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FELTWELL PARISH MAGAZINE

YOUR CONNECTION TO YOUR COMMUNITY

I was up on St Mary's Tower last Christmas Eve when who should come flying round the corner but ...



How many Father Christmases can you find inside?



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**New Doctors for Feltwell,
School Report, Our Village in
Census 21, Scams, Police &
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**HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
OUR READERS**

Plus all our usual puzzles.



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FROM THE CLASSROOM

On Monday 6th November Doves class visited Norwich Castle to learn about the Anglo-Saxons. They attended 4 different workshops including investigating a range of different artefacts from this period of history as well as making their own gold brooches, which the children wore for their class assembly. Back in the classroom children applied their writing skills to write letters to Norwich Castle thanking them for their hospitality. Here are some of the quotes from our letters.

“It was fun and adventurous, I liked being the wise person who made all the decisions. I really liked making the jewellery.” GS

“I really, really liked doing the thunder-drums for the sea voyage. I thoroughly enjoyed looking at, wearing and the touching the different artifacts.” MB

“I really liked looking and touching the artefacts. The chess pieces were interesting as people still enjoy that game today. I also liked learning about archaeologists.” JuS

Throughout the half-term the children have been able to further their knowledge by looking at Anglo-Saxon houses and villages and understand who Alfred the Great was. Doves also performed a class assembly to our friends and family to share this learning. It has been a busy half-term with lots more exciting things coming up as we near the completion of the Autumn Term.

Doves class.

School continues to be busy for all classes with Times Table competitions, cross-country, science investigations and dance visitors. In Kites they’ve been developing their writing skills focusing on persuasion and celebrating how wonderful our school is.

See over

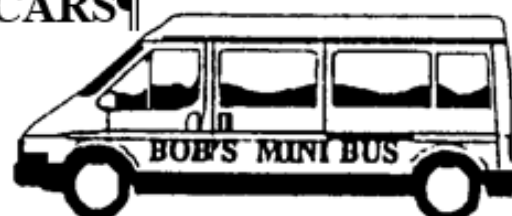
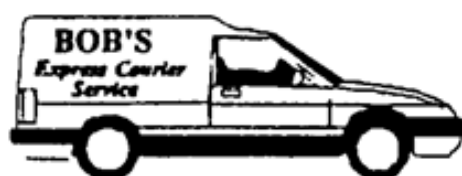
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If the weather is bad we will sing around the Christmas trees in church. Wrap up warmly and don't forget to bring a torch.

CHRISTINGLE and POSADA SERVICE
Saturday 23rd December 4pm

Please come and join us for the Christingle service in aid of the Children's Society.



POSADA - Children from the early years classes of the village primary school after looked after Mary, Joseph and the Donkey during Advent as they travelled around Feltwell on their way to the Manger in St. Mary's, where they will arrive on Christmas Eve. The journals with accounts of where they visited and what they got up to will be on display in church until 6th January.

MIDNIGHT MASS, Christmas Eve 10pm.



A warm welcome to all who wish to come and celebrate our Lord's birth.

PALESTINE 1948

I was posted to Palestine
so many years ago
Now the news on the TV
Has made the tears flow

I think about mates I lost
My near misses too
It's all coming back to me
And making me so blue

I served as a driver
And in the parking lot I saw
Bullet holes in windscreens
And in the cabs so many more

I used to think when I drove out
Perhaps I won't return
End up in a hospital
Or in Hell would burn

Once I saw a school bus
With small bodies lying round
Now what's seen on TV
That sight's returned I've found

Too many things from long ago
Are rushing through my head
My mates and my near misses
And the thought I could be dead

Harry Gill

There was as many soldiers
killed by the Arabs and Jews
in the three years of the
conflict as in the long years
of fighting in Afghanistan.

I suffer from PTSD through
my time in Palestine and
jump at the smallest sound.

Harry



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Feltwell in Bloom

Making Our Village Beautiful

December – a time for celebration. The trees and lights are starting to be put up in homes around the village, in the school and in shops. It's a time when children look forward to having a visit from Father Christmas – hopefully they have all been good!

For gardeners it is a more restful time of the year. The garden has been bedded down for the Winter. The bulbs and flowers are already in the ground preparing to show themselves in Spring when the weather warms up.

For the members of Feltwell in Bloom it is a time to thank everyone for all of the help, kind words, plant donations and sponsorship we have received throughout the year. This year it has included: The Wellington Pub, Baytree Nurseries in Hilgay, Carl and Michelle Morris, Mark Allun, Mr & Mrs Brian Leet, The Feltwell Wellbeings Group, The Methodist Chapel, Feltwell Parish Council and John, who saw us at the Village Fete and told me that his marigolds were bigger than ours – he was correct of course! It was kind of him to donate some to us for the displays. If I have missed anyone, my apologies. Without your continued support and help, we would find it very difficult to continue to brighten the village. **Thank You All.** We hope you have a good Christmas. Feel free to contact me and the group on any of the following: on Facebook – '#Feltwell in Bloom' or fib@yahoo.com or on 07785345614.

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This is Our Village. Census 2021 Results for Feltwell 6

The census results and data that follow were made available in June 2022 but it is only now that I've had space in the magazine to include these analyses. Anyone can use this charting tool available at (www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations). The charts that follow are specific to Feltwell Parish. In all cases draw your own conclusions, or not. There will be more charts next month.

Provision of unpaid care

Feltwell | (England)

Provides no unpaid care **92.2%** (91.2%)



Provides 19 hours or less unpaid care a week **3.8%** (4.3%)



Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week **1.5%** (1.8%)



Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week **2.5%** (2.6%)



% of people aged five years and over

Second address indicator

Feltwell | (England)

No second address **96.8%** (94.6%)



Second address is in the UK **2.2%** (4.1%)



Second address is outside the UK **1.0%** (1.3%)



% of all households

Schoolchildren and full-time students

Feltwell | (England)

Student **19.7%** (20.4%)



Not a student **80.3%** (79.6%)



% of people aged five years and over

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Religion

Feltwell | (England)

No religion **42.0%** (36.7%)



Christian **48.9%** (46.3%)



Buddhist **0.4%** (0.5%)



Hindu **0.0%** (1.8%)



Jewish **0.1%** (0.5%)



Muslim **0.3%** (6.7%)



Sikh **0.0%** (0.9%)



Other religion **1.0%** (0.6%)



Not answered **7.3%** (6.0%)



% of all people

Tenure of household

Feltwell | (England)

Owns outright **35.9%** (32.5%)



Owns with a mortgage or loan or shared ownership **25.0%** (29.8%)



Social rented **9.6%** (17.1%)



Private rented or lives rent free **29.5%** (20.6%)



% of all households

Wow! Big differences in this category.





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Sex

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Female **49.6%** (51.0%)



Male **50.4%** (49.0%)



% of all people

Interesting. I wonder what the reason(s) might be for this total reversal of the national picture?

Any ideas to me, please.

Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC)

Feltwell | (England)

L1, L2 and L3: Higher managerial, administrative and professional occupations **8.6%** (13.2%)



L4, L5 and L6: Lower managerial, administrative and professional occupations **18.1%** (19.9%)



L7: Intermediate occupations **12.6%** (11.4%)



L8 and L9: Small employers and own account workers **13.0%** (10.6%)



L10 and L11: Lower supervisory and technical occupations **6.8%** (5.3%)



L12: Semi-routine occupations **11.1%** (11.3%)



L13: Routine occupations **14.8%** (12.0%)



L14.1 and L14.2: Never worked and long-term unemployed **9.8%** (8.5%)



L15: Full-time students **5.1%** (7.7%)



% of people aged 16 years and over



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A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

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

News cutting Circa 1933/34

Remembrance Sunday

Services were held at the various places of worship. In the evening an appropriate sermon was preached at St Mary's Church by the Rector Rev G.A.W. Wilkinson

The evening collection was for the Earl Haig Fund. At the High Street Methodist Church a retiring collection was made for the Fund and the Hillside Methodist are to have a retiring collection for the Fund next Sunday.

On Armistice Morning Ex-Service men of the village paraded at the Legion Headquarters and marched, headed by the Legion Standard Bearer Mr A. Lemmon and in the charge of the branch Chairman Mr A. Osborne to St Nicholas' Church, where a Poppy Wreath was laid by Capt. H.D. Briggs, C.M.G., R.N. to the memory of Ex-Service men and women of the village who have died since the war and are buried in the adjacent churchyard.

The Ex-Service men's parade went to the War Memorial where a large number of villagers had assembled and the schoolchildren were mustered under the direction of Mr J.H. Fassnidge.

Many wreaths and crosses had been placed on the War Memorial by relatives and friends of the Fallen.

The united service commenced with Scripture reading by Mr W. Addison of Hillside Methodist Church.

Prayer by the Rev. G.A.W. Wilkinson, M.C. was followed by the reading of the Roll of Honour, comprising 47 names, names by Major H.L.A. Swann, D.S.O., and the sounding of the Last Post by Mr J.T. Orange.

