

# FELTWELL PARISH MAGAZINE

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February 2024



How many pigeons can you find inside?



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Wildlife Crime, Curios  
A Life in Barbershop,  
Feltwell Folk, Flight of Fancy  
RSPB-Managing Habitats  
Plus all our usual puzzles and  
much more besides.**

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### FROM THE CLASSROOM

Last term at Edmund De Moundeford Primary School was rather busy with our annual nativity and carol concert as well as the success of our reverse advent calendar for the Food Pantry. Spring term is no different with many things planned and, despite only being back a few days, children across all classes have been developing their writing skills.



In **Starlings** children have been looking at washing hands and writing instructions.

Germs are tiny and they will make you sick. You must wash your hands so you do not get sick.

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Second put soap on your hands.

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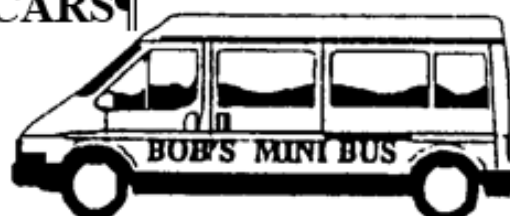
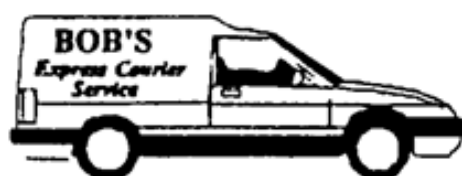
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This time of year, can be awful for colds and viruses so following the advice of Starlings will help to keep us safe and well.

We look forward to sharing more of the amazing learning that is happening in school in the next edition of this village magazine.

Please stay up to date with events happening in school on our Facebook page—<https://www.facebook.com/Feltwellprimaryschool>

## FLIGHT OF FANCY

“When I learned to fly, I never thought it would come to this! I was just getting used to just flying around, free as the air, so to speak, and back in time for tea. Now they are saying that we're off across the Channel again! It was ok at first, sort of sight seeing, you might say. Birds-eye view of the ships and all that stuff, then a wizz over the foreign fields and following the railway lines for a bit, then back over the Channel in time for NAAFI-break. Alright, that was, but now they're saying we're going to have to do all that at night! Can't see the point in that, 'cos you can't see anything in the dark, can you? What's the point in flying all that way, if you can't see where you're going? You'd probably end up in the wrong place, anyway.”

“Maybe so, but at least we'll be getting away from here for a while, instead of just sitting around waiting for something to happen.”

“S'pose you're right. So let's get aboard, and see where we're going tonight! Let's hope we don't have to dodge the flak again like we usually have to do. Don't like all that noise, especially in the dark! Not good for my nerves, that isn't. However many times we've done this trip, my nerves are no better, even now. You'd think I would be used to it by now, wouldn't you? The noise of the bloody engines is bad enough, and the cold freezing your bits off is something else, but when they start shooting at us, that really p\*\*\*es me off, and that's a fact”

“Don't you ever stop moaning? Every trip we've been on, you've moaned all the way. At least I don't have to listen to you on the way back!”

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“Talking about the return trip, it looks as though they are getting ready to chuck us out again!”

“Maybe that's because our transport has caught some flak and we're on fire! Anyway, what was he saying to you when he opened the hatch?”

“Oh, nothing much. Just to have a safe journey back, and to make sure those at home get the message. It is our job, after all!”

“Yeah, suppose you're right. Ah well, here we go again! See you back at base!”

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Out of the corner of his eye, he saw the plane going down and was relieved to see that his partner was not far behind him.

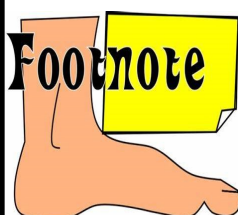
At least, in a few hours, they'd both be safely home again, and after a drink and something to eat, they'll be waiting for their next trip.

Frederick James

*I was delighted to receive this conversation piece from Fred as they are always entertaining but I was interested in knowing what the inspiration was behind it. Fred said, “I got the urge to write it after I read somewhere a comparison between military communication now and how it was during the two world wars. STEP FORWARD OUR AVIAN HEROES! And they did get medals for doing their bit for the cause.*



*From the Militarytimes.com*—Approximately 55,000 pigeons were deployed by the Americans throughout the war. The British, meanwhile, used upwards of 200,000. Thirty-two of those pigeons were presented the People’s Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA) **Dickin Medal**, the highest honour awarded to animals in combat.



