell Hockwold
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 	Service of Remembrance	10.45am	Feltwell
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Benefice Eucharist	10am	Southery
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Benefice Eucharist	10am	Feltwell

Morning Prayer or Eucharist 9.30am every Tuesday  
St James, Hockwold.

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quietness, somewhere to reflect, think or pray,  
or indeed just to admire the building or avoid a  
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still ask for masks to be worn in church and for hand sanitising  
to continue. We hope you understand that this is in an attempt  
to continue to keep everyone safe.



## FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB



The indoor season is well underway with mixed results at the moment.

A Special General Meeting was held on Thursday 6th October to discuss various matters:

1. The way forward and members. 2. A new Chairman as the present chairman reported at the last AGM this would be his last year as chairman. 3. The Vice-chairman also wished to finish. 4. Date of this year's AGM. 5. Next Quiz night and coffee morning.

All present unanimously voted to carry on with a suggestion we have a Facebook and WhatsApp page linked to the village one. Two members indicated they would be willing to serve as Chairman. They will need to be proposed and voted at the AGM.

The AGM was proposed for Thursday 3rd November at 7-00pm.

The Quiz night will be the second Saturday in November, November 12th 7-00pm for 7-30pm.

The coffee morning the last Saturday in November, November 26th starting at 10-30.

### **FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB QUIZ NIGHT**

Saturday 26th November doors open 7-00pm for a start at 7-30pm

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

There will be a raffle and prize for the winning team.

Call Max on 01842 827511 to book a team of 4 or more, if you do not have a 4 we can arrange a team to join. You will be made most welcome.

To be held in the Bowls Club room at the end of the British Legion, enter through the club room entrance at the end of the building.

There is a large off road carpark to the side of the British Legion.

This is a very popular Quiz and enjoyed by all who attend so why not join us, maybe we can interest you in joining the club.

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

*A new friendship is formed but what secrets does the new friend keep?*

*Frederick James has some ideas.*

### **GRANDAD'S STORY**

With their lines in the water, the two new, though unlikely, friends began a relationship that was to last a lifetime for the young lad.

He had been devastated when he had seen his pal off on the train with his suitcase and lunch-box. His days at the pond had been lonely ones, but he had promised his mate, and a promise is a promise, after all.

“I was talkin' to meself, I s'pose. Sorta like talkin' ta me mate, like, but more keepin' meself company, sorta”

“I thought that maybe you were talking to someone, and my coming had scared them off./ I'm sorry if that is what did happen”

Seeing the tear in the young lad's eye, the old-timer quickly changed the subject.

“So, young man, you did say you wanted to know about my tackle. So how long have you had your friend's rods? That was kind of him to let you have them, wasn't it? How are you getting on with them? What did you have before you got these? They are a nice set, and that looks like a a good reel you have there!”

“Cor blimey, so many questions! I's only 'ad 'em a few weeks, 'cos 'e ain't bin gone long, like. I's sorta 'elpin' 'im out I s'pose, lookin' after 'em, like. They's prob'ly a bit posh for me, but I keeps practicin', like 'e showed me afore 'e left. After all, a promise is a promise, ain't it? An' they's better than I had before. Me Dad didn't 'ave the cash ta get me proper stuff, so I 'ad ta manidge wi' an old cane an' a bit a string wot I pinched outa Grandpa's allotment. Good enough fa me, an' I did catch a few wi' it! Mind ya, most of 'em got away, cos I didn't 'ave proper hooks neither! 'Didn't matter, really. It was just good ta 'ave a mate 'ta fish 'an 'ave a chat wi. An' he told me stuff,

an all, an' 'elped me wi me schoolin'. Don't know 'ow I'll get on, now e's off in t'Air Force, an' all that!"

"I'm sure you will do fine at school. You'll just have to try to remember what your friend has told you, and work hard at school. I could help you, if you would like me to?"

"I's more interested in ya tellin' me what Grandpa got up ta, when 'e wouldn't tell us nowt about it. 'e did do ok , didn't 'e? 'e weren't no scaredy-cat, or owt like that, were 'e? Don't matter ta me though. 'e were my grandad, is all!"

"Well, I don't suppose he would mind you knowing what we did, but I do think I should talk to your parents first. Maybe your grandad really didn't want anyone to know. He didn't have anything to be ashamed of, far from it, but I do think I should clear it with them first. If they say yes, you will not be disappointed, young man, take it from me!"

So the two unlikely companions spent the remainder of the day by the pond together, watching their floats bobbing in the breeze blowing across the water. The young lad wondering what his grandad's friend was going to tell him about the war, and the old man smiling to himself at the thought of what the lad was going to discover.

