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**Plus all our usual puzzles and
much more besides.**



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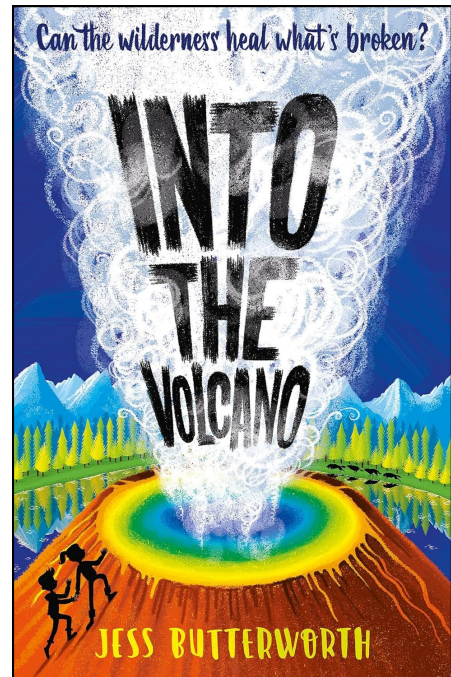
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FROM THE CLASSROOM

Reading

Each class, across the year, has been able to host a reading café and it was Doves turn a few weeks ago. Their reading café linked with their topic and the book 'Into the volcano' by Jess Butterworth. It was a great café with family and friends and the children were able to complete volcanic pictures as well as design their own volcanic scenes using card and paper plates. It was a fantastic opportunity to share a great story and promote the value of books.



"I loved making our volcano explode!" explained JS.

All classes participated in World Book Day, where children had an opportunity to dress as their favourite characters and undertake a whole range of activities linking with books. Did you know that reading 20 minutes a day will expose a child to 1.8 million more words a year?

At Edmund De Moundeford Primary School in the Autumn term we started a race to see which class could achieve the most reading miles, by reading at home. The aim was to complete a tour of the world. This week Doves class won! The very next day Oystercatchers class flew back to Feltwell too. The children are so keen that they have started another lap.

With our final term fast approaching we're looking forward to sharing with you the exciting learning and opportunities that arise next month.

There is lots of useful information about Reading available on the school website. Ed

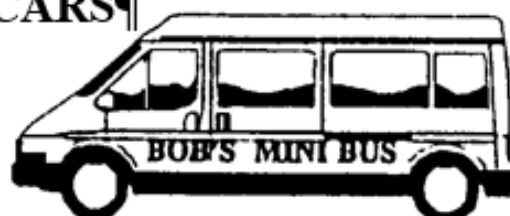
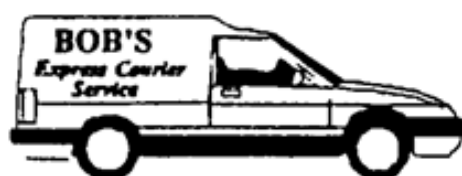
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THE GREAT DRAIN ROBBERY



By Frederick James.

Inspired by a news report from Sept. 2023.

The theft of a large man-hole cover has exposed a deep well in the city centre in Norwich. The Police say that they take all crime seriously, and have assured the public

that they are looking into it.

We do expect the police to take all theft seriously, but man-hole covers? You probably reacted just as I did when I heard that statement, but man-hole covers? We all know that thieves will steal anything that isn't tied down, but to leg it with a heavy lump of cast-iron is no mean feat.

From way back in Victorian times, when cast-iron man-hole covers were seen as a thing of beauty, we now take for granted what some would call works of art! Coming in all shapes and sizes, they silently hint of the mysterious world that lies beneath. A world of darkness below our feet, of which we are unaware, until the night shift of the unworthy has it off with them. Then, all is revealed, both the good and the bad, that are the other side of life as we know it, up here above ground. Suddenly, we are aware of what goes on down there. We can see the pipes that carry our water from reservoir to tap, and the gas to our cookers. We can see the cables that bring power and light to our homes, and the telephone cables that keep us in touch, but what we are most aware of is the sight of what we would prefer to be safely contained beneath that all-important man-hole cover!

It is when the world we take for granted is potently revealed to us, that we really do come to appreciate the service that those discs of heavy cast-iron do on our behalf. Do we really appreciate our man-hole covers, or do we just take them for granted until some ar****le decides to turn them into ready cash with a scrap dealer who doesn't give a ****t! He undeniably does, but obviously doesn't make the clear connection between cause and effect!

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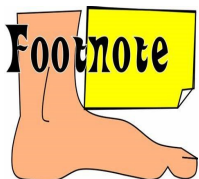
On a serious note, how come man-hole covers are made of a material that can turn a profit for the ungodly? How come there are scrap-dealers nod, nod, wink, wink, that are prepared to accept purloined man-hole covers, despite knowing that somewhere in the country, there are open man-holes, and that the rozzers are looking into them?

A solution? Who knows? We micro-chip our cats and dogs, so why not do the same for our man-hole covers? Then there is Smart Water? A quick splash of that would do the trick, wouldn't it? And finally, a smart idea from your truly-

High-density reinforced concrete plugs!? (With a micro-chip and a splash of smart water) Problem solved! You'd think so, wouldn't you? I forgot to mention RAAC in my solution to the problem! Recent events have proved beyond any doubt that Reinforced, Autoclaved, Aerated Concrete is not the wonder product it was claimed to be in 1929, when the Swedes first introduced the world to Aerobar concrete, and later, in the period fifties to nineties! It was proudly claimed, at the time, to have a projected life-span of around thirty years, too far into the future to concern us then, but now, in 2023, we are only a few years short of the demise of RAAC-constructed buildings erected in the late nineties, and way beyond anything built before that! Anyway, my concrete plug idea still stands, as long as they don't use RAAC!

I feel another letter to the 'anti man-hole cover theft' department at the Met coming on! No, maybe not. They're probably too busy with stuff like broken rear lights to be bothered with a major crime like man-hole cover larceny.

So, I suppose until someone adopts my bright idea, it's going to have to be a case of relying on the police, while they look into the problem.

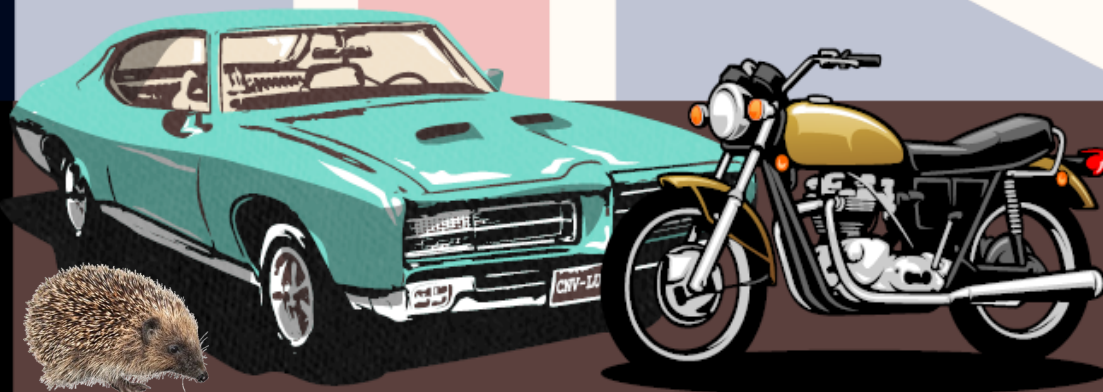


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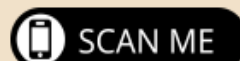
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The year is already rapidly moving on. It is now the time of the year when Feltwell in Bloom begins to think about planting ideas for the coming year. As we have mentioned before, we will be extending the wild garden area to the full one metre width it is meant to be. We left it smaller last year so that we could judge it's impact. So many of you enjoyed seeing it blooming, and let us know this, that we will now put it in at the correct width agreed with the Parish Council.

We hope to continue supporting the Primary School with their gardening projects this year again. We will be increasing the number of tubs we have placed around the village. Could you possibly help with this? We would welcome any donations towards the sponsorship of the tubs. Each tub costs £250. They are special self-watering tubs which help to cut down our work load. Last year The Wellington very kindly donated a tub to FiB. In acknowledgement of this, we put a plaque on the tub, as well as one of our own. Have you seen it? If you would like to advertise your business in this way, please contact me.

We would also appreciate any smaller donations from villagers which would be used to purchase the bulbs and plants to go into the tubs – this can include donations of money or plants. We were also wondering if anyone could volunteer to make us some bird boxes to be placed around the village.

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing a lot of you at the English/American Car Show on May 15th.

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Your Good Health

by Dr Ian Nisbet

Well, here we are. Dank and dark days, standard Midlands weather, rain all the time. Nothing special has happened – the choir is coming along very well and Deannie has still left a massive hole in our lives. Thank God for the family and all my good friends. The garden is full of daffodils and blossom so colour is returning.