I wish to report that tiles are missing from the outside toilet roof. I think it was bad wind the other day that blew them off

*Extracts from letters written by council tenants*




**Need to clear out after Christmas!**  
**Have something you don't need**  
**Book a Table for a fiver**



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## **Volunteers are urgently required**

We would like to welcome more members to our small friendly group of volunteers. Our aim is to continue planting the tubs with seasonal flowers, to ensure that both residents and visitors are welcomed into the village with bright displays throughout the year. Please join us at the Wellington Pub for our AGM on **19<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm**. Coffee and tea will be available and although it is the AGM, it will be a friendly gathering where ideas for the future can be shared. Our volunteers at the moment, spend approximately an hour a week in the summer watering with the odd planting session twice a year.

At the AGM we will also be discussing ideas for this years planting and development. As I have said before, we hope to extend the wild flower area. The plants have now been trimmed; we waited until most of the seeds had been dropped to self-seed as much as possible. We will be re-seeding any gaps which might occur. We also hope to have more tubs in place around the village.

If you have any ideas which we might be able to use, please contact us on the following platforms:-

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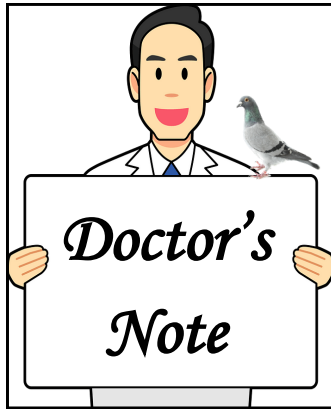
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You will always be asked for consent before seeing a medical student. Please assist us with the medical students by being patient with them, giving them and us feedback about the care you have received, this can be positive or negative. You could consider volunteering for some of the sessions if approached, as the students can benefit from hearing from your experience from the start of your diagnosis to the end of treatment i.e. cancer treatment or other long term conditions.

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## Lost Again (Inspired Nonsense or Alternate History)

Every year it's the same and this year was no exception. The Golden Globe awards were given out in early January and not a mention of Feltwell anywhere, not even a single nomination. Now, this is hardly surprising owing to the lack of film and television production facilities in the village. However, I had higher hopes for the *haut couture* worn by the ladies walking the red carpet but, no, none of them sported dresses by any Feltwell designer or seamstress. Lots of Armani and Bottega but nothing home grown. A sad night for Feltwell overall but there's always next year.

Now, Feltwell doesn't have a great track record as a centre for the filmic arts. I put this down to the failure at the box office of the 1957 film, *A Felt Wellington Is No Good As Footwear*. This arthouse movie, the first in a proposed trilogy focusing on the daily struggles of those living on the fen edge, had such an uninspiring title that it, and all reputable critics of the time agreed with this, was most likely the reason why it was a flop at the box office. It was rumoured during production that an alternate title of *A Felt Wellington Will Not Fly but a Canvas Covered One Will* was dismissed as being overly long to fit on the standard billboard of the time. I do believe that takings came nowhere near covering the production costs.

However, not to be disheartened at falling at the first hurdle those behind this valiant initial effort followed it three years later by releasing the even more ambitious but equally poorly titled, *A Felt Well Holds No Water*. This was another sombre arthouse piece concerning the plight of the now extinct Fen Tiger. This deeply thoughtful, almost surrealist and certainly semi-biographical film was amongst the first to use colour in combination with monochrome, to explore the guilt-ridden life of a tiger hunter

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**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

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# ***Your Good Health***

**by Dr Ian Nisbet**

Well, here we are – another New Year – my opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy time.

I always find January a depressing time of the year. The days are very short, the garden is miserable and battered, it is cold and very wet, especially in the Midlands, and the combined electricity and gas meter is flying around, even with little heat “on” making me sad for those who cannot afford to maintain warmth in their home. I read an article yesterday which recommended that running my house cool (15 degrees) would cause my body to burn white (bad) fat and increase brown (good) fat. As a result, I have kept my house at 15 degrees today and it is bl\*\*\*\* freezing! The article also included reference to taking cold showers but, as there was a caveat about not doing it if you are elderly, I have reluctantly avoided taking one.