Then followed "the Silence" at the end of which a wreath of Flanders' Poppies from Ex-Service men of the village was placed by Mr A. Osborne. Capt. H.W. Briggs, C.M.G., R.N., recited "They shall grow not old."



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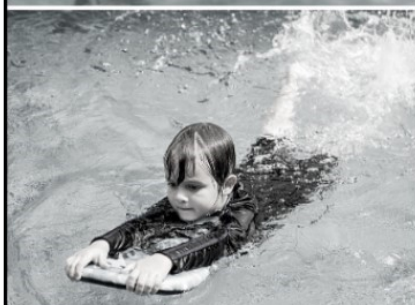
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Pricing is as follows: everything printed on white. (After all, it snows at Christmas)

A5 Cards: £1, includes envelope and description printed inside the card and a greeting. The greeting reads: Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Some cards are in full colour and some are available with either a B&W or colour border—you can choose. *See over page for examples.*

A4 print: £1, with a text description on the front or reverse.

I know there are lots of charity cards available but wouldn't it be nice to support a really local good cause? And there are cards with fancier covers but there are none so specific to Feltwell as these.

Order forms available at the Food Pantry and in St Mary's.



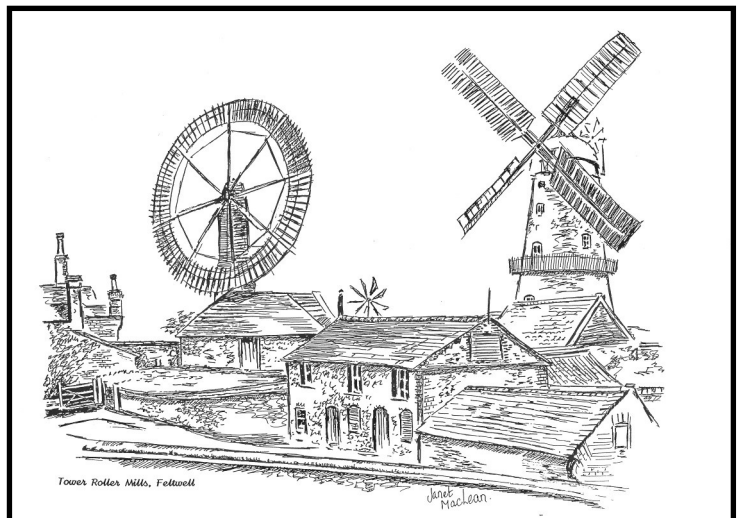
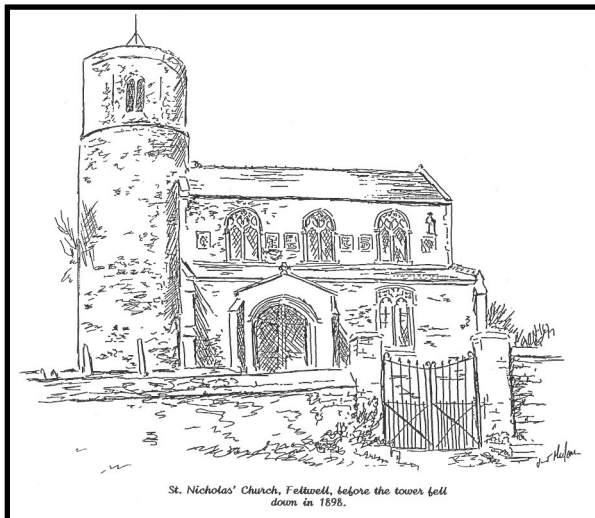
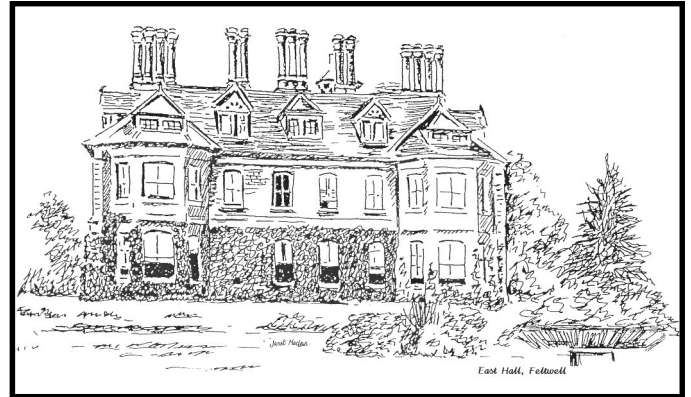
If you would like a card with this full colour image of the world famous picture of Santa leaving Feltwell from Porter's Piece, from the December issue 2022, please contact me, Paul.

Contact details on page 2 of this issue.

LAST CHANCE

LAST CHANCE TO BUY

LAST CHANCE



Three examples of the cards—Almshouses, Methodist Church, Old Rectory. Other drawings—East Hall, South Hall, St Marys, St Nicholas, Tower Mill, all can be cards or A4 prints, with or without text. And don't forget the world famous December cover available in colour for £2. All proceeds to Feltwell Food Pantry.



Your Good Health

by Dr Ian Nisbet

I am writing this article on November 7th, in plenty of time for the publishing of the Christmas issue of your magazine. Last week, I took a fleeting visit to Methwold to address the Historical Society about the horrors in 19th Century Medicine and Surgery, tempered by an account of the discoveries and improvements which changed the whole spectre of the subject from about 1850 onwards. It was wonderful, seeing many of my patients, who I think of as friends, again, some for the first time in 5 years. All were well behaved and listened attentively. No-one fell asleep and no-one fainted, although some admitted to feeling nauseous, especially while we were considering the early 1800s.

The visit was “topped off” with a meal at The Green Man in Methwold Hythe. Gary, the landlord, had made some “real pies” with pastry bottom, sides

and an integral top, full of beef and ale. None of this “Casserole with a puff pastry lid cooked separately and dropped on”. The meal was wholly amazing and I can’t wait to get back.

Deannie’s Zen saying of the month: “Before you criticise someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticise them, you will be a mile away and you will have their shoes”.

The joke this month is a bit early in the article as I want to finish with a special message I received.

A man came home from work, obviously upset and would not tell his wife what was worrying him. He pushed his food around the plate, and, when she persisted, he told her that he could not trouble her with his problems. “Your problems,” she said. “We are partners, we face everything together. Your problem is my problem. There is no “I”, just “We”. Now, please



family hubs

Drop-In at the Feltwell Food Pantry St Mary's Church

Wednesday 20th December

09:00am—11:30am

Alison from The Family Hub will be available for a chat and to offer signposting for all your family support needs.

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tell me the problem.”

“Well,” he said, looking at her glumly, “we got our secretary pregnant and now she’s suing us for support.”

You have all been so kind and supportive since Deannie died and, this morning, I came across something I would like to share with you. I gave the sharing matter long consideration and, after a minute or two, I decided to go ahead because I know how many of you loved Deannie. You need some background information, so here goes!

I have three handkerchief drawers in a small cabinet. The top drawer contains white handkerchieves in good condition, suitable for day to day use, ironed into squares. The second drawer contains handkerchieves which have been sullied and are stained with paint, creosote, shed stain and suchlike. These hankies are used for my gardening and ‘working outdoors’ trousers. They are ironed into oblongs. (OCD or what?) The bottom of the three drawers contains new handkerchieves still in their boxes, to be pulled into service when I need a new handkerchief in my suit or blazer top pocket.

I have had very little need of new

handkerchieves recently and, as I need a new pocket handkerchief for my dark suit on Remembrance Sunday when my new choir is singing two anthems and I need to be smart in my academic gown and hood, I opened the bottom drawer today for the first time since Deannie died.

Don’t tell the kids but Deannie and I used to leave little notes of love and affection for each other for the other to find at some time in the future.

When I opened the bottom drawer, I found a note from Deannie, written in small notebook and the page torn out. Working back, I am certain that this must have been the last billet doux she wrote for me and I would love to share it with you.

Darling Ian

To the only man who has ever brought thunder, lightning and rainbows into my life.

It happens only once and, when it does, it’s for ever.

To my one and only love, with all my heart, beloved Ian

I love you!

Your Deannie xxx

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Healthy New Year.
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We can also provide crisis packages for those in need, free of charge with the help of public donations.

You can find us at St Mary's Church, Feltwell.

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Saturday 12:30PM – 2:30PM

For more details visit our Facebook Page or call 07454 259280

LATEST CONSUMER ALERTS AND TRADING STANDARDS NEWS

As scammers are very active at the moment there are more pages in this section than is usual. But I think it important that you are made aware.

Scam Alert – Letters claiming to be from the ‘Chartered Trading Standards Institute’

We are highlighting a warning from the Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) about further examples of scam letters falsely using their name.

In this case the letters claimed that the recipient is eligible for ‘Capital Reimbursement Settlement’ due to the liquidation of a company you invested in. The letter went on to give a contact name and telephone number in the text.

If you receive this or a similar letter it is a scam, and we advise you do not contact any numbers quoted in the text.

Anyone making contact via the details given in the letter is likely to be targeted by a scammer looking to gather personal and financial information.