I found a couple of jokes which you may enjoy.

From USA: A farmer named Clyde had a tractor accident. In court, the lawyer who was questioning Clyde said, "Didn't you say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine,'?" Clyde responded, "Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favourite cow, Bessie, into the..." "I didn't ask for any details", the lawyer interrupted. "Just answer the question, please. Did you, or did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'" Clyde said, "Well, I had just got Bessie

into the trailer behind the tractor and I was driving down the road...." The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Your Honour, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Highway Patrolman on the scene that he was just fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question. By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Clyde's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favourite cow, Bessie."

Clyde thanked the Judge and proceeded. "Well, as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favourite cow, into the trailer and was driving her down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my John Deer Tractor right in the side. I was thrown into one



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ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurting, real bad and didn't want to move. However, I could hear old Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans. Shortly after the accident a Highway Patrolman came on the scene. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning, so he went over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her fatal condition, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes. Then the Patrolman came across the road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, "How are you feeling?"

"Now tell me, what on earth would you say?"

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I mowed the lawn today, and after doing so, I sat down and had a cold beer. The day was really quite beautiful, and the drink facilitated some deep thinking. My wife walked by and asked me what I was doing and I said, "Nothing". The reason I said "nothing" instead of saying "just thinking" is because she then would have asked, "About what?" At that point I would have had to explain that men are deep

thinkers about various topics, which would lead to other questions. Finally, I pondered an age old question: Is giving birth more painful for a woman than getting kicked in the testicles is for a man?

Women always maintain that giving birth is way more painful than a guy getting kicked in the testicles, but how could they know? Well, after another beer, and some more heavy deductive thinking, I have come up with an answer to that question. Getting kicked in the testicles is more painful than having a baby, and even though I obviously couldn't really know, here is the reason for my conclusion: A year or so after giving birth, a woman will often say, "It might be nice to have another child."

But you never hear a guy say, "You know, I think I would like another kick in the testicles."

Just to avoid confusion - The above joke refers, of course, to biological males and biological females.

Hopefully, Spring is around the corner and all will be well. Take care of yourselves and treasure each other

All good wishes, Ian.



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This follows a report from a resident who received an email that appeared to come from a contact. The initial email asked if it was possible to 'request a favour by email'. When the recipient responded to the that email a further email was received stating that they needed 'help buying a £300 Amazon gift card' for 'a friend who is ill with cancer' and once purchased to 'send the code by email' and money to cover the cost would then be sent in exchange.

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Annette Lawrence

Ken & family would like to thank everyone for their love, cards, flowers and messages of support at the loss of his daughter Annette.



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The Feltwell Fuel Allotment Charity does its best to maintain a list of qualifying recipients but relies heavily on local knowledge. The list is also used by the Trustees of the Atmere and De Moundeford charities who also give winter fuel donations. Last year the three charities issued a combined donation of £100.

If you meet the qualifying criteria and have not received a grant before, please write to our agent: Mr Barry L Hawkins, 15 Lynn Road, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 9NL. Please provide your **name, address, date of birth and the date that you moved into the village.**

Please mark the envelope “Feltwell Fuel Allotment List.”

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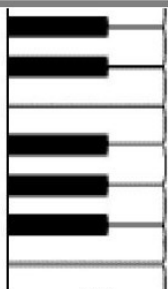
APRIL SHOWERS LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington. The solution is on p62.

	Santon Downham	Ely	Kings Lynn	Mildenhall	14mm	17mm	19mm	22mm	2.5 Hours	3 Hours	4 Hours	4.5 Hours
Monday												
Tuesday												
Wednesday												
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Match the location to the day, duration and quantity of rainfall.

- 19mm of rain fell in 3 hours over Mildenhall.
- The 17mm of rainfall fell earlier in the week than the 22mm.
- It rained for 2 hours longer on Monday than Thursday.
- Ely saw the most rainfall but it rained for less time than in Kings Lynn.
- 14mm of rain was collected on Wednesday.
- More rain fell on Monday in Kings Lynn than in Santon Downham later in the week.



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Memoir for Sylvan Ellwood Weaver Born August 5, 1915.

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Written by Larry Weaver (son of Sylvan's younger brother Armand)

As I write in the first person I, Larry, will type I(S) so you will know it is what Sylvan thought or felt as I imagined he would. When I write things that I am feeling or thinking I will write them as I(L).

Now, as I(S) said before, I didn't record any of this stuff. This is where my nephew comes in. He had the family stories but he didn't have the facts around my soldier life. These were recorded by the Government of Canada on 25 sheets/cards. I(L) had to find them (on the internet - actually you could too) but then interpret the gibberish recorded on them into a story that made sense. They didn't just write down things like: enlisted and went to Brandon. No, they had to complicate it by making it simple! How did they do that? Well I(L) looked (on the internet again) for the Military's book of abbreviations. Yes! A book of 189 pages to be exact! And how simple would it be to read this book? I'll give you an example: D.R.O. - District Recording Officer or Divisional Routing Order or District Routine Orders or Daily Routine Orders. So, you take your pick! Luckily for me (L) I had studied Mandarin Chinese where there is no conjugation of verbs, so you just have to figure out tenses (past, present, future) from context. Most D.R.O.'s refer to Divisional Routing Order.

Before I(L) get into actual training, I'd like to share some of Sylvan's medical and personal history. I don't think he'd mind.

I(S) felt in really good health. In spite of this, I(L) can't figure out why Sylvan was hospitalized 4 times? Twice in the Colonel Belcher in Calgary, once in the University hospital in Edmonton, and once in

Music At The Wellington This April

Saturday

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Friday

12th

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Dan
Star



April's Session On Sunday

14th

3pm

Stoli
Gibson



Saturday

20th

8:30pm

Loose
Change



Saturday

27th

8:30pm

David
Vincent



the Station Hospital. To actually get to the hospital and be enlisted a S.L.T.W. - Special Leave Travel Warrant would need to be issued. I(L.) don't think you'd be transported in military ambulance to Emergency with sirens blaring, just maybe an unceremonious, bumpy ride in an army jeep or those big 5-ton trucks you see. Then according to military recorded abbreviations, you would be S.O.S. that stood for Struck off Strength/discharged from that unit. Then when you entered the hospital you would be enlisted. Then, e.g. if you were discharged from hospital but went back to your military unit/school, you would be T.O.S. i.e. Taken on Strength. Go figure. One of those weird abbreviations was MFB227 that stood for Medical History of an Invalid! Maybe you felt a bit worse for wear after a ride in one of those improvised ambulances? That was a shock to me(L). In one of my(S) letters home in '42 or '43 I(S) said that my operation was okay. So, maybe it was something like appendix or gall bladder? Something that took me two weeks to recover from. Still, not something that would improve in a bumpy ambulance ride! Then again, if the ambulance was anything like Dad's car, it would be going slow enough for wheel barrows to have passed!

I had a few vices contrary to my Mennonite upbringing. The most obvious one was that I smoked. Just 10 cigarettes per day. This bothered me in that it was offensive to my family but it did help me feel more calm and relaxed - safer, especially when we were flying in operations into Holland. It helped me cope with some of the shocks in life like scares, sickness, deaths, secrets (of the military kind) etc. You will see that my(S) folks were sending me 300 cigarettes per week, and Armand was sending 300 soon. This would do me a month at 10/day but I was sharing them with all the Canadians in the squadron. I didn't drink thank goodness, perhaps because it was more offensive even than smoking, plus I couldn't really afford it. I'd have to be an alcoholic to feel good/safe on a continual basis and for sure, the military wouldn't allow that!

To be continued next month.