I am off to Rotary tonight where the room will be warm and the food hot. Currently, we are collecting boxes full of medical items, dressings, blankets, crutches and sticks, etc. for Ukraine. We then buy end of life ambulances from the NHS (they are still serviceable and reliable) fill them with the stuff we have collected and then they are driven by Rotarians to Ukraine where they are emptied and the ambulances are left behind to be camouflaged and used at the front line. The local Worcestershire population has really warmed to the idea and we are receiving lots of good stuff for the cause.

My new choir gave a free concert just before Christmas with an audience of over 100. Lots of “fun” music with great audience participation. My intention was to lift everyone’s mood and it really worked. We have received lots of strongly positive comments since the



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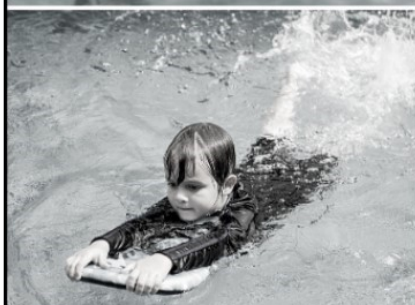
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concert and I was delighted that five of our kids and nine of our grandchildren were present, much to the interest and delight of the locals. Deannie would have loved it but she might have been a bit sniffy about my compering of the show. One member of the audience, a professional singer, really enjoyed my conducting and choir control which she found both amusing and interesting. As I suffer quite a lot from impostor syndrome, I am not sure what to make of what she has said!

We need jokes! An American man walked into an English restaurant with a fully grown ostrich trailing along behind him. The waitress took the man's order - A hamburger, fries and a Coca Cola. The ostrich indicated that he would have the same. The bill came to £21.49. The man reached into his pocket and his hand came out clutching the exact money. The next night, he had fish and chips with a coffee and the ostrich wanted the same. The bill came to £19.49 and, once again, he put his hand in his pocket and out it came, with the exact money. The next night was Friday so the man treated himself to steak, fries,

rice pudding and champagne. The ostrich said he would have the same. The bill was a whopping £45.80 and, sure enough, the man's pocket contained the exact amount. The waitress was intrigued and asked the man "How do you always have exactly the right amount of money in your pocket?" "Well" replied the man "several years ago, I was cleaning out the attic when I found an old lamp. I gave it a rub and out popped a genie who offered me two wishes. I asked him to make sure that, any time I had to pay for anything, I would put my hand in my pocket and the money would be there. Ever since then, anything I buy, be it a pint of milk or a smart car, the money is always in my pocket"

"That's great" said the waitress. "What was your second wish?" "Ah" said the man, "I asked him to give me a good-looking, tall chick with long legs who would agree with everything I say"

A primary school teacher asked her pupils what their parents did for a living. Some kids knew and gave a good description, while others didn't really understand their parents' jobs and gave



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vague descriptions or none at all. When they got to little Johnny, he stood up and said: "My dad cuts people in half." "Oh, really?" asked the teacher with a smile, "You mean he's a magician?" "I don't know." said Johnny. "A surgeon, maybe?" asked the teacher. "I don't know." repeated Johnny. "Then why do you think he cuts people in half?" asked

the confused teacher. "Because I have two half brothers and three half sisters."

Have a happy, healthy New Year and treasure each other. That reminds me, we need Deannie's Zen saying for the month : Some days you are the bug; some days you are the windscreen!

Ian Nisbet

### Lost Again (Inspired Nonsense or Alternate History) continued

fighting for the survival of their way of life; a novel examination of the plight of the Luddite movement. Unfortunately, this film went the same way as its processor.

A third film in the Feltwell trilogy got no further than the planning stage. *Felt well in Feltwell* was considered to have negative overtones whereas the alternative title *Feel(ing) Well in Feltwell*, despite being more upbeat, was opposed by the films distributor on the basis that the subtle message embedded within the use of the *ing* in parentheses would be lost on the film's likely audience.

And so ended Feltwell's brief flirtation with the burgeoning film industry of the 1950s and 60s. Sadly, no copies of either parts 1 or 2 survive and I am reliably told that any notes or plans associated with the aborted third film were all destroyed in a fire.