CTSI have previously issued warnings about letters and emails falsely using their name and branding which have made claims including:

That you have been ‘exposed to a company that CTSI have investigated in the past’

That ‘insurance scammers have been captured by Trading Standards’ and the letter recipient should fill in a ‘creditors debt form’ to obtain compensation

That you can claim compensation for ‘failed investments’.

If you receive a letter claiming to be from The Chartered Trading Standards Institute, or any letter which you believe to be a scam you can report it to us via our partners, the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on freephone 0808 223 1133.

Scam Alert – Automated telephone cold calls claiming to be from ‘Visa’

We are again warning residents about automated telephone calls that claim they are from ‘Visa’.

The calls will make claims about ‘suspicious’ or ‘unauthorised transactions’, giving details for purchases of several hundred pounds often quoting well known online retailers like Amazon and Apple. The recording then requires the call recipient to interact with the call, recent examples stated the caller needed to ‘press 1 to accept these charges or press 2 to reject and be connected to a customer service representative’.

These calls are a scam and the claims made are not genuine.

If you receive this, or a similar call, do not interact with it in any way and hang up.

It is likely there are several variations of these calls stating different transactions, amounts and actions that can be taken.

If you are concerned about the security of a bank account or credit card contact your bank or service provider directly using the Customer Service number printed on the card, on a recent statement or via information available on their genuine website or

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app. **Never** use details provided in a cold call.

Scam Alert – Scams targeting users of Careline Community Service

We are highlighting an alert issued by our colleagues at Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk of scams targeting users of the council's pendant scheme for vulnerable adults, Carline Community Service.

Reports have been received that service users are being targeted by other companies and fraudsters trying to take their money.

They are taking advantage of the fact that users need to switch to digital technology but instead of switching them to a digital unit from the council, they are switching them to another provider – or just scamming them out of money altogether.

The council is writing to all users of the service to warn them, but it is also trying to raise awareness in the community so that people who may support service users are also aware.

The council has advised users of the Careline Community Service to be cautious when people call.

- The council will never ask for money upfront. (The service is paid for, usually through a monthly direct debit, but there is no separate charge for the box.)
- Members of staff will always clearly identify themselves as calling from Careline Community Service and will be in uniform, and carrying ID, when they visit to switch the unit over.

Careline users can call the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk on 01553 616200 if they have any doubts.

Scam Alert – Text messages claiming to be from 'Royal Mail'

We are warning residents about text messages continuing to circulate claiming to be from the 'Royal Mail'.

One recent example reported to us states that 'We are unable to complete the delivery due to incomplete address details' and then offers a link to 'view and modify your information'.

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

Always be wary of unexpected messages received and **never** click on any links or attachments unless you know you can trust them.

Scam Alert – Fake emails offering 'free spins' at online casinos

We are highlighting a warning from Action Fraud who have received 2,400

The Atmere Charity

The charity awards grants to individuals who are in conditions of 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, distress or illness being experienced.

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



The advertisement is set against a light green background with a pattern of stylized leaves and branches. A thin green rectangular border frames the central text. At the top, a line of text reads 'From general maintenance to complete garden renovation!'. Below this, the name 'M J HAWES' is written in a large, bold, black serif font. Underneath the name, 'Landscape Gardener' is written in a bold, black serif font, followed by 'Established 1988' in the same style. In the bottom left corner, contact information is listed: 'Tel: 01842 878784', 'Mobile: 07951 206602', and 'E-mail: mjhg88@gmail.com'. To the right of the email is a blue square Facebook logo with a white 'f'. Below the logo is the text 'Like us on Facebook'. In the bottom right corner, the text 'Full Public Liability Insurance' is stacked above 'Licensed Waste Carrier'.

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reports about emails circulating claiming to be from online casino companies offering 'free spins'.

The links in these scam emails lead to phishing website which are designed to steal personal and financial information.

You can report any suspicious email by forwarding it to report@phishing.gov.uk.

Scam Alert – Council Tax 'annual fee invoice' emails

We are warning residents to be aware of scam contacts claiming to be relating to Council Tax.

This follows information from our colleagues at South Norfolk & Broadland Council after they received reports from residents of emails claiming to be 'your annual fee invoice from Council Service' with a link to 'pay your fee by Direct Debit'.

Our advice is **always be wary** of claims made in unexpected email approaches and **never** click on links or open attachments if approached in this way.

If you need to confirm a contact about council tax is genuine, or you have any other council tax queries, [contact your local council directly](#), their contact information is available on the GOV.UK website.

Scam Alert – Emails claiming to be from BT

We are warning residents about a number of scam emails circulating which claim to be from 'BT' stating that 'your webmail account is not actively secured' and that you need to 'validate your account' to prevent 'disconnection from all services'.

The emails, some which carry BT branding, contain a 'Validate here' button within the email text.

These emails are fake, anyone clicking on the link will be taken to a fake version of the BT website which will attempt to gather personal and password information which can then be used to take control of your email account.

Reporting scams

Reporting scams you receive helps us continue to build up intelligence on the scammers and how they target people.

If you have received a telephone cold call which you believe to be a scam or think you have been a victim of an online scam you can report it to us via our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on freephone 0808 223 1133.

Citizens Advice consumer service website

If you've been the victim of an online scam you can get advice and support from Citizens Advice Scams Action: 0808 250 5050 (freephone)

You can also report Frauds, Cyber Crime and Phishing attempts to Action Fraud, the National Fraud & Cyber Crime (NCSC) by forwarding it to report@phishing.gov.uk.

This is a live link to the [Action Fraud website](#) in the online issue.

You can report suspicious text messages received by forwarding them to 7726.

Feltwell Dispensary Opening Hours

Monday: 08:30-12:00, 14:00-18:00

Tuesday: 07:30-12:00, 14:00-18:00

Wednesday: 08:30-12:00, 14:00-18:00

Thursday: 08:30-12:00, 14:00-18:30

Friday: 08:30-12:00, 14:00-18:00

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You can order your medication or ask any queries regarding your medication online via our website:

www.feltwellsurgery.co.uk or by using the NHS App. We have a dedicated telephone number in place for our housebound patients to order their medication, which is open Monday to Friday between **10.00-12.00** and **14.00-16.00**.

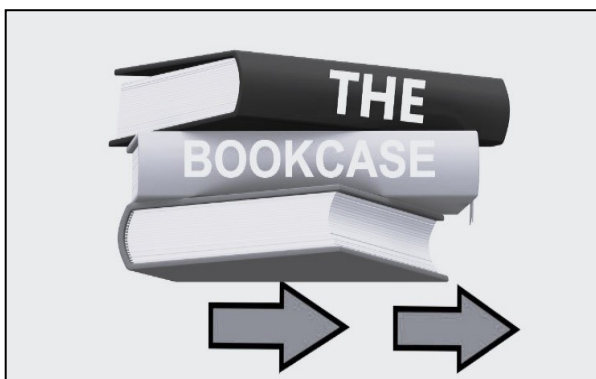
Having a party?

Don't have enough plates, dishes, glasses or cutlery?
Contact Sue Garland 827029 or Chris Parker 827152.

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FELTWELL BOOK EXCHANGE



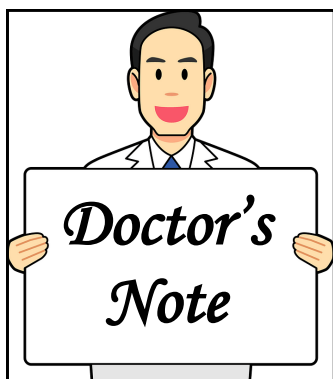
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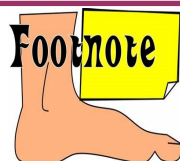
Just one plea.....

.....the reason the

bookcase was closed was that the books had become disorganised and in a mess. PLEASE, when you use The Bookcase, replace the books in the order in which they appear on the shelves.....in alphabetical order of the author. Thank you.



Some readers may be aware that Dr Mueller has left Feltwell Surgery. This leaves Dr Sagar as the last remaining GP Partner. The Surgery has been advertising for a new GP Partner ever since Dr Pullen left in 2022, but sadly to date we have been unable to recruit anybody. In order to secure the future of Feltwell Surgery, Practice Manager, Sharon Wilson has joined Dr Sagar in the partnership. Other good news is that we have been able to recruit 2 x salaried GPs. Dr Nancy Singh joined the team in October and works Thursdays and Fridays. Dr Garaleviciene will be joining the team in December and will be working Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Both GPs have worked here as locum GPs, so patients may have met them already. Fortunately, they have both enjoyed their time at the Surgery so much that they agreed to stay on. Welcome to Feltwell, Dr Singh and Dr Garaleviciene, and thank you!



"The patient refused autopsy."

Apparently from an actual entry on a patient's hospital record.