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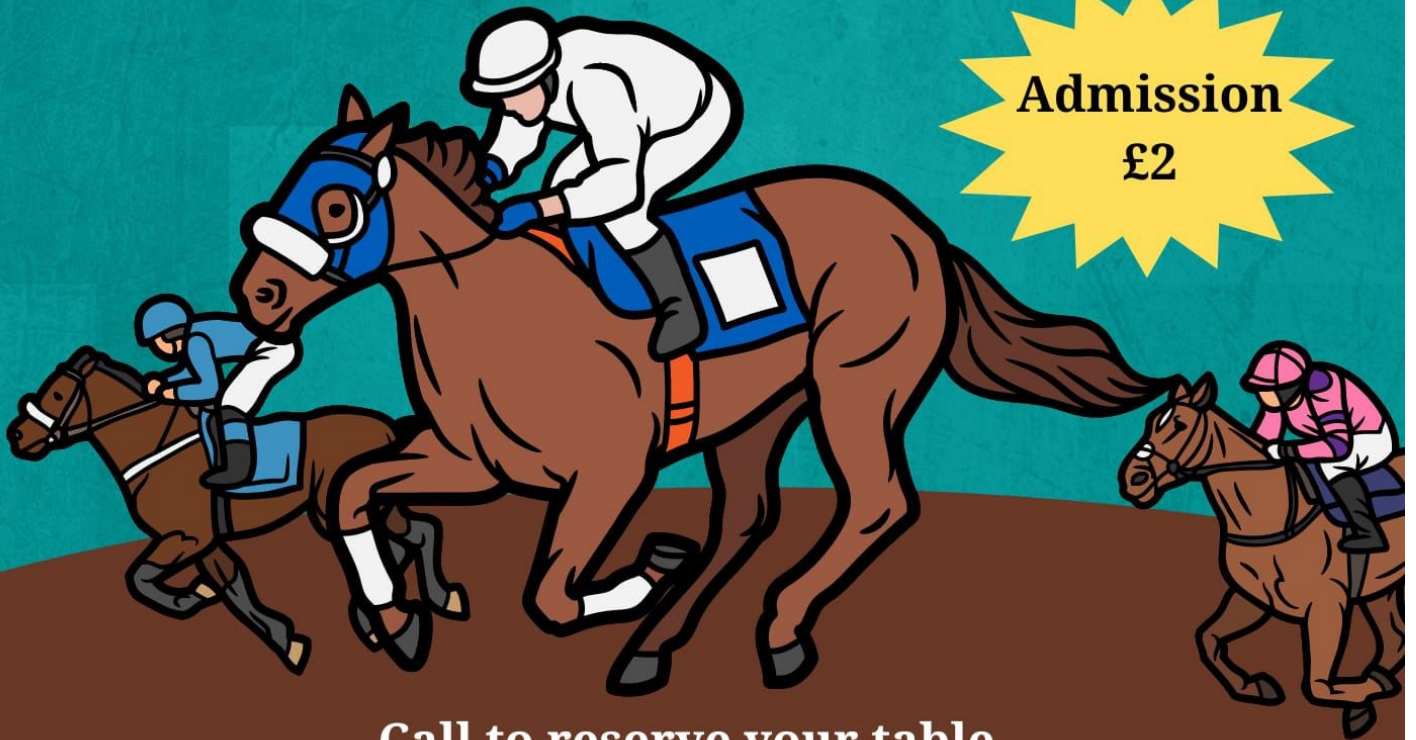
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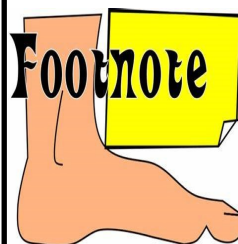
Our speaker for March was Anthony Moore, one of our members who kindly offered to step in when our scheduled speaker was unable to attend. Thank you, Anthony.

Anthony talked about his work with the volunteer police cadets who he took to Romania, then the former Yugoslavia during the civil war and culminating with his involvement with the charity Convoy2000 which he helped to establish.

Anthony was a policeman for most of his working life, rising to the rank of Inspector. He started the volunteer police cadets, a youth organisation similar to the army cadets. The cadets were taken rock climbing, abseiling to name just two of the experiences to which they were introduced.



One session was a talk by a man about his experiences working in a Romanian orphanage. Anthony suggested that the cadets go there and help out. They managed to fill a lorry with humanitarian aid including medical supplies and the youngsters took on various roles such as fund-raising and the booking of hotels. Together with other police volunteers they went in a minibus and met the lorry at their destination stopping occasionally to eat army rations for lunch. The rations were declared “horrible” by the cadets but after three days of eating at the orphanage they were begging for the rations back. Readers may remember the press reports about conditions in the orphanages. The one thing that cannot come across on the small screen is the smell that greeted the cadets.



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The children and staff were given new clothes and uniforms. The children were undersized and slept in cots. The cadets built a new playground for the children who only had a small sandpit.

Some time after their return Anthony watched a programme about children in Bosnia and thought that he must do something to help so he started collected goods and with Walsall Aid took part in his second convoy but this time into a war zone. He was intake manager at Hendon Police College at the time and had never had a loaded AK47 pointed at his head by a border guard who thought he might be a mercenary. It was only when he said that he was a British police officer and produced his warrant card to prove it that the gun was lowered. His second close brush with death was when the house next to the “safe” house in which he sleeping was destroyed in a night time attack killing five people.

He did the journey three times.

In 2000 Deputy Commissioner, Sir John Stevens, wanted to do some charity work and approached Anthony to be Project Manager. Together with the Inner London Probation Service, Essex Police Service, Rotary International and Aid For Children he arranged for an aid convoy to go to Romania in May of that year. The project was funded from voluntary contributions by those involved. Donated goods were collected from various sources and 14 lorry loads were dispatched. Charity status was granted and ten projects completed each year by 147 volunteers. No mean feat.

The aim of Convoy 2000 was to improve the living conditions and quality of life of disadvantaged children living in three orphanages and a hostel for street children in Bucharest.

Help was also given at a hospice in Constancia for children dying from AIDS and the elderly residents at a village for people suffering from leprosy.

Projects ranged from building new bunk beds to providing play areas, refurbishing laundry rooms to renovating bathrooms. The beds were built to be wider than the doors so that when assembled they couldn't be removed from the room thus preventing them

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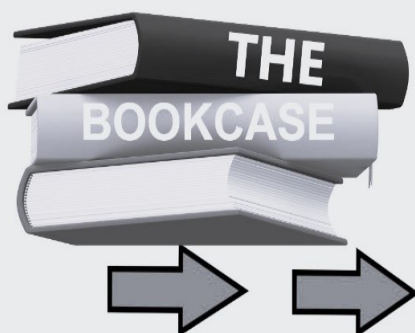
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Anthony showed many photographs of the wonderful work the volunteers had done, recited several incidents, some amusing and others tragic and explained that aid is not simply a matter of giving stuff away but is a much more complex issue involving logistics, financing, follow-up and sometimes actually saying no, as was the case when an indoor toilet was requested. The skills amongst the volunteers meant that they could quite happily have installed a toilet but in order to do this it was realised that a cess pit would have had to be dug. Unfortunately, the orphanages drinking water was being drawn from a well a short distance away.

Members showed their appreciation of Anthony's presentation in the usual fashion. Questions were taken.

Finding 12 speakers a year is not an easy task, so, if any reader feels that they are willing and able to give a talk to the Breakfast Club on a subject of their choosing, be it their working life or a personal interest or an area of expertise, please contact me at the email address below. You will get a free breakfast as payment and my sincere thanks.

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 the **6th April** when our speaker will be Fraser Reich who will talk about Ancient Metallurgy. This will be Fraser's third visit to the club and if his previous two are anything to go by will be both educational and entertaining. Hopefully he won't set the Wellington alight!

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BONES

In the unique landscape of Feltwell, where heaths, conifer plantations, and farmland intertwine, there's a topic that often escapes our daily conversations but holds immense importance in our overall well-being: bone health. While our surroundings may not boast rolling hills and picturesque vistas, the significance of maintaining strong bones remains paramount. So, grab your cuppa and let's embark on a whimsical journey through the fascinating world of bones!

We do not have cobbled streets, and it's just as well, for our bones would judder and shudder as we drove over them. But fear not, dear villagers, for we are about to uncover the secrets to maintaining those skeletal guardians in prime condition as we navigate the unique landscape of Feltwell.

First stop on our adventure: the playground! Ah, the laughter of children echoing through the air as they swing, climb, and tumble. Little do they know; they're not just having fun—they're strengthening their bones with every leap and bound. It's no secret that physical activity, especially weight-bearing exercises like running and jumping, is key to building strong bones from a young age. So, let's encourage our little ones to frolic and play, nurturing their bone health along the way.

Next, we meander past the village green, where a group of seniors gathers for their morning stroll. Ah, a sight to behold! These seasoned villagers, with wisdom etched in their smiles, understand the importance of keeping their bones strong as they age. With each step, they defy the hands of time, reducing the risk of osteoporosis and fractures. But it's not just walking that keeps their bones resilient; it's the camaraderie, laughter, and shared stories that nourish their spirits and bodies alike.

As we journey deeper into the heart of the village, we stumble upon bustling scenes of activity. At the local garage, mechanics exert their strength lifting engines and tyres, ensuring our village vehicles run smoothly. Meanwhile, nearby, the shopkeepers are hard at work, effortlessly lifting bundles of newspapers to stock their shelves.



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Amidst all this activity, we can't overlook the pub—a cornerstone of village life. Here, in the dimly lit cellar, the publican heaves barrels of ale with practiced ease, their muscles flexing with each lift.

Ascending from the depths below, they emerge into the warm glow of the pub, ready to serve patrons with a smile. Even in this familiar setting, the importance of strong bones is evident, as each movement contributes to the smooth operation of our village's social hub.

Now here comes the importance of proper nutrition! A diet rich in calcium, vitamin D, and other bone-friendly nutrients lays the foundation for strong and resilient bones. So, let's swap those sugary treats for leafy greens, dairy delights, fish frolics and sunshine-filled adventures.