Edward Gee



### **TABLE TENNIS**

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## Sudoku Puzzle

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

Answer on page 76



## The Food Pantry, Feltwell

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The emails demand that the recipient make contact within a specified deadline. If they do not, the email claims that a warrant will be issued for their arrest and that the recipient's details will be added to the sex offenders register, quoting legislation to make the threat sound legitimate.

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The use of such threatening language creates a significant and emotional impact upon the recipient. The time pressure that is applied encourages victims to panic and act without thinking, unknowingly exposing themselves to compromise and blackmail.

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### **Scam Alert – Investment Scams and fake cryptocurrency exchanges.**

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[Which? have put together useful guidance on how to spot an investment scam - find details on their website.](#)

[The Financial Conduct Authority website also provides further details on how to avoid investment scams online.](#)

If you think you have received an investment offer that you believe is a scam or you have become a victim of a scam, you can report this to us via the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on **freephone 0808 223 1133**.

**Scam Alert – Consumer website Which? warns drivers to avoid search engines when downloading parking apps.**

We are highlighting a warning from the consumer website Which? about scammers using online adverts to trick drivers into paying for expensive subscriptions when looking for parking payment apps.

Which? report that in recent weeks they have seen adverts impersonating well known parking apps including JustPark, PaybyPhone and RingGo on search engines, often appearing higher in searches than the genuine websites for these companies. [Read the full report about downloading parking apps on the Which? website.](#)

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

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

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### 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)

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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.

What is 7726? A free service for you to use to report suspicious texts or calls you might receive on your mobile.

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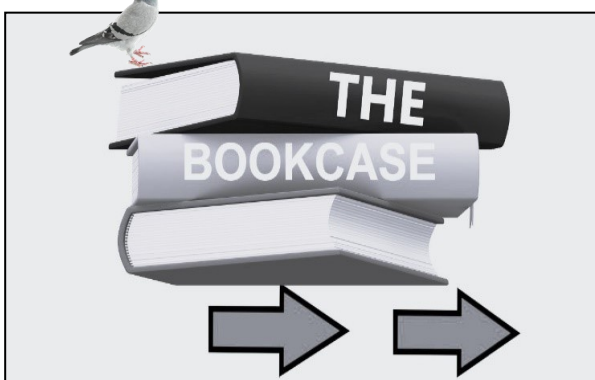
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**Are you at least 70 years of age or will be by the end of 2024?**

**Have you lived in the village of Feltwell for a minimum of 10 years and are still resident?**

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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## FEBRUARY HALF-TERM LOGISTICAL

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

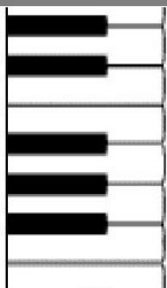
	Cambridge Museums	Banham Zoo	Sealife Centre	Roar Dinosaur Park	2 Hours	2 ½ Hours	3 Hours	3 ½ Hours	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Long Family												
Drove Family												
Kingston Family												
Norburg Family												
Tuesday												
Wednesday												
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Friday												
2 Hour												
2 ½ Hours												
3 Hours												
3 ½ Hours												

Match the families to their half term activity, the day they visited and how long they spent there.

1. The family who went out on Wednesday took 3 hours.
2. The Drove Family went out on Tuesday.
3. The Zoo visit happened after the Dinosaur Park visit.
4. The Kingston Family spent longer in The Cambridge Museums than the family who went out on Friday.
5. Thursday's Sealife Centre Visit took 2½ hours.
6. The Long Family took less time than the Norburg Family.



Answer me this: Why are many streaming services now moving to one episode a week?



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# Feltwellians Around The World



## Larry Weaver

I am the nephew of **Sylvan Ellwood Weaver**. I have been doing detailed research as I am piecing together scattered details of my Uncle. Our family has the consolation of four of his letters sent home shortly before his death April 4, 1943. As per actual war records, I am just now piecing together for his memorial which I will submit to the Nanton, Alberta, Canada war museum. I managed to find an O.T.U. picture taken at Pennfield, N.B. just before he left for England, Nov. 1942. That was 60 men. Now I see a panorama picture of Sqn 21, Squadron 464, and Squadron 487 the latter of which he was a part, on your website. Would it be possible to get a close-up of this picture so as to identify faces? That photo was taken early '43 and he wasn't killed until April 4, '43 so I'm thinking he may be there. I located him in the grainy picture of 60 men - if he's in your picture I'm sure I can locate him.