*What secrets will be revealed next month? To find out, make sure you get your copy, on sale 1st December.*

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# **RSPB**

## **Lakenheath Fen**

### **AUTUMN—THE SEASON OF FUNGI**

As the days are shortening and the weather turning colder, I thought it would be a good time to talk about the star of the show in the natural calendar in Autumn; fungi. We all love Spring- watching the trees get their first leaves and garden bulbs pushing up above the ground. All the plants are growing, using nutrients from the soil below and sunshine from the sky above to create new growth. The fresh growth feed small insects which feed larger ones, which feed the birds we love to see in our garden. But no Spring is possible without an Autumn before it; the season when a hidden army of organisms- fungi- set about on a mammoth task of breaking down all of the fallen leaves and branches into soil. In the UK there are over 15,000 species of fungi and they are all around us- in our flowerpots, garden beds and on the woodland floor- wherever there is soil.

Most of us only ever notice fungi when they decide to 'fruit'. In autumn, when the level of nutrients in the soil is highest, fungi celebrate by throwing up fruiting bodies such as mushrooms or toadstools, which ripen and release spores, helping the fungi to reproduce. This portion that we see- the fly agaric toadstool or even the chestnut mushrooms in the supermarket- is only a tiny part of the fungi. The vast majority of the fungus looks nothing like this- it is a network of fine, whitish threads that weave their way through soil. If you have ever disturbed a pile of compost or dug beneath a tree, you may have seen these 'mycelia'- they appear as a powdery white substance that breaks up easily. Although fungi are neither plants nor animals, these mycelia can be most likened to the roots of a plant. They create a huge network for the fungi to use to transport nutrients around.

## WORD TRAIL No. 22—SOLUTION

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Fungi don't just work alone, either- very often they work with plants and there won't be a single tree in a woodland in the world without one or more fungal 'partners' below the soil- it's a relationship that benefits both- the fungus uses it's mycelia to entwine with the trees' roots, passing nutrients broken down from the soil to the tree, exchanging them for sugars made by the tree in photosynthesis. Research into these relationships has revealed some amazing things- such as that the biomass in a healthy mature forest (if you dug it up and weighed it) of the fungi below the soil would exceed that of the hefty trees above ground level.

So, next time you go for an autumn wander and see a toadstool or a bracket fungus- know that you are witnessing a tiny part of this epic but hidden army of organisms that keep our natural environment supplied with nutrients.

Heidi Jones, Visitor Experience Officer, RSPB Lakenheath Fen.



## Events at RSPB Lakenheath Fen

**November - December 2022**

Places for all events need to be booked online- please visit [events.rspb.org.uk/lakenheathfen](https://events.rspb.org.uk/lakenheathfen) to read more and book tickets.

### **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).



## Breckland Branch



With the current financial crisis members of the public are finding it hard to pay for vet fees if their cat becomes ill. We have had calls from owners saying their cat needed treatment which cost several hundred pounds, and they do not have the money. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to pay people's vet fees. We can help with the cost of neutering but not anything else.

When you first get a cat or kitten, once they are neutered and vaccinated, with yearly boosters, you have done all you can to ensure they are kept healthy. It could be several years before they need expensive vet treatment. But once they approach old age and cats of 7 years of age are classed as seniors, that's when things can go wrong. Most cats of that age will need a dental at some time, even if its just a scale and polish of their teeth. They may also need to have teeth removed if they are causing them pain. This could cost as much as £500 if teeth need to be removed. And its the amount of time it takes for the procedure, which costs the money. The longer the cat is under anaesthetic and the longer it takes for the vet to complete the dental, the more it costs. Ignoring the recommendations from your vet for a dental can lead to other problems such as renal failure. And you have a duty of care for your cat – he could have very bad tooth ache, but cats are good at hiding pain.

Pet insurance is one way of ensuring that your vet bills will be covered. For a monthly payment to an insurance company covers you from expensive vet bills. There is an excess, of course, which will increase as the cat gets older, but paying the excess of say £100 - £150 is a lot less than paying £500 if you don't have insurance. You need to make sure you always have at least £100 put by to pay the excess.

You should shop around the pet insurance companies to see where you get the best deal and how much they are prepared to pay out in the event of an accident or an expensive procedure at the vets.

The other alternative is to put money aside every month for your cat so that if you get an expensive vet bill, you have some money saved up especially for that. This is most important if you have an older cat, as that can be when serious health conditions can occur and the vet bills can be expensive.

For help or advice or if you need assistance in the cost of neutering, please call us on 01842 810018.