SENIOR CITIZEN VEG PACKS

Local farmers have generously donated produce for vegetable packs for Senior citizens (over 65 years) living in the parish of Feltwell. Packs can be collected from Feltwell Social Club car park on

Tuesday 19th December from 1.00 – 2.00pm

Everyone needs to bring their own bag to collect their pack. (Please help neighbours to collect their pack if they are unable to come along themselves.)

Contact Penny Black on (01366 728711) or (07952 183040) before Friday 15th December to reserve your pack. Delivery will be available for those unable to personally attend.

I wish you all a safe Christmas

Penny Black

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The total raised was **£170.37**.

Thank you as always for the donations for the raffle.

Thank you to Margaret for the delicious scones and an iced decorated cake for Remembrance time.

A Coffee Morning is held every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Mary

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THE ANNUAL DONATIONS GIVEN BY THE ABOVE CHARITY WILL BE MADE ON WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER 2022 AT THE METHODIST CHAPEL, BELL STREET - BETWEEN 2-3PM ONLY ONE DONATION PER HOUSEHOLD AND A MAXIMUM OF 50 DONATIONS WILL BE MADE.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENT LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington. The solution is on p66

	Alison	Harriet	Adam	David	Bicycle	Board Game	Jumper	Lego	Aunt	Sister	Santa Claus	Dad
Green												
Red												
Gold												
Stripy												
Aunt												
Sister												
Santa Claus												
Dad												
Bicycle												
Board Game												
Jumper												
Lego												

Match the gift giver to the recipient, the wrapping paper and the gift.

1. Alison's gift wasn't from her Dad.
2. David didn't receive the Bicycle or the Jumper.
3. The Lego from Adam's Aunt wasn't wrapped in Green or Gold Paper.
4. David's gift was wrapped in Gold paper and it wasn't given to him by a woman.
5. The Board Game, the Jumper, Santa's gift and the gift wrapped in Red paper are all different gifts.
6. Harriet's sister didn't use Stripy wrapping paper.



Answer me this: Why isn't Santa clean shaven?



Santa is coming to town

Christmas Sleigh Timetable - 2023

1st Feltwell Scout Groups' Annual Christmas Sleigh will be visiting Feltwell village with Santa on the following dates.
Any donation will be gratefully received by our elf collectors who will wear bright tabbards with the Scout Logo on.

PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DONATION.

Donations are used to support the village scout group & the children that attend.

We will call on the night published - unless severe weather conditions prevail.

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

Please drop gifts off at Claire's - 67, Nightingale Lane, Feltwell. IP26 4AR - by 12 noon the day before delivery day.

To make the experience for the recipient more special, please include on a separate piece of paper the following info, however, if you'd rather not include it, that's fine.

RECIPIENTS NAME; GENDER; AGE &/OR DATE OF BIRTH; INTERESTS/HOBBIES; ANTHING NEW THEY'VE STARTED (Brownies/Cubs/football etc.); ANYTHING ELSE (older/younger siblings, been working hard on/at ... etc.)

You can just write everything on a piece of paper, but please do not attach it to the gift.

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

(please only small/medium sized gifts due to space on the sleigh)



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 5th Dec. - *GIFTS MUST BE AT CLAIRE'S BY 12 NOON ON MON 4th, ALONG WITH PAYMENT & INFO FORM*

WILTON ROAD; entrance to BANHAM WALK; CLOUGH DRIVE; NIGHTINGALE LANE (ETA 6.15pm); FAIRFIELD WAY; FAIR CLOSE; ST. JOHN'S WAY; entrance to EDMUND MOUNDEFORD ROAD; UPCHER CLOSE (ETA 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 6th Dec. - *GIFTS MUST BE AT CLAIRE'S BY 12 NOON ON TUE 5th, ALONG WITH PAYMENT & INFO FORM*

LONG LANE; WESTERN CLOSE; MOATSIDE; ARCHERS AVENUE (ETA 6.30pm); SPARKES WAY & entrance to CAMP CLOSE; entrance to CURTIS DRIVE; HEReward WAY; PORTAL CLOSE (ETA 7pm); SHORT LANE; LIME KILN LANE (we will stop at the Social Club) (ETA 7.30pm); VINCENT CLOSE; PAYNES LANE; entrance to CRABBES CLOSE; the rest of PAYNES LANE.

Friday 8th Dec. - *GIFTS MUST BE AT CLAIRE'S BY 12 NOON ON THU 7th, ALONG WITH PAYMENT & INFO FORM*

SHORT BECK; HILL STREET, THE BECK; OLD SCHOOL CLOSE; the rest of THE BECK; entrance to NEW HALL FARM; OLD METHWOLD ROAD (ETA 6.30pm); MUNSONS LANE; MUNSONS PLACE; the rest of MUNSONS LANE; RAWLINGS WAY; LAMBERTS CLOSE; ST. NICHOLAS DRIVE; OAK STREET; ADDISONS CLOSE (ETA 7.30pm) (due to turning difficulties we apologise if we are unable to get down each road); LODGE ROAD; EAST HALL.

Listen out for the Music

Thank you & a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
 *to you all from 1st Feltwell Scout Group* 

NOW AIN'T THAT A FACT

More ruminations from local writer Frederick James

How many times have you heard a commentator announce with gusto, "He is giving a hundred and ten percent"? Now, we all know that there is no such thing as 110%. One hundred percent is just that! It's the absolute limit! The same way you can't squeeze sixty-five minutes into an hour, you can't put a litre into a pint jug. However, it does seem inadequate to say of a sportsman or woman, that they are giving 100%. That says that they are at their very limit, with nothing left to give. Is there another way to indicate that someone is putting in more effort than they need to?

How about, "He is going that extra mile"? Both are a play on words, a metaphor, that we all use from time to time to acknowledge the effort put into an activity of one form or another, when we can't think of a better way to describe someone's efforts more accurately. Strangely, both terms do describe it exactly, and we all know what is meant by either term. You can imagine the 'extra mile', though, because it is something physical that can be measured?

Those thought to be working too hard are said to be, 'burning the candle at both ends', which would imply that they can never stop, as they cannot put the candle down, or one flame would have to be sacrificed. Very accurate simile, actually!

Now, what about, 'as fit as a fiddle'? Even the Chambers and Oxford dictionaries can't explain how a violin can indicate someone's fitness. I would be more likely to associate the sound of a fiddle as the creaking joints of someone who isn't so fit as you would imagine. Strange!

Then we have someone who can't dance having two left feet, whereas an accomplished performer in the ball-room is known as having, 'twinkle-toes'. Is dancing where the term, 'put your best foot forward!' comes from? I remember our RAF drill instructors telling us to do just that, but both our feet were our best, of course!

The person of more mature years who's mind is still agile is thought to be, 'as sharp as a tack' or, 'as bright as a button', whereas he who doesn't quite understand is, 'a bit slow on the up-take.' or, 'not quite with it.'

How often have we heard, or even said, 'e ain't got the sense 'e was born with'? Hardly fair to say that about anyone, as the only sense we possess at the time of our birth is that of feeding to survive.

Now where does, 'Daft as a brush' come from? That's one that has always puzzled me, but it does somehow apply accurately to someone who is either generally silly, or more likely sentimental. Soft as a brush, maybe, because that could describe a silly or sentimental soul, but daft as a brush? And why a brush? You tell me.

Then we have the unkind description of a person who lacks intelligence, who is, 'as thick as two short planks.' Why two planks? Why not three? 'Thick as one short plank' wouldn't quite cover it somehow, I guess. It maybe has it's origin in ship-building, but that really is a guess on my part.

That soprano who thrills us with her wonderful voice has, 'the voice of an angel' whereas a cough means you've, 'got a frog in your throat'. (Yuk, don't even begin to think about how that comparison is made.)

Let's not forget our sporting heroes, riding horses and fast motorbikes and driving racing cars. Then we have those on skateboards, ice-skates and surf-boards. Now it's easy to see why all these athletes are described as, 'having nerves of steel'. It is a more direct way of acknowledging those who do not fear the risks involved when they venture to entertain us. Those who risk death for our benefit do have 'nerves of steel', and that is most definitely true.

Finally, there is one thing we can all rely upon throughout our lives, from cradle to grave, and that is that we have the most profound and extensive language in the modern world. And, as we go through life, we pick up and adopt all the weird and wonderful idiosyncrasies of that language which colour our very being, from the moment of our birth until the moment when that colour finally fades away.

Whether it be, 'one hundred and ten percent', or, 'He packed a lot into the time he had', it doesn't matter how you say it, as long as you are understood.

And ain't that a Fact?

Frederick James



"In an attempt to kill a fly I drove into a telephone pole."

Genuine statement from an insurance form.



I'm beginning to suspect that the universe has it in for me. Ever since Liz Truss spoke to the Club four months ago, every speaker has either moved away, been posted or simply forgotten. For our November meeting our speaker's van

had broken and they had no alternate transport available. I found this out at 8.15am in a very apologetic email. Well, you can't blame anyone for that although some members are whispering about *the curse of Truss*, but I don't subscribe to that idea. Currently.