Unfortunately, his family did not have the consolation/luxury of knowing very much about Sylvan other than scanty war records. He has no known grave and is commemorated in Runnymede. There is a granite memorial wall at the Nanton Bomber Museum with 10,000 names. Sylvan's name is there with 3 other Weavers - unrelated. Of course oral records of Sylvan from my father, his younger brother and his older sister until her early passing. His family have all since passed and only 3 nephews and 3 nieces remain.

The war museums here in Canada sp. Nanton - the Bomber museum has limited records of the Venturas on which Sylvan flew. As far as I can ascertain, there are no remaining Venturas anywhere in Canada.

If I could ever afford it I would really like to visit Feltwell as it seems such an obscure part of our family history.

Any other information you could give would be greatly appreciated.

*I sent Larry the photograph as requested and this is his reply.*

So, I've been pouring over this photo but at the moment do not have a positive I.D. It was taken before the Amsterdam raid but it may have been taken after April 4, in which case, he is not there.

Do you know if there are two airfields, one at Feltwell and one at Methwold? Sylvan refers in his letters going into the village (which I presume is Feltwell) and there not being much to do there i.e. it's as dead as Castor (his home town) so for his parents to not have to worry about him. He did have a good sense of humour which I refer to in my memoir.

*After some further email exchanges it became apparent that Larry was writing a biography of his uncle to be lodged at the Nanton Bomber Command museum as well as sharing with his family. I asked if I could read the memoir that Larry was writing and, fortunately, he agreed. What follows is the beginning of its serialisation.*

**Memoir for Sylvan Ellwood Weaver Born August 5, 1915. Killed in action April 4, 1943.**

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

So, because Sylvan did not write his own autobiography, nor could he tell any details after he died, I only have stories my Dad told me, actual letters Sylvan wrote home after being posted in England, and military records by which to put forth this memoir. I am not a writer by any stretch of the imagination but, I like you (the reader) have an imagination. When I read a story or watch a movie, I get immersed in the story and cannot tell the difference between me and the character I am reading about. In my imagination we are the same person. So, based on this I will write it in the first person as I imagine Sylvan would have felt. So, in some ways, it is a bit like a novel when I write as if I can feel like he felt and truer perhaps than when I write just the military facts recorded. Also. I do have the same DNA so a lot of my feelings and thoughts will be the same. Eg. I am quite sure our senses of humour are much the same. I can still have a good

laugh today from this story Dad told us about Sylvan: They were driving down the road in their car of that time - perhaps a Model A. Grandpa was driving and Dad and Sylvan were in the back seat. Sylvan pipes up, "Dad can you drive any faster?" Grandpa replies, "No, son. Why do you ask?" "Well, there's a guy behind us pushing a wheel barrow, and he's trying to pas, us!"

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).

So, I(L) think that every human ever born regardless of race or colour, family or religion, has pretty much the same basic human needs i.e. to feel needed, loved and safe. When that is interrupted it shocks us. I(S) felt that way also. I(S) just wanted life to be safe. So, at the age of six I got a major shock. First of all my younger brother was born. That was different but felt good. It felt kind of nice actually. What was shocking about it was that Mom was sick for four months and then the real blow hit. She died! Was it my (S)'s fault? Where did she go? They told me she went to heaven to be with God. But where was God? Was he up in the sky? Could she come back out? Back to the ground where she could keep me safe? Daddy couldn't stop crying. My older sister, Reta couldn't stop crying. She had to look after me. But she wasn't my Mom! And she was only 8. I was six and baby Armand was four months. For sure Reta could not look after a baby. So Dad sent Armand away to live with some relatives in Didsbury who were unable to have children. What a shock! I no longer had my Mom - she was up in heaven and I didn't have my brother. How was he making out? I couldn't be consoled. So how could I have stopped this? It did seem somewhat my fault.

So, after a couple of years I(S) sort of forgot the shock. School took my mind off my little brother and my older sister Reta was doing pretty good at cooking and looking after me. Then Dad got interested in another German girl. I(S) have no clue how they got together but Dad was happy and my sister was even happier because someone else could take over cooking and housework.