But our journey doesn't end there, dear villagers. Oh no, we're just scratching the surface of this bone-tickling adventure!

So, let's raise a toast to our skeletal companions—the unsung heroes of our village. May we continue to dance, stroll, and leap through life with bones as sturdy as the walls of our beloved cottages.

And remember, dear villagers, whether you're young or young at heart, it's never too late to start caring for your bones. So, let's lace up our walking shoes, dust off those dumbbells, and embark on a bone-tingling journey to vibrant health and vitality. After all, in the village of Feltwell, strong bones are the cornerstone of a life well-lived. Cheers to that!

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FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB



The indoor bowling has now finished for us outdoor bowlers, it continues through the summer for those wishing to carry on. We ended up with mixed results, the team in the morning Triples Div 2 finishing at the lower end of the league. The two teams in the evening Pairs Div 2 fared better with Martin and Neil finishing 5th and Colin, Max and Roger finishing 6th in a league of 12.

The club opening date has not been agreed at the time of drafting this. We have a committee meeting on the 13th March when it will be discussed but too late for this edition.

I can now confirm we have entered the following leagues:-

Rosie Smith, Dave Allen, Ashill and Downham and District Triples.

The first game is in the Rosie Smith on May 13th.

The cancelled coffee morning of 10th February was rearranged for the 2nd March. This was well attended with around 35 attending, and a handsome profit to be added to the mower fund.

The Quiz held on the 23rd March will report on in the next edition.

Max

NO COMMENT NECESSARY.

I saw this sign in the Doctors Surgery recently. In case it doesn't print clearly it reads: *In **January** we had **118** missed appointments.*

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Amanda Harrison, latter-day Amy Johnson, was our celebrity guest speaker this month. We say 'celebrity' because she has rubbed shoulders with the famous:- sports personalities, politicians, film stars and royalty, the latter being, in her own words, the least self-opinionated and the least pretentious. The opportunity for this privilege resulted from becoming, later in her career, a commercial pilot instructor.

Her fascination for flying began when she was a schoolgirl. Her father and brother were both aero-modellers; the seed was sown; it germinated and, now she has her

own full grown 1930s Tiger Moth in which she is re-enacting her hero's epic journey, some of it already completed. Much of Amanda's story is common knowledge and references to her achievements are well documented online. Her presentation at our meeting together with the book she has published help fill in the gaps in this incredible saga.

This vivacious but modest 46 year old trod the Mundford Bowls Club boards with confidence, humour and enthusiasm. It seemed, almost, as if she was enjoying the company of the WNAS as much as she does her beloved aeroplane.

There was an underlying message in her story that was not just

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about the thrill of flying her own aeroplane but by how much the sensation was magnified by circumstances leading up to her success. Amanda wears her heart on her sleeve: as a teenager with few academic achievements and, being diagnosed with dyslexia, her peers regarded her as a 'no-hoper' destined for a career stacking shelves. Now, she seems to have another quest: to right some of the wrongs our education system has over-looked. She gives up some of her precious spare time to children with learning difficulties; to demonstrate that: 'where there's a will there's a way'. She encourages them into the belief that learning is exciting rather than a chore. In a rather perverse way facing adversity seems to have strengthened her resolve: after undergoing an operation for a double mastectomy, her father dying a few days later and a broken Gypsy Major engine in Beirut her spirits are still high and she is confident that, after she receives air clearance over the war torn Middle East, Australia is only a step away. Our society's thanks must also go to Techie Steve for discovering this treasure trove. Our chatty chairman, Chris H, addressing the floor, closed the meeting with the pithy afterthought: try not to die before the next instalment.

Nigel Tooth



For more on Amanda, her exploits and her plane see:

<https://www.amandajharrison.com>.

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

TRIXIE

By W. H. Barrett

A hot summer day was nearing its close. A heavy thunderstorm had just passed overhead leaving puddles of water on the drive that ran beside an avenue of beech trees. A lot of rats' homes amongst those trees and I knew if I waited long enough those rodents would be coming out for a drink from the pools of water. As I watched in the gathering dusk, first one and then another creature was soon quenching their thirsts until there were half a dozen. I raised my gun to my shoulder thinking I could get that lot with one shot, for rats had been doing a lot of damage, raiding the chicken food store every night. As I was about to pull the trigger, I saw a cat come out of the trees, and to my surprise, it joined the group and began lapping up the water. Lowering my gun, for I had no wish to shoot a cat, which having slaked its thirst, walked away with belly to ground as cats that have gone wild move around, always alert for danger, and what I thought were rats were six kittens who followed her.

This pleased myself for I knew the rats were in for a rough time having to provide a dinner every day for that lot. A few evenings later when going down the drive, I saw a tiny kitten who was mewling for its mother, as it had wandered away from home and had got lost. I put it in my pocket and when I arrived home I gave it a saucer of milk, then after wash with its paws, it curled up on a

cushion and went to sleep. Next morning it showed no signs of wishing to return to the rabbit burrow where its brothers and sisters lived. Although very small, it had a lovely tortoise-shell coat. After every meal it would wash its face with its paws, and unlike some children, it spent a lot of time washing its neck and behind its ears.

We named it Trixie. She grew up a very clever hunter, often bringing a tasty young rabbit or rat to provide her own dinner. Having been born wild, she was very clean and house-trained. After some time, she thought it was time she had some help as a vermin destroyer and surprised us, after being absent a day or two, by bringing two kittens into the house and curling up with them on her cushion, and as fast as they were placed in a box in the shed, she brought them back, and as she looked at u her eyes seemed to say, 'That's my bed on the cushion and I can share it with whom I like!'

As the years passed, she had several more babies. Most of them went as gifts to children. Then I moved into a town, and Trixie, frightened by the traffic, dare not venture outside the door. After a time, she settled down to town life. I am sure she felt miserable shut up indoors all day, and when I moved back into the country she was as pleased as I was and soon more kittens came along, but there was no worry in finding homes for them. One day she was missing and when she came back, she had her dinner then cleared off again. I knew she had some babies somewhere, and I was a long time finding out where they were. She had made a cosy nest underneath a large holly bush, so they were left there, and when she decided it was time she brought them home, they were half grown. We kept one and named him Monty. He lived up to his name and when full grown he would travel miles to have a scrap with any tomcat willing to fight. His ginger fur carried lots of scars for he had a larger round than the local milkman. Like a lot of human folks, such a life was his undoing. He caught cat 'flu and another cat took his place. He was named Soda, a lovely cat when he was grown up. He spent a lot of his time with me in the garden, wandering off to catch a mouse which he would bring and lay at my feet, and he seemed to say with

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If you'd like to submit a **FOOTNOTE** of your own, be it a quip, a fact, an idiom, whatever you feel would be suitable, please send your **FOOTNOTE** to Paul at garlandp@btinternet.com or post it through my letterbox.

The Atmere Charity

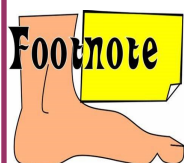
The Charity awards grants to individuals who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money for items, services or facilities designed to reduce the need, hardship or distress.

It also helps for severe chronic illness in younger people.

Applications for assistance must be made to: The Atmere Charity Secretary, 16 Falcon Road, Feltwell, IP26 4AJ giving as much detail as possible about the need, hardship or distress being experienced

The applicant **MUST** be a Feltwell resident.

mews 'It's all yours'. One evening after vain calls for him to come in for his supper, I went in search of him. He had heard my call and was trying to get home. I picked him up, his throat was torn wide open. A rush to the vet was in vain so he was put to sleep. I was puzzled as to how he received his injury, until one day I was digging in the garden, Trixie was some distance away having a sleep beside a warm sunny garden wall. I happened to glance her way and I saw a large stoat dancing on his hind legs like I had seen them doing to mesmerise a rabbit before they sprang for its throat. I shouted! It woke Trixie up and as the stoat leapt, she was up in the air, and when she came down, she landed on the stoats back, and her powerful jaws severed the spinal cord. The stoat gave one kick and stretched out dead. Trixie had avenged the death of her son, and I gave her a pat on the back for doing so. Her last kitten was named Toots, being her last baby, she doted on him all her mother love. He lives with us today. In fact, he lets us know he is one of the family, sleeping wherever he feels inclined. He is very faddy about his bed, generally he chooses someone's lap in the daytime and the foot of the bed at night, if he gets the chance. He has his own entrance to the house, a small side window that is never closed. When he thinks he wants a late night out, he comes home and wakes everyone up as he rattles the bedroom door knob, and someone has to get up and give him his supper, but he always washes behind his ears after having his meal, and the back of his neck gets the same treatment. He never leaves any tidemarks like some little boys do. Trixie lived to a very great age, healthy as a well looked after pet should be. One night she went to her bed, next morning she did not want to get up and when nightfall came she was fast asleep and never woke again, for she had gone to the happy hunting grounds where all good cats go to, but we sadly missed her.



Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch
Apparently from an actual entry on a patient's hospital record.

Walking on Air

07596157826

D.T.Byrne MCFHP MAFHP

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CHINA

When I was young boy, say eight to eleven, china was what grandma took out from a cupboard, once a week on a Sunday, and carefully placed on her kitchen table. Hers was a tied cottage, two rooms downstairs and three up above. No bathroom and a toilet across the small yard out back. Grandma's kitchen was a corner of the large living room and the table, off centre so as to receive the best light, was where she worked. I can still feel the smoothness of her table top; it having been washed and scrubbed and dried a thousand times and more. Grandma would put down that china with the greatest of care fearing grandad's stern retort should she drop even a single piece and it shatter on the stone floor. The remainder of the living room was covered in carpet but not grandma's domain. The china had been a wedding present, so I believe, and was still a complete set after many years of use. How this was possible I cannot say what with two daughters and a golden labrador having been raised in that house.

The china, or Best China, as it was often called by Grandad when guests were present consisted of six large plates, six smaller side plates, six teacups and saucers. I remember that you could empty a teacup in four swallows and barely have your thirst touched. That is if you could hold the cup properly. An eight-year-olds fingers just fit through the handle of the cup and with the other hand carefully supporting the opposite side it could be lifted to my lips. As I grew older and my fingers grew bigger putting two of them through the handle became increasingly difficult. Eventually, I learned to hold the cup like an adult, two fingers behind the handle, my thumb in the front making skin to skin contact. It was an art and when I'd mastered it, boy was I pleased with myself. Around the edge of each plate and saucer and the top of each teacup ran a ring of tiny red flowers. A fine gold strip finished the edge and when you held a plate you could just make out the shadow of your fingers shining through the white translucent surface. Fine bone china it was called made with the finest Cornish clay called kaolin. Grandma would give each piece of the set a wipe with a clean tea towel to remove any

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2024

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dust that may have accumulated on the surface in the intervening few days since the china had last been used and then she would begin preparing Sunday tea. A tin of salmon would magically appear from her 'secret' store, a cucumber would be cut into the thinnest of slices and, if you were very lucky, a tin of corned beef would be opened. Bread was buttered, salmon mashed and salmon and cucumber sandwiches would be cut into triangles after, of course, the crusts had been removed. The resultant collection was neatly arranged on one of the larger plates, carried through to the front room where a coal fire would be blazing in the grate and placed on a low table. Grandma would disappear back into her kitchen whilst mum would dish out the side plates, decide what I was to eat and whisper quietly as she handed me my tea, "do remember to be quiet." Grandad firmly believed that children should be seen and not heard. And so, I sat quietly waiting politely for Grandma to return with the teapot, cups and saucers and, her piece de resistance, a wonderfully light Victoria sponge, its top dusted with white icing sugar, her home-made strawberry jam threatening to ooze out between the layers but, somehow, never managing to do so.

When Grandma's plate was full, she was always the last, we waited until Grandad raised his first sandwich to his mouth and took a bite, our signal that we could all begin. I had learned very quickly that there was no need to rush, for rushing only meant even more minutes sitting quietly in the corner of the settee, next to mum, bored out of my mind, with only my imagination to entertain me and the flickering flames of the fire to watch whilst the adults talked about things of which I had little comprehension. And, as you would expect, fidgeting was most definitely not allowed.

Today, I am an older man, and china is still a word that applies to fine crockery, only nowadays most china is made in China and the Cornish clay mines are all but closed. But my memories of Sunday tea at Grandmas, sitting in front of a blazing coal fire, my mother's leg pressed gently against mine, still remain.

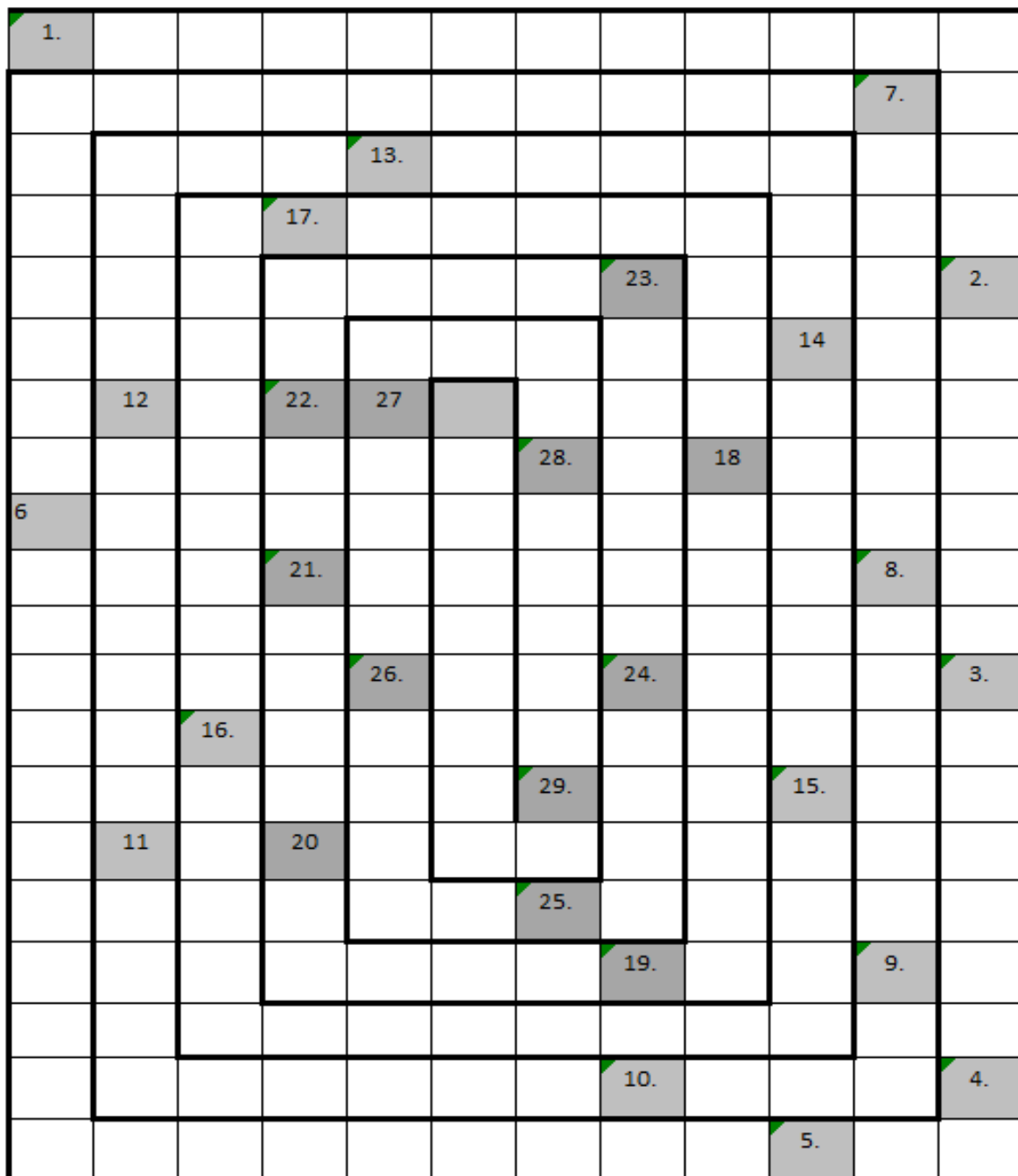
But, please, don't ever offer me a salmon and cucumber sandwich.

Edward Gee

WORD TRAIL No. 39

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 Traveling between dimensions of time or space (16)
- 2 To rise or cause to rise and hover in the air (8)

- 3 To put someone or something at risk (8)
- 4 In Italian cooking this sauce is typically made with minced meat, onions. Tom puree and red wine (4)
- 5 MEDICAL - abbrev in full - UTI (7-5-9)
- 6 MUSIC - This hit was sung by 'The Moody Blues' in 1967
(6-2-5-5)
- 7 JM Barrie's fictional island for Peter (9)
- 8 A species of plant native to Europe and Asia (8)
- 9 Casual trousers (6)
- 10 A 1915 UK military floatplane fighter (7-4)
- 11 Previously (9)
- 12 A feeling of intense longing for something (8)
- 13 Conceived on a very ambitious scale (9)
- 14 Mortal Princess and lover of Hermes (9)
- 15 MUSIC - Released by the 'Backstreet Boys' in 1997 (2-4-2-3-4-2)
- 16 16 This slippery thing can generate up to a 500 volt electric shock (8-3)
- 17 Surname of former Russian Intelligence officer who died from Polonium-210 poisoning (10)
- 18 A Northern Ireland Protestant Fraternal order associated with the Ulster Protestants (6-5)
- 19 A plant that has long, sour-tasting red and green stems that can be cooked (7)
- 20 More valiant (6)
- 21 A cut of Beef (4)
- 22 A culinary herb (7)
- 23 A species of deep sea crab living near hydrothermal vents ((4-4)
- 24 Further than (6)
- 25 Duped, misled (7)
- 26 Confine (6)
- 27 Capital city of Niger (6)
- 28 Conifer with bright red fruits (3-4)
- 29 The act of going onto a vessel to commence a journey (11)

This month's Word Trail solution is on page 74.