But at least I had warning this time and so I grabbed a memory stick and with my latest presentation in hand I set off for the Wellington confident that I could step in but also knowing that members would again be disappointed that things were not to go as advertised. And some had turned up specifically to hear our speaker and not me. But they were very kind and understanding.

My topic I had entitled, *Funny Ha Ha, Funny He He. What makes you laugh?* It had started life as a collection of amusing extracts from insurance claim forms (the same ones as appear in this magazine) and had grown to incorporate videos of stand-up comedians and the history of Bamforth's saucy seaside postcards. Eclectic, I know, but that's the way my mind works!

Full of confidence I loaded the presentation onto the pub's laptop only to find that none of the animations worked and, worse of all, the links to the online videos were all blocked by Google for some reason. This was, as you may imagine, a bit of a blow but I had 35 minutes to fill and, by gum, I would soldier on, regardless.

All that I was left with was the history of Bamforth's saucy seaside postcards, the claim form extracts and a brief discussion on why laughter is good for you.

Laughter is good for you because it:

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- Boosts mood
- Diminishes pain
- Protects you from the damaging effects of stress



December @ The Wellington

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28th Gemma Bowler 8:30pm

29th Jo Manning 8:30pm

30th Bethanie Newman 8:30pm

31st DJ Grizzly 80s Night 9pm



- Stimulates circulation and aids muscle relaxation, both of which can help reduce some of the physical symptoms of stress
- Reduces anxiety and depression
- Strengthens social connections
- Releases endorphins, your body's "feel good" chemicals

Bamforth & Co Ltd was started in 1870 by James Bamforth, a portrait photographer in Holmfirth, West Yorkshire. The company originally made Lantern Slides before moving into films. It was in 1910 that they started making illustrated 'saucy' seaside postcards which, like its films, were exported worldwide for sale.

The company was bought out by the Dennis Printing Company, of Scarborough during the early 1980s.

Following the demise of Dennis the Bamforth & Co name, with postcards rights to over 50,000 designs, were purchased by Ian Wallace in 2001.

In September 2010, on the 100th anniversary of the original launch of the postcards, Ian Wallace relaunched the publication and sale of the postcards, with the Jane Evans Licensing Consultancy.

Currently Mercury Print & Packaging, in Leeds has the exclusive right to reprint and distribute.

There was much more than this left in the rubble of the presentation but I don't have the space available in this issue.

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**](mailto:garlandp@btinternet.com).

Our next meeting will be on the 2nd December and our speaker will be Robert Enderby on 'My Life in the Met' Part 2. (If he doesn't turn up, his dad is filling in!)



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Santa's Skeleton Shuffle: The Importance of Balance in Holiday High Jinks!

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the village, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse—except for Father Christmas, who was shimmying down chimneys with the grace of a ballet dancer on roller skates. You see, maintaining functional stability of the skeletal system is crucial, especially when you're the jolliest, roly-poly gift-giver in the world.

As we all know, Father Christmas has a sleigh to deliver presents, but it's his remarkable skeletal stability that enables him to perform the ultimate balancing act. Imagine, if you will, a portly old man with a penchant for red velvet suits trying to squeeze through narrow chimneys without the elegance of a ballerina. It's not a pretty sight, and it's certainly not good for the bones.

To truly appreciate the importance of balance, let's break down the science. Our skeletons are the unsung heroes of our bodies, providing structural support and protecting our squishy insides. Santa, with his jelly-like belly and the agility of a snow leopard, needs every bit of stability to navigate the rooftops and avoid disaster.

Picture this: Santa's sleigh is packed to the brim with gifts, and he's steering it through the starry night like a master puppeteer. Without a well-maintained skeletal system, his shimmy down the chimney could easily turn into a slip-and-slide adventure, with presents flying in all directions like a festive fireworks display.

So, how does Santa maintain such functional stability? It's not just magic; it's the result of a rigorous year-round fitness regimen. Pilates with the elves, yoga with Mrs. Claus, and a dash of salsa dancing with the reindeer all keep Santa's bones in tip-top condition. You try doing the cha-cha while carrying a sack of presents twice your weight – it's no small feat!

But the importance of balance doesn't stop there. Santa's ability to gracefully land on rooftops and tiptoe around creaky floorboards is nothing short of miraculous. His skeletal stability is like a well-rehearsed ballet, ensuring that every step is a confident pirouette

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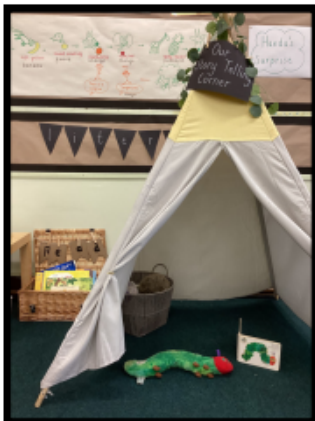
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Now, some sceptics might argue that Santa's magical powers are the real reason for his seamless manoeuvres, but we know the truth – it's all about that skeletal swagger. So, this holiday season, let's raise a glass of eggnog to the unsung hero of Christmas: the skeletal system. Because without it, Father Christmas might be more like Father Oops-I-Forgot-to-Maintain-My-Balance.

In conclusion, as you hang your stockings with care and await the arrival of the big man in red, take a moment to appreciate the intricate dance of bones that allows Santa to deliver joy with such finesse. After all, it's not just the presents that make the season magical; it's the delicate ballet of balance that keeps the holiday spirit alive and well. Merry Christmas to all, and to all a well-balanced night!

Happy Christmas to you all.

Helen Goddard-Nickolls, Life Fitness Re-Engineering.

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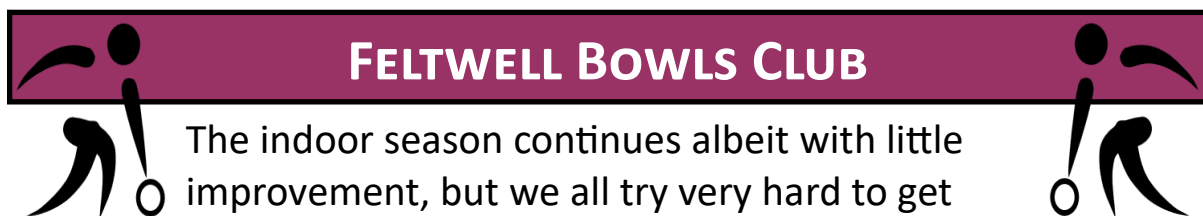
On Tuesday 7th November at the Mundford Bowls Club the WNAS were delighted to play host to Stewart Samuels: celebrity, historian and co-owner of Feltwell's prestigious family-run, Wellington Inn.

For an equally prestigious airfield Stewart's introductory photograph did not pay tribute to its status. The main entrance to the site shows a rather grandiose brick monolith bearing the noble inscription: 'Liberty Wins'. Unfortunately, undergrowth has recently been given too much liberty.

Stewart soon reset the balance by revealing that everything else about the location could be described as treasure. The infrastructure is almost exactly as it was during WW2: hangers, workshops, schools and even a beautiful timber church built by Boulton and Paul. There is no living accommodation on the site but the houses are regularly maintained and original camouflage paintwork can still be discerned on the property walls. There are veterinary, dog training facilities and schools there. A testimony to this fact comes from WNAS member, Lee, who used to teach there. Stewart explained that RAF Feltwell has never been deactivated and a concrete runway was never built. It was designed as a satellite to Lakenheath in 1937. Before that there was a WW1 airfield between Feltwell and Hockwold; evidence of this can be seen there today. The geography of the surrounding area seems to be ideally suited to the construction of airfields and it is not surprising that we see the 'golf balls' (radar surveillance scanners) there now. This scenario was a development of the Star wars initiative instigated by Ronald Reagan in the days of the Cold War. With radar and the atomic clock together with the Thor missile it would be possible to detect an adversary and counter attack with pin point accuracy. Feltwell was host to the first Thor missiles. They were originally of a German design. The British built the rockets and the Americans built the warheads. Ironically, the rockets were taken back to Vandenberg test site in California and were commissioned by RAF engineers from Feltwell.

Stewart intimated that there is now evidence of the construction of the first purpose built runway; a very short one. Can we see electric vertical take-off aircraft on the horizon?

Stop press: at an affectionate level Stewart made mention of the bond we have with America. Every day on the base at 4-30pm the National Anthem is broadcast followed by the Star Spangled Banner. At Halloween, children head for the officer's quarters first where the pickings are more juicy. RAF Watton is not the only base to host its own wartime ghost.



The indoor season continues albeit with little improvement, but we all try very hard to get better.

The green is settling down nicely after the soil treatment it received, and is looking very fresh and green probably due to the wet weather we have been experiencing at the moment.

The Green keeper is still working on it when ever it is fine, we owe him much respect.

Our Race night held on the 28th October was a huge success with around 45 attending and all entering into the spirit of the 8 races held. We were fortunate to have had all 8 races sponsored and we must thank the sponsors for helping the night to be so successful.

The coffee morning was held on the 18th November. I will report on it in the next issue.

The AGM was held on the 24th November. I will report on it in the next issue.