*To be continued next month.*



# February @ The Wellington

**3rd**

Live Music  
with  
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**10th**

Live Music  
with  
Emily Blake



**16th**

Live Music  
with  
Pegasus



**23rd**



with  
Live Music  
from  
Kill Me  
Kate







Our January speaker was one of our members. Brian Shorrocks had plucked up the courage to stand in front of us and tell us about his hobby of many years, barbershop singing.

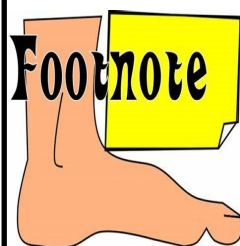
Brian was born in Mitcham, Surrey, and during WW2 was evacuated together with his sister and two cousins to a farm in Devon. He remembers the time very fondly and the fact that he acquired a Devonshire accent while there.

Upon marriage he lived in Lingfield, Surrey, but as he had a printing business in Crawley he and his wife eventually moved there. A business colleague asked him if he would film his daughter's wedding as cine photography was Brian's hobby at the time. This was to change his life as, at the reception the cabaret was a Barbershop Chorus. This so impressed him that he sought out the nearest Chorus, which happened to be in Crawley, and joined that in 1971. Whilst there he joined a quartet called The Fortunairs which stayed together for over 30 years. They entered many competitions, winning two National Silver medals and finally the coveted Gold.

They were invited to appear on many shows including some abroad and a weekend trip to America where they did two shows and came home with a pocket full of money! They even appeared on the TV show Magpie on ITV. (This brought back some memories.)

The Crawley Chorus grew and performed all over the world—Canada, Belgium, America several times, Ireland, Spain, Cyprus, Germany and many top hotels such as the Savoy and the Dorchester and the Armourers Hall in London. They even did a season on the Natica, one of the Thames cruise boats.

The Crawley Club was a founder club together with Brighton,



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After many years the Quartet members were old enough to enter the National Seniors competition at the yearly National Convention. They won and went off to compete in the States where they came 4th out of 22 quartets. Good going.

Despite popular belief barbershop singing was not invented by the Americans but in Elizabethan England when men went to get a haircut. A lute would be hanging on the wall and men would start singing and harmonising. The art died out here but the Americans revived it and now have 700 clubs.

As you can probably imagine Brian's talk was punctuated with examples of barbershop singing, both from his own chorus and quartet and others and several personal anecdotes, such as this one. The, by then, 40-man Chorus had a regular yearly date at the Xerox staff dinner. One year Roy Castle was headlining and when they sang *Battle Hymn* he sneaked back to his dressing room, got his trumpet and joined in. It was magical!

And this one...

The *Wedding Bell Rag* was written by Charlie Chester and sung by him on the radio. It was written for his daughter's wedding. The Quartet asked if they could have a copy to use and he agreed saying, 'No one must ever have a copy'. When they were in Old Town, USA, there was a recording studio and they decided to make a recording to send to Charlie. The guy doing the recording gave them a copy and as they left the studio there was a small crowd outside who burst into applause. They hadn't known that their recording was being relayed to a screen outside. They gave the CD to Charlie's wife who played it to him shortly before he died.

When Brian's father became ill he moved to Bognor Regis where he met his future wife Janet and retained his membership at Crawley which, owing to loss of members, slowly declined. He then joined the Burgess Hill Chorus with whom he sang underneath the English

Channel. After ten years together he and Janet got married and decided to start a new life in Feltwell. That was seven years ago. He joined the Cambridge Club which unfortunately lost its director Simon Hilton. They then slowly lost members and the Club folded. Brian stayed on as Director after forming a small mixed chorus but what with the winter weather, the cost of petrol and the A14 it just wasn't worth it, so he retired and joined Feltwell Breakfast Club instead.

Members showed their appreciation of Brian's entertaining and informative talk in the usual fashion and questions were taken.

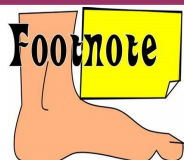
Thanks must also go to Colin Clement who masterminded the technical aspects of Brian's presentation.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **3rd February** when our speaker will be Gordon Clark. Gordon will tell us about his life as a Paramedic. Some readers may have met Gordon at the village surgery.



Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.  
*Apparently from an actual entry on a patient's hospital record.*



## Cracking the Pilates Mystery: Why Men Keep Their Distance

In the serene world of Pilates, where flexibility meets finesse, there seems to be a conspicuous absence - that of the elusive male counterpart. It's a mystery that has perplexed Pilates instructors for years. As a professional Pilates instructor, myself, let's delve into the comical world of excuses men conjure up to justify their avoidance of this fitness treasure.

### **Ground Avoidance Syndrome:**

First and foremost, there's the peculiar case of what we shall term "Ground Avoidance Syndrome." Some chaps argue that they've conquered the ground – after all, they've been walking on it for years. The notion of willingly getting down on the floor and moving around seems like a regression to their childhood days of play. "We've graduated from floor-based exercises," they assert, preferring to keep their workouts strictly vertical.

### **The Anti-Fairy Balancing Act:**

Enter the realm of the anti-fairy balancing act. There's a belief circulating among the blokes that Pilates turns them into something akin to a ballet-dancing fairy. The delicate art of balancing on one leg or, heaven forbid, on a wobbly surface, doesn't quite align with their rugged image. Men, they argue, are meant to be firmly grounded, not tiptoeing like ethereal creatures.

### **Flexibility is Overrated:**

Then there's the nonchalance towards flexibility. Some chaps might argue that they're perfectly content with their current range of motion. Who needs to touch their toes when they can comfortably reach the remote control on the coffee table? Flexibility, they declare, is overrated.

### **Fear of the Mysterious Pilates Apparatus:**

Moving on to the fear of the mysterious Pilates apparatus. Men being men, they find the array of Pilates equipment a tad

intimidating. Suspended straps, moving platforms, and resistance springs – it's like navigating a high-tech gym maze. A straightforward dumbbell is much less likely to stage a surprise attack.

### **Intrusion on Serene Grunting Time:**

Lastly, there's the intrusion on serene grunting time. Pilates classes, with their calm atmosphere and precise movements, might be perceived as infringing on a man's sacred grunt-and-lift territory. The gentle hum of Pilates doesn't quite match the barbell-induced symphony of exertion they're used to.

So, where does that leave us in the grand scheme of Pilates avoidance? Perhaps it's a matter of misconceptions and a touch of whimsy on the part of our male counterparts. It's time for men to reconsider their reservations and embrace the full spectrum of fitness benefits that Pilates offers.

Picture this: a room full of men gracefully navigating the mat, proving that ground exercises are not just for childhood games. Imagine the newfound strength and stability as they conquer the anti-fairy balancing act with a confidence that defies stereotypes. Flexibility becomes a tool for everyday triumphs, not just an arbitrary goal.

As for the mysterious Pilates apparatus, let's demystify it together. It's not an enemy lying in wait; it's a friend, a guide on the path to a stronger, more resilient body. And as for serene grunting time, there's always room for a well-placed exhale during the controlled movements of Pilates – a different kind of symphony, but one that leads to harmony in body and mind.

In conclusion, dear villagers, let's encourage our men to step out of the shadows, shed the misconceptions, and join the Pilates party. Who knows, they might find that the mat holds more treasures than they ever imagined – and just maybe, they'll discover a newfound appreciation for the artful world of Pilates.

Helen. (Life Fitness Re-Engineering)

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## Many Thanks To All

The annual Carols by Candlelight was held at St. Nicholas Church on 10th December. Despite the inclement weather we had a full church. The service was taken by the Rev. Martin Harrison who is Sybil Cooper's son-law. He organised the whole event and it was very much enjoyed by all. I'm glad to say the rain had stopped by the end so we were all able to enjoy refreshments at Hill House which were very kindly given by Mr. & Mrs. Watts. Thanks also to Vanessa Lilly for providing the mince pies. The sum of £207.80p. was collected for the Historical Churches fund. The Historical Society wish to thank you all and hope to see you next Christmas.

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The Captain is busy arranging the match and league games. He has proposed two Cup games played at the weekend for Members wishing to play them.

1. Graves Cup played on a Saturday at Mundford on a KO basis.
2. County Cup played on a Sunday at various clubs on a KO basis.