***FELTWELL
METHODIST CHURCH,
COMMUNITY HALL &
GARDEN***



WWW.garden—Wednesdays We Do What We Need

The Community Garden is always open for anyone to potter, prune, dead-head, trim, repair. Have you a skill to share? Or just come along for a coffee and a chat.

Thursdays – Feltwellians meet at **Feltwellbeings 10 til 12** for a chat over light refreshments in a warm environment. Activities available and optional.

So to SUNDAYS – our day to relax and reflect on our lives, where they've been and where they should be going.

10.45am for 11 to 11.45 – Fellowship and Refreshments

Sunday Fellowship—Speakers for April

7 Apr—Rev R Roberts Holy Communion

14 Apr—"Trust" – Do we know our Bible and believe it?

21 Apr— Mrs Blowers

28 Apr—God is Love – Are we?

ALL are welcome to share with us in these informal meetings.

NEW

LINE DANCING

From 2.00 pm

Thursdays



TABLE SALE



Saturday

13 April

10.00

Community Hall

Bell Street, Feltwell

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NEW

LITTLE PICKLES

NEW

PARENT & TODDLERS

Fridays 9.30 am – 11.30

METHODIST CHURCH, COMMUNITY HALL

STREET PIANO WEEK

7 to 14 APRIL



OPEN KEYBOARD

Go on..... You know you want to!!

You've seen it on TV at Liverpool Street Station, and at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn, now it's here in little old Feltwell. Let your fingers dance along the keys and knock out a tune. No need to book.

The piano will be in the foyer of the Methodist Church in Bell Street.

Come and have a play. We look forward to hearing from you!!

SIR EDMUND DE MOUNDEFORD CHARITY

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR POST 16 STUDY

- Are you over 16?
- Have you lived in Feltwell for at least two years and are still resident in the village?
- Are you studying at College or University?
- Do you need assistance with the purchase of equipment or books to enable you to study?

If you can answer "YES" to all of the above then apply in writing to Mr B. Hawkins, Agent for Sir Edmund De Moundeford Trust, 15 Lynn Road, Downham Market, Norfolk. PE38 9NL. In your letter you **MUST** include the date you moved into the village, details of the course you are studying, where you are studying, the qualification you expect to achieve upon completion and any costs necessary for you to embark upon the course. Include details of any books and/or equipment required. If you know a Trustee please put their name in your application. The award of a grant is at the discretion of the Trustees and shall not exceed £300. Only one award will be made per applicant.

CASINO NIGHT AT THE WELLINGTON

The Wellington would like to thank everyone who came and supported our 2024 Casino Night and St Patrick's Day Raffle in aid of Feltwell Food Pantry. We are delighted to announce that the event raised a fabulous **£3480.42**, a sum which will make such a difference to this wonderful local cause.



We also want to thank Derek Kean of A&J Wealth Management who were the event primary sponsors and Dave Baldwin the event coordinator.

Over 50 people attended the event, over 100 people purchased raffle tickets and over 30 local businesses very generously donated prizes for the raffle and for the auction held after the casino had closed.

Congratulations to our winners on the night, in 1st Place, Jacob Hanlin and our runner up, Tom Smith. Finally, we would like to thank the staff at 4 Aces Fun Casino for looking after us so well during the event.

FELTWELL LODGE RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

Lodge Road, Feltwell, Norfolk IP26 4DR



Feltwell Lodge is a comfortable Victorian property dating from 1860. It is a former hunting lodge set in 5 acres of beautiful landscaped gardens situated between Feltwell and Methwold.

The home is run by the proprietors, together with a fully experienced and caring staff providing a full 24 hour cover. The atmosphere is friendly, with no restrictions other than consideration for fellow guests.

Visitors are welcome and we encourage the maintenance of close links between residents and their families and friends.

**For Brochures please phone: Mr Paul Hanley RN
or Mrs Sandra Hanley RN**

01366 728282

Website: www.feltwelllodge.com

E-mail: feltwelllodge@hanleycarehomes.com



A croupier explaining the rules of Blackjack.

I used to call this game Pontoon or 21 when I was little.



Casino Night organiser Dave Baldwin and sponsor of the evening Derek Kean with the pub landlords.



The Food Pantry staff would like to say a massive **THANK YOU** to everyone involved in helping raise such a terrific amount. It will go a long way towards helping those in our village who are living on the edge.



Drop In for Parents and Carers

It's always better to try and get help as early as possible before issues become bigger problems.

Come along and meet Ali our Community Worker who will be ready to answer your questions and share information about a wide range of activities, groups and organisations that can help you with family and parenting issues.

at Feltwell Food Pantry

Wednesday 13th March	9.00am – 11.30am
Wednesday 20th March	9.00am – 11.30am
Wednesday 03rd April	9.00am – 11.30am
Wednesday 17th April	9.00am – 11.30am

You can find out more about our family hubs approach online, just click on the QR code



CURIOS No. 7

First, the answer to Curio No. 6 from last month. .

Ans: The device is for removing tight rings from plump fingers! The pointed end is inserted under the ring and the saw wheel is turned to cut through the ring.

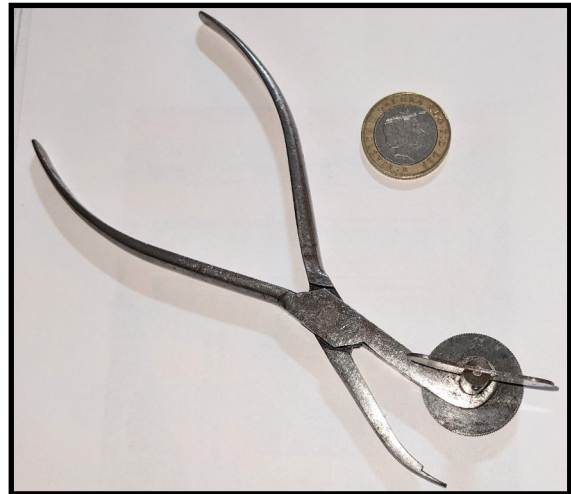
At one presentation a mature lady asked Paul B if he would have a go at removing her ring which she had not been able to remove for many years. Paul gently refused on the grounds he might accidentally cause damage to the ring or worse, to her finger. She said her brother was present and would he allow him to borrow it? Paul agreed and the brother made about a quarter of a turn of the hand wheel and the ring was cut through!

Robert Walden, who is providing these curio photos, finished by speculating as so, *"I imagine it is not just jewellers who would need to remove rings from old fingers...."*

This ties in neatly with an email I received from Graham Simons who is to be congratulated as he was the first to identify last month's curio. Graham wrote:

"The picture brought back many memories from my time using one in the London Fire brigade, starting with a girls first try on with her engagement ring after her boyfriend proposed! Fortunately, we got it off just as her finger was turning black. Also, bizarrely, used one on a sheep's leg... which had a rusty metal ring stuck on that was digging into its flesh. A lasting memory of that sheep's leg shout is the message I sent back to the fire control, "A Ewemanitarian service!"

By the way, before we used a ring cutter on people's precious rings we used a needle and thread trick to get them off shown to



METHWOLD SPIRITUALIST CHURCH SPIRITUALIST SERVICES

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

April 12—An Evening of Clairvoyance with Poppy Bowling

April 26—Service with Claire Quadling

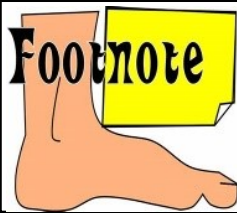
May 10th—Gregg Pettit

**The 21 Room, St. George's Hall Complex,
16 High Street, Methwold, Norfolk IP26 4NT.**

Entrance donation £3. Evening of Clairvoyance £5 (towards costs)
(Ample parking at rear) For further information ring 01366 727160

APRIL SHOWERS LOGISTICAL SOLUTION

Santon Downham	Wednesday	4 hours	14mm
Ely	Thursday	2.5 hours	22mm
Kings Lynn	Monday	4.3 hours	17mm
Mildenhall	Tuesday	3 hours	19mm



Answer me this: In the time of Climate Change and rising water levels why do we keep building homes on former flood plains?

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me by an undertaker! But that as they say 'is another story'. And one I'd like to hear.

And now for this month's curio. Answer next month.