Our next Quiz night has been booked for Saturday 6th January 2024.

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Saturday 9th December Members Christmas party.

Saturday 6th January 2024 Quiz night.

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November saw a steady rise in reports of hare coursing which obviously means we have stepped up our enforcement action. PC Lovelock and the West Moonshot team arrested four individuals, seized a vehicle and four dogs. The four involved have been bailed while the case is built and further information is retrieved from electronic devices.

We have also seized two vehicles in the South Norfolk area which had been left in farmers fields having been involved in coursing and criminal damage of the fields. Those investigations are ongoing to identify those responsible.

BATS - DON'T FALL THE WRONG SIDE OF THE LAW!

We are continuing to see a rising trend in the amount of reports we receive involving bat roosts being destroyed or disturbed. We currently have a number of ongoing investigations because of the planning process which causes these come to light. Sadly, dealing with bats in properties can incur extra costs to the project but it is not an excuse to ignore them and cut corners. It could end up being far more expensive in the long run and delay the process even further.

All bat roosts are protected, whether they are being actively used at the time or not, there are no defences for destroying or damaging a

roost without the relevant Natural England licence in place before the work starts. Should you discover a bat or evidence of bats in an area you are working, you should cease work immediately and seek expert advice.

DIESEL/PLANT MACHINERY THEFTS

Whilst it sadly isn't anything new, there have been several larger plant type machinery stolen in recent months including telehandlers, mini diggers and slightly smaller items like generators and quadbikes. The demand for these items has raised significantly due to the war in Ukraine and most are being quickly shipped out of the country.

Whilst we have recovered some items with assistance from colleagues from the national project tackling this and from other neighbouring forces. One of the continuing frustrations when dealing with this sort of criminality is owners who do not know the individual serial numbers for some of this expensive kit.

It is essential we have those details, as soon as it is reported stolen, so we can record it on our national computer. If it is then stopped on the back of a lorry three counties away, it can be identified as stolen immediately. This is also sent to our international colleagues which the National Rural Crime Team have built up strong relationships over the last 12 months to tackle this issue. All you need to do is have a little black book of serial numbers/vin numbers from plant, particularly those not road registered, expensive tools, and any other expensive equipment. It is highly likely that it will have a unique serial number. We can all get complacent and think it would never happen to us, of course it might not but if it does, this information is critical.



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.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IN NOVEMBER

November brought a lull in activity, on the farm and amongst our wildlife.

Many of our native mammals were quickly building up their reserves to get them through the winter. The hedges still had a few berries on them and all the chestnuts and acorns dropped for the squirrels and mice to clear up. Our other popular mammals, hedgehogs and bats, began entering hibernation and it is essential they are not disturbed whilst hibernating. Bats will unlikely be seen until around May time now. Hedgehogs are a little less predictable with some not fully hibernating at all and their behaviour changes significantly depending on the weather. That said, if you see hedgehogs out and about during daylight hours, please seek advice as this is not normal behaviour at anytime of year.

Many of our native birds enjoyed the fruits of the hedgerows for a few final weeks but these quickly disappeared. If you can provide some fat balls and nuts over the coming months, they will be enjoyed. It's a lovely sight to see in your garden during these slightly duller months.

Our coastline and waterways saw an influx of migratory birds from colder climates, who enjoy our milder winters. You may also have seen fields of geese, particularly the pink-footed geese, who love to feed on the waste sugar beet tops which are left behind from the harvester during the winter period. It can be a very surreal sight to see fields full of geese in quiet inland areas.

Our farms tended to be a little quieter but let's be honest, there is rarely a moment to take stock on a farm! Arable farms made use of any dry weather windows to get cultivations done and the last of any autumn planted crops in the ground (given how wet it has been I doubt there will be much more in the ground this side of Christmas now!). Otherwise, it is a vital period to complete annual maintenance on machines and buildings.

Livestock farms probably hit one of their most intensive periods, with nearly all livestock now inside, which is labour intensive with daily feeding and clean bedding needed. Cattle do not generally thrive outside over winter unless they can be kept on some very free draining soil or a purposely grown crop like stubble turnips. Sheep cope a little better and you will see these outside throughout winter as their small feet don't cause so much damage and mess. November is often a very important month for commercial sheep farms as the tup will likely go in with the ewes. The general rule is if the ewe is tupped on the 5th of November she should lamb on the 1st of April. Most breeds of sheep only lamb once a year and are reliant on seasonal change to bring them into season, they come into season as the daylight gets shorter. Purebred Berrichon and Dorset's are two who can breed all year round but they are generally not seen as commercial.

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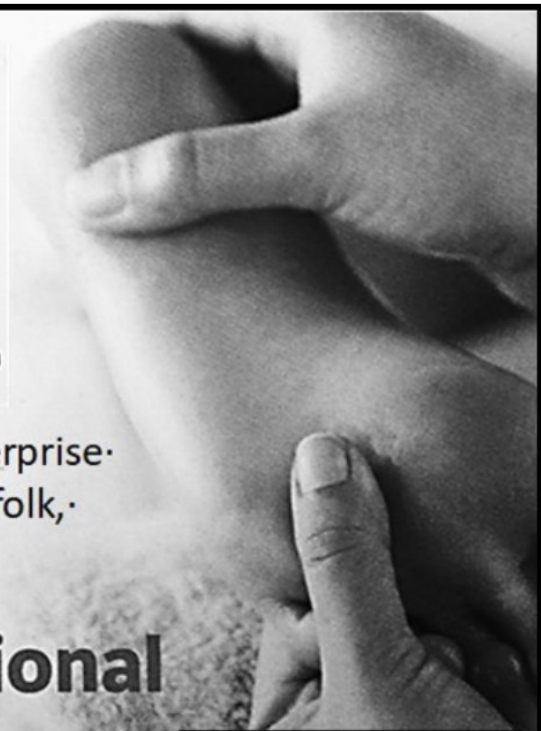
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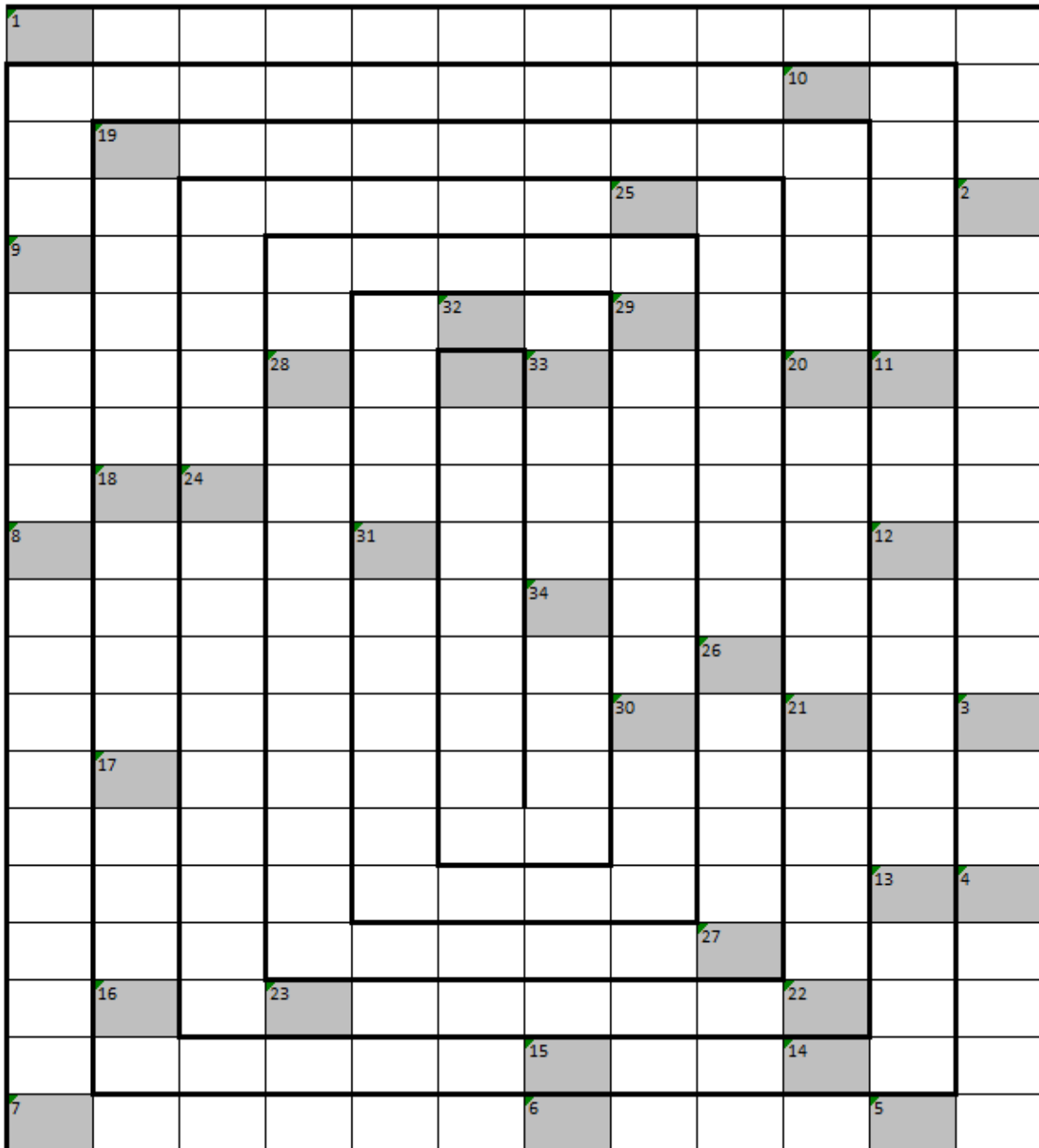
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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WORD TRAIL

Janet Clements brings us a special Word Trail for Christmas.