Rita Thompson.

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE NO. 34

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.



Long Lane looking east towards the Elm Tree on a winters day judging by the lack of leaves. Note the gas lamp on the left and the white house on the right which once belonged to Ernest Chaplin, Blacksmith and purveyor of Lamp Oil (one of 5 forges in Feltwell).



## Hospital Happenings *by Tony Bennett*



*Monthly Ramblings about West Suffolk Hospital*

### **News:**

News this month is partly from outside the hospital. UK nurses are calling a strike ballot over the pay offer they have received and it looks like radiographers will follow suit. There was a small rise in pay back in April, around the same time as pension contributions were increased. When the back pay was received last month it did not cover the increase in pension contributions and many members of staff have received a bill for arrears! Needless to say they are less than impressed.

Most, if not all, of the NHS staff have been offered 3% while teachers are offered 4%. In addition, staff in hospitals will be charged again for car parking from spring 2023 while other public servants get free car parking. Let me have your opinions at [Tony.Bennet@wsh.nhs.uk](mailto:Tony.Bennet@wsh.nhs.uk)

**Estate Works:** Due to the age of the WSH building, engineers are running a programme of inspection, support and repair to the structure. This may result in building noise which you may notice during your visit. The Estate Department have been very good in stopping the work if it seriously affects patient care, one example was a few weeks ago when drilling noise was so bad that communication with patients was impossible. A quick phone call got the work stopped until the end of our list.

### **ARSAC Licence:**

Our site has to have a licence to operate from ARSAC – the Administration of Radioactive Substances Advisory Committee. Although only a committee, their word is law and without a licence we cannot operate. Their latest trick is to demand that we employ a Medical Physics Expert for at least two and a half days a week who must be on site at all times. They say the MPE would carry out routine testing, set the programmes for scans, process the images



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and monitor administration levels. Needless to say, we do all that already. If you ever wondered where your money was being wasted in the NHS, this is a prime example. We have no space for another person; our office barely copes with two. Our staff are all qualified radiographers with additional qualifications in nuclear medicine, post graduate diplomas and two of us with a masters degree. Such overkill is inefficient, expensive and quite unnecessary.

**Covid:**

The numbers have shot up again, 55 inpatients last week with a positive Covid result. These are incidental findings though and at least one positive case had no symptoms whatsoever.



**The Feltwell Society  
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to**

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**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Commencing at 3.00pm**

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redundant church.**

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of OCTOBER 2022 in the British Legion, Long Lane. 10 Councillors attended and 6 members of the public

Wooden bench at the playing field has been vandalised and although it can be temporarily repaired, prices will be obtained for a new recycled plastic bench to replace it, preferably with wheelchair access. Niagri Engineering at Hockwold had kindly replaced the damaged panel in the Teen Shelter free of charge. CIL Infrastructure Funding application for £5521 towards the new slide was successful and a £1000 grant from the National Playing Fields Association had also been awarded. An East Anglian Air Ambulance Clothing Bank has been placed next to the Salvation Army Clothing Bank.

Highways said the quad weed-spraying method was the only cost-effective way of undertaking this task. The Highways Engineer had spoken to the contractor regarding the reckless way the quads were driven who in turn had instructed their operatives to carry out this task in a safe and effective manner. Weed spraying is being reduced to one application next year but a start date has not been confirmed.

Highways are satisfied that the dip in St Mary's Street is only settlement and said the rate at which it is dipping seemed to be slowing down. Grups have been programmed and will be cleared by the Internal Drainage Board this year. Residents are reminded to cut back their greenery to within their boundary line if it is causing an obstruction to pedestrians or vehicles.

Insurance claim for the damaged streetlight at Curtis Drive was successful and supply to the new streetlight will be reconnected 26/10/22. K&M Lighting will be on site prior to that to install the new column and lantern.

A new defibrillator will be purchased with donations from the Feltwell Community Group.

A 12ft Christmas tree will be displayed in St Mary's Churchyard again this year.

CIL Infrastructure Funding will be open again 1/1/23 until 1/2/23. Local voluntary/community groups can contact the Clerk for information on how to apply.

Cllr Martin Storey gave his report from the Borough Council and Norfolk County Council and said most financial support for those in need is being offered via funding ahead of what is going to be a very difficult winter. Details for obtaining support can be found on the NCC website

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Don't forget to join Feltwell Parish Council's Facebook page for regular updates and subscribe to our website <https://feltwellparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the British Legion on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the earlier time of 7.00 pm, all are welcome.

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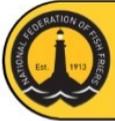
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