Description: This object consists of 6 hollow alloy tubes of approx. 8mm internal diameter joined together with an elliptical "window" through each one. Stamped on it and in very fine print is the word "Magazine". It looks a bit like 6 whistles fixed in a block. It was almost certainly used in one or both of the two World Wars.

What was it used for?



Answers to my email address,
please:

garlandp@btinternet.com



WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search is on **WORDS BEGINNING WITH D**. Find the words from the list. They run vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backwards and forwards but always in a straight line.

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

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The solution is on page 75

Breckland Branch



Microchipping is the most effective way of identifying a lost cat. Microchips don't come off or put cats at risk of collar related injuries. They can also assist with ownership disputes. Each microchip has a unique 15 digit number linked to a database holding your contact details, allowing you to be quickly traced if your cat strays and is scanned for a microchip.

The microchip is smaller than a grain of rice and is inserted under the cat's skin between the shoulder blades with a dedicated device known as an implanter. The procedure is simple and no more painful than an injection. Your cat will not be aware of the microchip's presence once it has been inserted.

Vets, local authorities and trained and insured members of animal welfare organisations may offer microchipping. You will be sent registration documents following the microchipping procedure usually within a few weeks of it taking place. Keep your registration documents and cat's microchip number safe.

You should update your cat's microchip details if you move home or change any of your details – this is essential to ensure you can be traced should your cat stray.

On 10th June 2024, all cats **must** be microchipped. Kittens should be chipped by the time they are 20 weeks old. A fine of £500 can be incurred if you do not comply with the new regulations. You have 21 days to get your cat microchipped. Some pet shops implant microchips as well as all vets. All our cats and kittens are microchipped before they go off to their new homes.

An unsprayed female cat and her mate and all the offspring producing 2 litters a year with 2.78 surviving kittens per litter can total 11,606,07 in 9 years!

1 YEAR—12

3 YEARS—376

5 YEARS—11,801



St Mary's Feltwell

Your Parish Church is open
every day.

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7 YEARS—370,092
9 YEARS—11,606,07

Did you know that if a cat is spayed before she is 6 months old, and before she has a season, there is a 91% reduction in the risk of mammary carcinomas later in life, compared to intact cats. Cats spayed before 1 year old, had a 86% reduction in risk. Unneutered male cats can develop testicular cancer. If you love you cat, is it worth the risk?

Please get your cat neutered. We can offer help towards the cost - £70 for a female cat and £50 for a male cat, and the voucher we provide can be taken to any vet.

Call us on 01842 810018 if you need any help or advice or assistance in the cost of neutering.

Rita Thompson.

Cats and Their Stats UK annual report

- There are around 11 million owned cats in the UK, the same number as in 2022
- Just over one in four households (26%) own a cat
- The percentage of pedigree cats obtained has increased over time: 42% of cats obtained in the last 12 months were pedigree or purebred compared with 17% more than five years ago
- The average number of cats per household is 1.5 cats, with 67% of cat-owning households having one cat, and 33% owning two or more cats
- A higher proportion of 25 to 34-year-olds own a cat (34%). Compared to this, only 11% of people over the age of 65 are likely to own a cat
- 14% of cat owners are first timers, with a higher proportion living in central urban areas (18%) and specifically Greater London (20%)
- 43% of cat owners are male and 57% of cat owners are female



giving
nature
a home

Events at RSPB Lakenheath Fen

Places for all events need to be booked online- please visit <https://bit.ly/LakenheathFenEvents> to read more and book tickets.

Treasures of the Moth Trap

26 April, 31 May (10am to 11am).

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

Adults: £3 non-RSPB members, £2 RSPB members. Under 18's free!

Guided Pond Dipping

Saturdays 6 April, 4 May, 1 June (12-1:30pm)

Why not borrow a pond-dipping kit and a knowledgeable guide to see what beautiful and strange creatures live below the water?

RSPB members £6 (£3 for Under 18's); non-RSPB members £7 (£4 for Under 18's).

Spring Wildlife Walks

28 April, also 1, 12 and 26 May (9:30am-12:30pm)

Join us to look and listen for Bitterns, Common cranes, Bearded tits and the first migrant warblers and Cuckoo.

RSPB members £15 (£7.50 for Under 18's); non-RSPB members £18 (£9 for Under 18's).

VIP Bittern & Harrier nest watches

Tuesdays 14 & 28 May & 11 June (7:30am-12:30pm)

RSPB members £64, non-RSPB members £80.

Join a warden or Site Manager for the morning, atop high seats with superb views across the reedbeds. We'll be carrying out surveys to record nesting Bittern & Marsh harrier & to plot how many nests we have. Ask questions, you can bring your camera and breakfast is provided!



RSPB Lakenheath Fen

EGRETS IN OUR COUNTRYSIDE—A SIGN OF CHANGING TIMES

25 years ago, I wouldn't have been able to write this article- as there had been very few records of any of our three, now common, egret species in the UK. The first species to make landfall on a regular basis was the Little egret- which turned up in significant numbers in 1989 and began to breed shortly after. This small, very elegant visitor was a novelty- with its pure white plumage, black bill, black legs and yellow feet. It looked- and still looks- rather exotic. Like Grey herons, they could be found in wet places- ditches, pools and marshy areas, shining bright against a backdrop of browns and greens.

Lakenheath Fen's first record of a Little egret came on 25 April 2002- as part of their rapid northwards expansion from its breeding colonies in the south-west of the UK. Two years later, we hosted its much larger cousin, the Great white egret, for the first time on 25 January 2004. This species turned up for the first time in the UK in 1988, but it was a very rare sight until a large influx in 2007-2008 resulted in there being enough here at one time to persuade them to breed, in Somerset in 2008. Like the Little egret, it then expanded its range naturally and both species can today be seen every day on the reserve in good numbers. In Autumn 2023 for many weeks it was possible to see 40+ Little egret and 20+ Great white egret all enjoying a feast of large fish that had made their way into the Hockwold Washes through the inlet from the river Little Ouse. Most days, single figures of both species is more usual, but the high counts of last year really show us how many there now are in the

local area.

Much more recently, in 2020, the first Cattle egret was spotted on the reserve - on 15 August. The following winter saw a few more records of up to four birds following some sheep around in the paddock in Brandon Fen. In recent months we've had almost daily sightings of this species and 21 were spotted during a winter wetland bird count on 12 February this year. Cattle egrets are quite different in habits and behaviour from other egrets and herons, as they mostly associate with cattle and sheep- they feed on worms and other bugs turned over by their hooves, and also on ticks, flies and other pests attracted to the animals themselves. They are also the smallest species we have- smaller than a Little egret but with a yellow bill like a Great white egret.



Cattle Egret photographed on 12 February 2024 by Sharon Caws.

The arrival of these three species of egret in the UK in the past 25 years is thought to be a result of a warming climate- as the birds find the year-round temperatures more tolerable than they used to be and can now survive and breed here. Now, in our local area, it is quite possible to see all four species, including Grey heron, in one day if we keep an eye on ditches and pools and livestock grazing in wet places.

Heidi Jones

(Visitor Experience Officer, RSPB Lakenheath Fen).

FELTWELL FOLK 5

This column will feature *Feltwell Folk* from the past, sometimes in sports teams, sometimes in working situations and even singly.

Following on from last month's photo of butter making at Blackdyke Farm I have to admit some disappointment at the lack of information about the four people pictured. I guess they'll just have to remain anonymous.

This months Feltwell Folk photograph shows a group of Scouts at **Hopton-on-sea in 1938.**



L to R they are: Stephen Howlett, Raymond Weight, John Hayes, Percy Lemon, Alan Whitehand.

This is just one photograph from a collection of four given to me for the village website by Mr Alan Whitehand.

As all four can be viewed on the website at https://www.feltwell.net/feltwell2/youth_organisations.htm

I will only reproduce one further photo from the set this month.

L to R: Edward Fletcher, Raymond Weights, Alan Whitehand, Stan Taylor, Frank Curtis

Paul. (garlandp@btinternet.com)



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



Sun 7 th April	Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Feltwell Weeting
Sun 14 th April	Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Hockwold Northwold
Sun 21 st April	Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Feltwell Weeting
Sun 28 th April	Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Hockwold Northwold

Other Services

First Tuesday of the month Holy Communion at Hockwold at 9.30am. All other Tuesdays Morning Prayer.

Zoom Eucharist 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10am

Evening Prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at Feltwell at 4pm



Coffee, Cake and Chat

from 9am every Weds morning.

We have a loo and baby change facility.

Community Information Point and Internet available and help to use it.

Other Borough Services also available.

DO HEADLINE WRITERS READ WHAT THEY WRITE?



The answer to this question is, not always, as witnessed by these headlines.

Thanks to Colin Clement who sent me them along with several others.

More next month if space allows but first, one more for your enjoyment.