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CLUES

- 1 It twinkles on trees (9-6)
- 2 He visits but once a year (5-5)
- 3 It's cold and white (4)

- 4 Made traditionally from holly (6)
- 5 Which plant on woodland bears the crown (5)
- 6 A chocolate desert (4-3)
- 7 _____ house, biscuit (11)
- 8 One of the Reindeer (6)
- 9 On your Christmas dinner plate (5-8)
- 10 What we build in a meadow (7)
- 11 A Christmas Carol (4)
- 12 Warming to sit in front of (3-4)
- 13 Santa's little helpers (5)
- 14 Often placed at the top of the Christmas tree (4)
- 15 He has a shiny nose (7)
- 16 Songs sung in church (5)
- 17 A person who rescues, redeems (6)
- 18 Strips of fabric (7)
- 19 4th century Bishop (5-8)
- 20 The miserly character in Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol' (7)
- 21 A drink made from dairy products, sugar, poultry products and mixed with alcohol (6)
- 22 A draping decoration (7)
- 23 You embellish the rooms of your house with these (11)
- 24 They adorn Santa's flying machine (6-5)
- 25 The naughty and nice are on this (6-4)
- 26 They make the Christmas tree shimmer (6)
- 27 Sung by Bing Crosby and David Bowie (6-7-3)
- 28 Archaic terms for Christmas (8)
- 29 Another name for Jesus Christ (8)
- 30 A crackling and warming sight (4-2-3-4)
- 31 Cranberries, Satsumas and dates are _____ fruits (6)
- 32 Bernard is Santa's chief _____ (3)
- 33 Strong belief in the doctrines of religion (5)
- 34 My personal (the compiler of this quiz) wish to you all (5-9)

This month's Word Trail solution is on page 75.

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FELTWELL FOLK 2.

Our second photo is of an outing organised by the Oak Hotel around 1930, to Skegness. The photo came from Eric Lawrence.



From right standing in front of the bus.

No. 2 - Ash Godbold, No. 3 - Vic Ellingford, No. 5 - Ted Anderson,
No. 8 - Harry Williams (Proprietor of the Oak Hotel).

From right looking through bus window.

No 2 (highest head) - Reggie Wallis.

The names were provided by Len Barnes in Sydney, Australia. Len was born in Cock Street, now High Street, Feltwell in 1920.

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CURIOS No. 3

First, the answer to Curio No. 2 from last month. The curio is a 'Milwards Skirt Level'. Oh, yes it is, and here's a photo of the box in which it came to prove it.

'For the perfect skirt line at the height of fashion', full instructions on back of carton.



Now to this months curio.

Answer next month.

Description. These stainless steel spoon-like utensils would have been used at the dining table. They have gaps between each span and so would not hold a liquid. What was their purpose?



Answers to my email address, please—garland@btinternet.com

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WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search is on **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**. 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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NUTCRACKERS AND SOLDIERS, PERSONALISED ORNAMENTS,
PINE CONES, RIBBONS, STARS, TABLE CLOTH, TINSELL, WREATH

The solution is on page 76



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

26th January (10am to 11am).

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

RSPB members—£2. Under 18's go free!

Non-RSPB members—Adults: £3. Under 18's go free!

This is a **FREE** event, just turn up!

Sundown at Lakenheath Fen (accessible)

Sunday 21st January 2024 (4pm-5:30pm)

Join us on this new event to experience the reserve as dusk falls across the reedbed. This event is designed to be accessible to all, including those with reduced mobility. Hot drinks and biscuits included!

RSPB-members—Adults £6/ Children £3

Non-RSPB members—Adults £7.50/ Children £3.75

Raptors in the Reedbed guided walk

Sunday 10th December 2023 (2pm-5pm)

Sunday 14th January 2024 (2pm-5pm)

Watch the reserve come to life as darkness falls, and birds of prey emerge to hunt or arrive to roost in the reedbeds.

RSPB-members—Adults £12/ Children £6

Non-RSPB members—Adults £15/ Children £7.50



RSPB Lakenheath Fen

SIX WILDLIFE HIGHLIGHTS TO LOOK FOR IN DECEMBER

December is a time of year when some of us will be busy preparing, shopping and organising ahead of the festivities at the end of the month, but some people prefer things quieter or simpler. As always, wildlife will be ever present in our lives and I hope that no matter how you spend the month, the list of highlights below will help you enjoy the month:

1. Harrier roosts in reedbeds

If you have a reedbed nature reserve nearby, such as at RSPB Lakenheath Fen or the National Trust's Wicken Fen, it's worth paying a visit at dusk to look for raptors roosting- these should mainly be Marsh harriers but if you are lucky you may also see Hen harriers joining them too. It can be really exciting watching these beautiful birds of prey come in from all directions just as the light is fading; to glide over the reeds and then drop into their favoured spot for the night.

2. Lesser redpoll and Siskin on bird feeders

If you have Goldfinches visiting your garden bird feeders, you may also spot a couple of other finches which only visit for the colder months. Both Siskin and Lesser redpolls are smaller- roughly Blue tit-sized, but very different in plumage. Siskin are a streaky yellow and black in males, with female birds more greenish in colour. Lesser redpoll are a mixture of cream and grey with black streaks and a small red patch on their forehead. Males have a red/pink flush to their breast which varies quite a bit in intensity.

3. Mistle thrushes beginning to sing

In quiet areas with tall trees surrounding open farmland or parkland,

you may hear the beautiful, haunting warble of a Mistle thrush. They are roughly the size of Jackdaws and their song a repeated short tune, often going on for half an hour or more. They breed early- often laying eggs in February- so their singing starts early too!

4. Jays collecting acorns

These colourful members of the crow family will be busy carrying acorns- up to six at a time- to spots to bury them ready for Spring. Then, when the Jays have hungry chicks to feed, using their amazing memory they'll return to the burial site, pull up the seedling and snip off the fat first pair of leaves ('seed leaves') to feed to their youngsters.

5. Corvid roosts in tall trees

Whilst Carrion crows are solitary, Rooks and Jackdaws will nest and roost communally and these roosting sites can number thousands of birds. If you see corvids flying overhead as the light begins to fade, try to see where they end up- they'll take you to their roost. If it's in a public area, then pause a while underneath as darkness falls to watch them swirling, lifting and settling again in a noisy rabble. All this communication is thought to be the birds reinforcing bonds and keeping up-to-date about good feeding spots.

6. Keep an eye on the 'Northern lights'

Believe it or not, every now and again it's possible to see the Aurora Borealis where we live. Keep an eye on this website <https://aurorawatch.lancs.ac.uk/> or download the 'AuroraWatch' app if you are able- these track the Earth's geomagnetic activity hour by hour, and if it's dark and clear where you are at the time of a 'Red' alert, you're in with a chance. If you can find somewhere with a clear view towards the northern horizon, away from major sources of light pollution, like towns and industrial areas, you'll have the best luck.

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Breckland Branch



It is with great sadness that I have to report here that on the evening of 16th October, eight cats were dumped in cat carriers on farmland at Didlington.

The people who dumped the carriers containing the cats were about to open the carriers and set the cats free, when they were spotted by the farmer and quickly drove away.



The cats came into our care in very poor condition – very thin and sickly. We took in four of them and the other

four cats went to our Ely Branch. We quickly booked them into the vets for blood tests for feline immune-deficiency virus and feline leukaemia. Sadly two of the cats tested positive for feline leukaemia. This condition is untreatable and fatal. The cats were already poorly so it was decided to put them to sleep. There is no cure for feline leukaemia, so it was the kindest thing to do, otherwise they would have suffered a horrible, painful death. It is very infectious. Feline leukaemia affects the cats immune system, making them vulnerable to other infections, anaemia or tumours. It does not infect humans.

Meanwhile the four cats with our Ely branch were also taken to the

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

An adult humans small intestine is about 18 to 23 feet long, which is about four times as long as an adult is tall.





St Mary's Feltwell

We wish you a happy, peaceful
and blessed Christmas from all at
St Mary's.

Your Parish Church is open every day.