Your **Parish Councillors** are:

Mr Ian Rayner (Chair), Mr Edmund Lambert (Vice-Chair),
Mrs Sue Arnold, Mr Paul Cole, Mrs Helen Wilson,
Mrs Bernadette McGeeney, Mrs Linda Peckham,
Mr Martin Storey (County Councillor), Mr Jonathan Fenn,
Mrs Emma Edwards, Mrs Julie Peacock.

The Parish Council website can be found at:

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

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



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Station Road, Hockwold cum Wilton



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Saturday 11 May

10 – 4pm

Local people with homemade items including:

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| -wood weaving | -pies & cakes | - mixed crafts |
| -hair bands / bows | - baby knitting | -dried flowers |
| -decoupage | -glassware | -knitted hedgehogs |
| -cards | -candles | -sewn gifts |
| - wax melts | -toys | -soaps |

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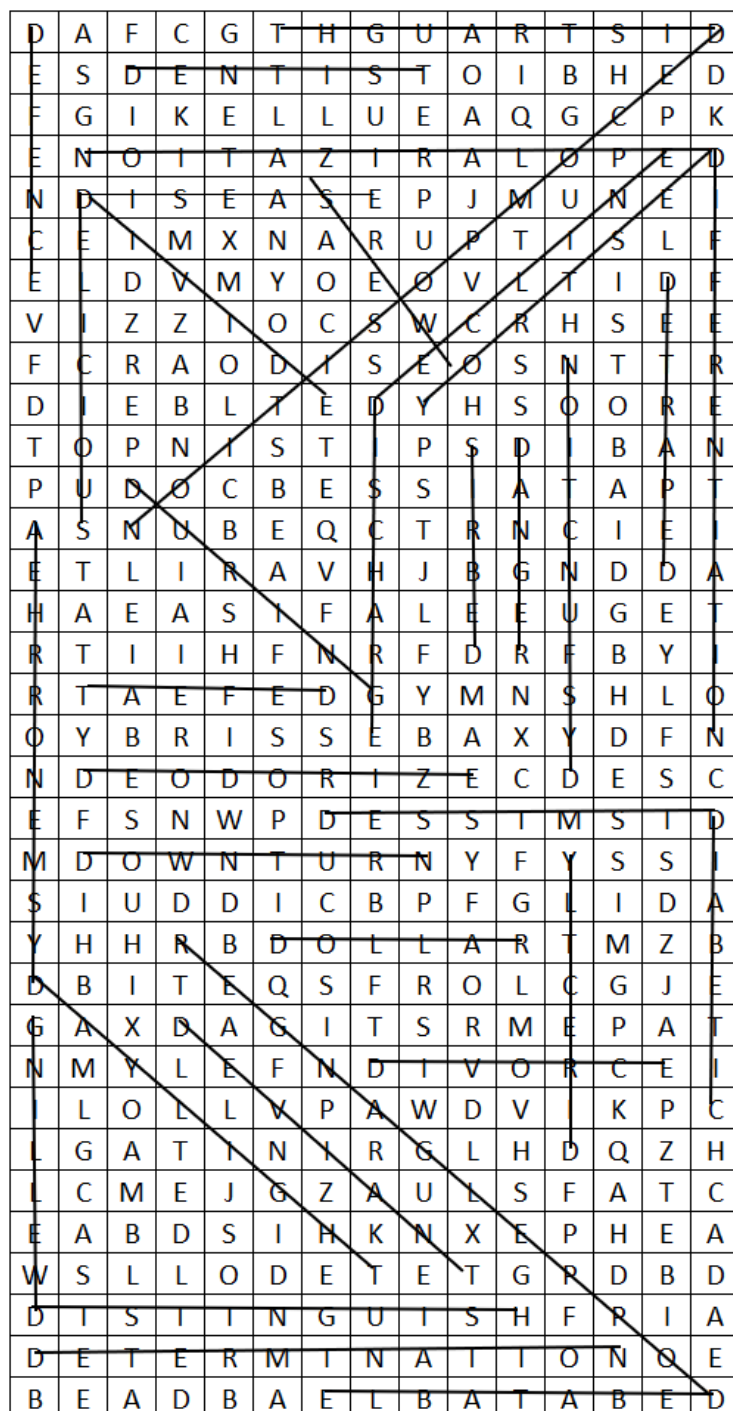


"We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was yellow."

Actual complaint received by Thomas Cook

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

Next month's Word Search will feature
Names of Commercial Airlines



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A Message from the Editor

Readers are reminded that the magazine is released online on the village website towards the end of the month in which it is issued. The web address is :

http://feltwell.net/magazines/mag_index.htm

All issues are in pdf format for easy viewing. What you may not realise is that many of the links in the online version are active and, of course, it is in colour. But please buy a printed copy as well.



Including this one there are 8 hedgehogs hidden somewhere in this issue.

A Meeting was held on Monday the 11th of MARCH 2024 in the British Legion, Long Lane.

Nineteen Councillors attended and RAF Commander Geary
RAF Commander gave updates on operational, visits and community engagement. Key discussion themes for the British American Committee who met early February included challenges with landlords setting rents in accordance with rank-related allowances, engaging with Suffolk County Council to raise concerns about local roads, and educating the public about how dangerous pointing lasers at aircraft can be after incidents in Cambridgeshire and Norfolk. When asked why it was now a frequent occurrence for so many detonations to take place on the same day, RAF Commander said this was a new training exercise called Tactical Blow & Go which simulated an airfield attack. Any ordnance is exploded by the EOD team who then clear it to make the area safe and then the Rapid Air Defence team repair any damage to the new runway which is purely a training facility. As this was his last meeting, RAF Commander thanked everyone for what they did for the village as Councillors and, particularly for their continued support of RAF Lakenheath.

Mr Storey said the NCC budget had been set at £528 million. A public consultation has been launched on three proposals which could save approximately £457,000/year; (1) to switch off some streetlights across Norfolk; (2) to introduce pre-booking of visits and change opening hours of Norfolk Record Office; (3) to reduce opening hours at some recycling centres. All Norfolk residents who hold a disabled concessionary travel pass will be eligible for free bus travel 24 hours a day, seven days a week when travelling within the county. Borough Council news included new Biodiversity Net Gain rules which have come into force to ensure planning applications show how nature will be improved as a result of

proposed development. Further information can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk and www.west-norfolk.gov.uk.

Mr Storey said the Norfolk Flood Management Team were visiting the Londis this week following major flooding in the basement. Potholes are being repaired as efficiently as possible but if more people reported them then this would have a greater effect. Mrs Peckham asked why Feltwell were still waiting for roundels when Hockwold's were painted 14/2/24, particularly as the gang had finished at 2.30 pm and could have undertaken this work afterwards. Mr Lambert said white lining at Hill Street had been done and the roundels should have been painted then. Clerk to contact Jason Moorse. Chair asked why a new bus stop had been installed along Wilton Road when there is already one near the Oakfields Estate, and why residents directly affected by this had not been consulted nor the Parish Council. Mr Lambert thought this was authoritarian and that a complaint should be made. Mr Storey said this was part of a new scheme to install disability-friendly bus stops and suggested writing to the Passenger & Transport Team at NCC.

Tennis court will be shut for a week for moss treatment to take effect. The Play Inspection Co will carry out the annual operational inspection of the play equipment in June at £235 + VAT.

SAM2 post has been installed on The Beck near the primary school.

Target start date for work to recommence on the Long Lane development site is now after Easter although not guaranteed.

Clerk is waiting for an update from Shires Letting team regarding the length of time it is taking for repair work to start on a property along Oak Street as traffic lights had been installed since 7/2/24. Email to be sent to the Primary School

asking parents to keep children well away from the property after a Councillor witnessed school children scootering dangerously close to it.

Street light energy contract to be renewed with SSE. Price to install a solar street light along Oak Street was in the region of £2500-£3000. Clerk to write to the Edmund de Moundeford Trust, requesting permission to situate this in the front grounds of the Almshouses.

Two applications to the Department of Health & Social Care for match-funding grants of £750 per defibrillator had been successful. One is to be situated outside the Doctors' Surgery on Wilton Road and the other at the British Legion on Long Lane.

Feltwell Community Group have donated £400 which Councillors thought should be spent on an octagonal picnic bench at the playing field. The cost of the bench was £595 + VAT and it was agreed that a donation from the USAF for integration of their personnel into the community should fund the balance.

Councillors' new email addresses will be live by the end of the month and the new website address

<https://feltwellparishcouncil.gov.uk>

is already up and running. Existing subscribers need not re-subscribe. Residents are asked to subscribe to the website and Facebook page for automatic updates of latest news including RAF Feltwell demolition activities. Clerk's new email address will be clerk@feltwellparishcouncil.gov.uk (Councillors new emails can be viewed on the website).

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the British Legion on **MONDAY 8th April 2024** at 7.30 pm.

All are welcome.



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