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Please contact Tracey Rudge 07880 490187

vet but sadly three of them were also suffering from feline leukaemia, and were put to sleep. We take some comfort from the fact that the cats were not let out of their carriers when they were dumped, otherwise they would have been out there in the rain and cold when they were so ill. And they would have died a horrible death. We think the cats came from a breeder as they appeared to be pedigrees. If you have bought a cat or a kitten from a breeder and it appears to be unwell, please take it to your vet as soon as possible.

There is a vaccine for feline leukaemia and all the cats and kittens in our care are vaccinated against it, along with cat flu and feline infectious enteritis (parvovirus). If only these poor cats had been vaccinated, they could have been saved. We have had cats in our care die from cat flu, or had to have eyes removed because they were badly damaged by it, and also cats die from parvovirus. So it is very important that your cats are vaccinated.

There are some good deals around at the moment for vaccinations. Jollyes in Thetford will give your cats two vaccines, 3-4 weeks apart which covers them for a year for £33. For another £10 they can be microchipped as well. Some larger branches of Pets At Home, will also vaccinate your cat for life for £95. That is the first 2 vaccines, and then yearly for as long as they live. Of course all vets offer vaccinations too.

If you need advice or help with the cost of neutering, please call us on 01842 810018.

Rita Thompson

Breckland Cats Protection, 01842 810018.



Footnote

“Will you please send someone to mend the garden path? My wife tripped and fell on it yesterday and now she is pregnant. We are getting married in September and we would like it in the garden before we move into the house.”

Extracts from letters written by council tenants

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



Sun 3 rd Dec	Eucharist Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Feltwell Weeting
Sun 10 th Dec	Eucharist Carol Service	11am 6pm	Northwold Hockwold
Sun 17 th Dec	Eucharist Eucharist Carols around the village Christmas Tree	9.15am 11am 6pm	Feltwell Weeting Feltwell
Sat 23 rd Dec	 Christingle	4pm	Feltwell
Christmas Eve	 Midnight Mass	10pm	Feltwell
Christmas Day	 Eucharist	10am	Weeting
Sun 31 st Dec	Benefice Eucharist	10am	Northwold

Other Services

First Tuesday of the month Holy Communion at Hockwold at 9.15am. All other Tuesdays Morning Prayer. Evening Prayer at Feltwell contact grimshoebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Zoom Eucharist - Email Chris Parker for details:

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St Mary's is open every day from
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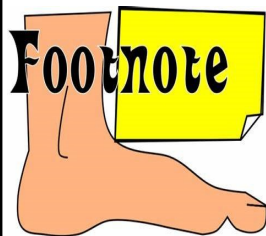
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Happy Christmas



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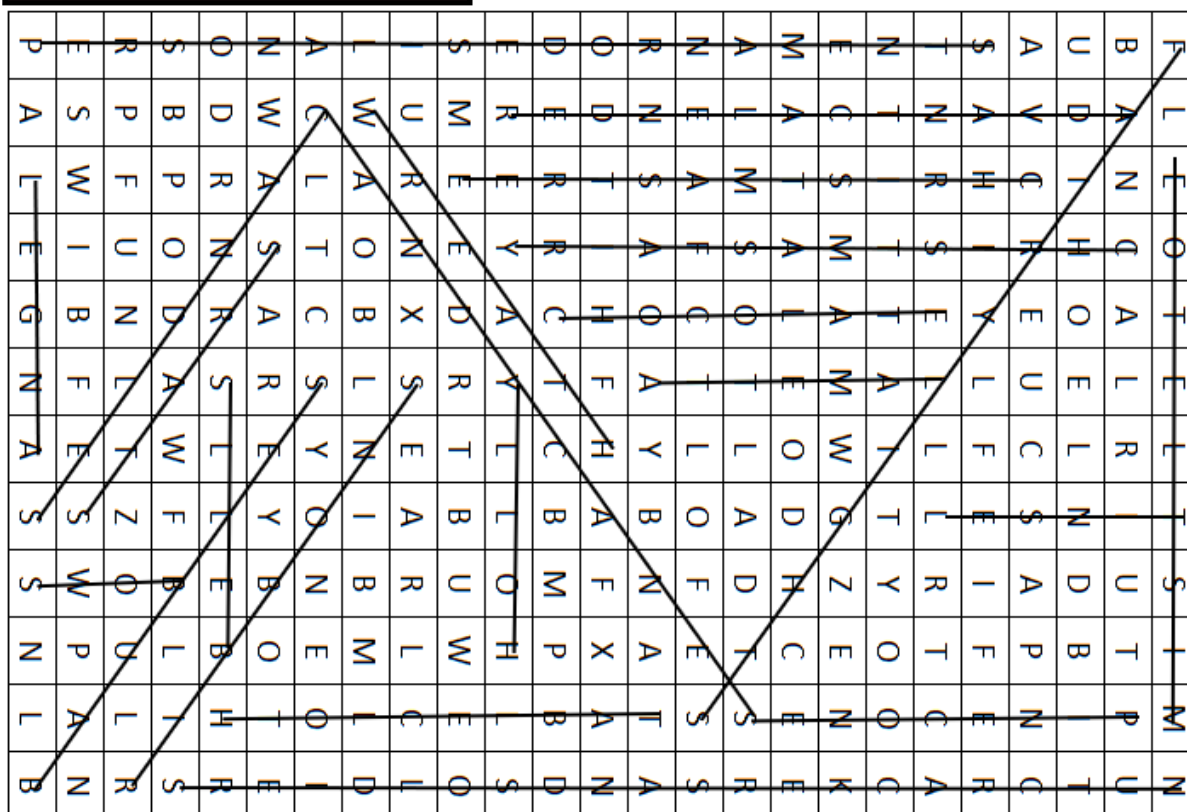
“On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don’t like spicy food.”

Actual complaint received by Thomas Cook

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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](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.

A Meeting was held on Monday the 13th of NOVEMBER 2023 in the British Legion, Long Lane.

Eight Councillors attended and RAF Commander Geary

The RAF Commander gave a brief overview of operations throughout October and early November including some 48FW aircraft deployed on overseas training and UK-based flying training, including an Agile Combat Employment Exercise based out of RAF Leeming. 48FW conducted a very successful aircraft crash exercise at RAF Honington which saw UK emergency agencies and 48FW personnel working collaboratively to respond to a simulated aircraft crash incident. In addition, both the Medical Group and the Mission Support Group conducted their own operational readiness exercises. 48FW hosted a visit by the Minister for Defence Procurement and RAF Lakenheath hosted the latest UK/US Agile Combat Engagement Working Group. He had attended 22 Remembrance events across the counties of Suffolk and Norfolk, including, Brandon, Feltwell, Hockwold and Lakenheath, along with personnel from 48FW.

Data from two of the SAM2's had been deciphered as follows:
 - Wilton Road (by Base entrance) - between 21/4/23 and 8/5/23, there were 32,193 vehicle movements, average speed of 35.4 mph with a highest speed of 75 mph recorded at 12.10 pm; The Beck – between 4/6/23 and 12/7/23, there were 43,595 vehicle movements, average speed of 27.2 mph and highest speed of 50 mph recorded at 8.40 pm.

White lining is with the contractor for completion as soon as they are in the area. Highways have ordered the 'Give Way Ahead' sign for Hill Street and will programme installation once received.

Highways do not believe further work is required to widen the Oak Street footpath from the Almshouses to the Doctors Surgery despite repeated requests from the Parish Council to do so. Parishioners who feel the path needs to be widened are strongly urged to contact Highways and County Councillor, Mr



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Martin Storey, regarding this matter to strengthen the Parish Council's campaign. Highways can be contacted on 0344 800 8020 and Cllr Storey on 01842 828016/07850 866854.

Drivers are asked to be considerate and patient during busy times at St Mary's Church where parking along Bell Street may be increased. Alternative routes around the village are available so it may be wiser to use these during these times.

Councillors had met with three contractors to discuss redesigning the entrance at the playing field (near the play area) to make it safer. This will be funded in part by money kindly donated by the Anglo-American Car Show held earlier in the year. Mr Fenn and Mr Lambert will clear the shrubbery on the path outside the gateway to make this area safer for pedestrians.

Brickwork repairs to the wall around the Oak tree on Oak Street junction with Wilton Road/Bell Street undertaken by MWM (Anglia) Ltd have been kindly funded by Future Biogas Ltd (owners of Warren Energy at Methwold).

Allotment hedges and hedges around the overflow car park at the Doctors Surgery have been cut.

Flagship have appointed a new contractor for the Long Lane development site and work should commence shortly.

The Parish Council will take part in D-Day 80, an event being held throughout the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK overseas territories to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day, hoping to achieve the lighting of at least 14 beacons per county within England and Wales as part of the event.

There is a vacancy for the position of Parish Councillor (Feltwell ward). Please see notice on the Parish Council Noticeboard (St Mary's Street), our Facebook page and website for further details.

The next Parish Council meeting will be at the British Legion on **TUESDAY 12th December 2023** at 7.30 pm, all are welcome.

Feltwell Parish Council wishes residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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and Very Best Wishes for 2024***

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11:30am - 1:15pm & 4:30pm - 8:00pm

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