He has entered the Rosie Smith, Dave Allen and Ashill leagues, he is also arranging to rejoin the Downham and District league which starts later in the season and now allows Ladies to play.

The Quiz night held on 6th January was very well attended by 50+, who enjoyed a very entertaining evening ably run by Laura our Quiz Master or should I say Madam. With yours truly coming a close second. The money raised going to the new mower.

## **Coming Events**

**Saturday 10th February 2024.**

**Coffee Morning** commencing at 10am, to be held in the RBL large room all are welcome. Please see separate advert

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## HARE COURSING UPDATE

Whilst numbers of incidents have increased ever so slightly in the last couple months, slightly above this time last year, so have prosecutions. We are currently in the process of charging four people from the incident back in October last year, whilst another four men were arrested and charged earlier in January with hare coursing. On top of that we have another male currently on bail after reports of hare coursing and being found stuck in a field in his vehicle (we have his vehicle too!). As you can see, we are working hard to make Norfolk a very unwelcoming county to those who wish to commit crime. All this work comes from work as one big team with assistance from local officers, our Op Moonshot team and traffic officers all pulling together to bring those responsible to justice

## DOGS WORRYING LIVESTOCK

It's always incredibly frustrating when I have to write about these incidents as they shouldn't be happening. We have had two in the past where dogs have got into fields of sheep causing distress to the livestock, it can also have significant impact on the owners of the livestock. These remain under investigation with all options of prosecution remaining.

Please keep your dog on a lead around livestock at all times, no matter how good your dog is they can change in an instant and it also encourages others to keep their dogs on a lead.

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## **WILDLIFE CRIME UPDATE**

Norfolk Police have issued an appeal for information after further tests revealed a Red Kite discovered dead in North Creake in August 2023 had died from suspected insecticide poisoning.

Tests and a post-mortem exam were carried out through the Wildlife Incident Investigation Scheme (WIIS) at the end of November detected a number of pesticides and insecticides, including very high levels of Bendiocarb which has been concluded as the likely cause of death.

Searches carried out by police alongside National Wildlife Crime Unit officers and the RSPB investigation team to find the source of the substance have so far proved negative and now officers are keen to speak to anyone with information that may help their investigation or who has witnessed anything similar in the area.

Further toxicological analysis, revealed that the levels of Bendiocarb within the bird have not come from the approved use of such a product. I have to conclude that this product has been used illegally in very close proximity to where the bird was recovered.

Bendiocarb has been the active ingredient in a number of insecticide products in the past approved to deal with wasps and ants. In more recent years the number of products including this ingredient has reduced and its approved use has been to tackle such species inside buildings. Products containing this ingredient can only be purchased and used by professional pesticide users, and only then can they use the product inside a building to reduce the risk to non-target species.

Red Kites are listed under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside

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## 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.

Act. We have a zero-tolerance approach to the persecution of birds of prey and I'd appeal to anybody who knows anything that may help get to the bottom of what happened here or indeed has any information about anything similar happening, please get in touch with us.

We are currently dealing with some drainage work which has not only caused damage on neighbouring land but has potentially damaged the site of a European Protect Species (EPS) namely Great Crested Newts. This is an interesting job as it involves some incredibly unique water features called 'Pingos'. These are natural water filled pond-like features which were left behind after the last ice age by ice being trapped under ground and then thawing. They are incredibly rich in biodiversity due to their uniqueness. Sadly, many have been lost over the years but here in Norfolk and in particular Breckland we still have quite a few. We are currently waiting on survey data to prove the presence of such species, but we have already used our drone capabilities to capture the damage.

Another job we have been dealing with concerns the potential illegal catching of pheasants. Pheasants are a very strange anomaly in law in that they are a non-native species, and whilst most are reared and released by someone and at that point considered property, once released into the wild they are not owned by anyone nor are they classified as a wild bird due to the fact they are non-native. This causes many confusions throughout policing and the industry. This all said the Wildlife and Countryside Act does define under some sections that game birds are included in such protection. Section 5 of the act makes clear game birds are not allowed to be trapped by any means for the purpose of killing. The only exemptions are at the end of the season those who have released pheasants can catch them back up for the purpose of breeding. So, in short you cannot use any sort of trap or net to catch any wild bird or game bird otherwise you are committing an offence under Section 5 of the Act unless acting under a licence.



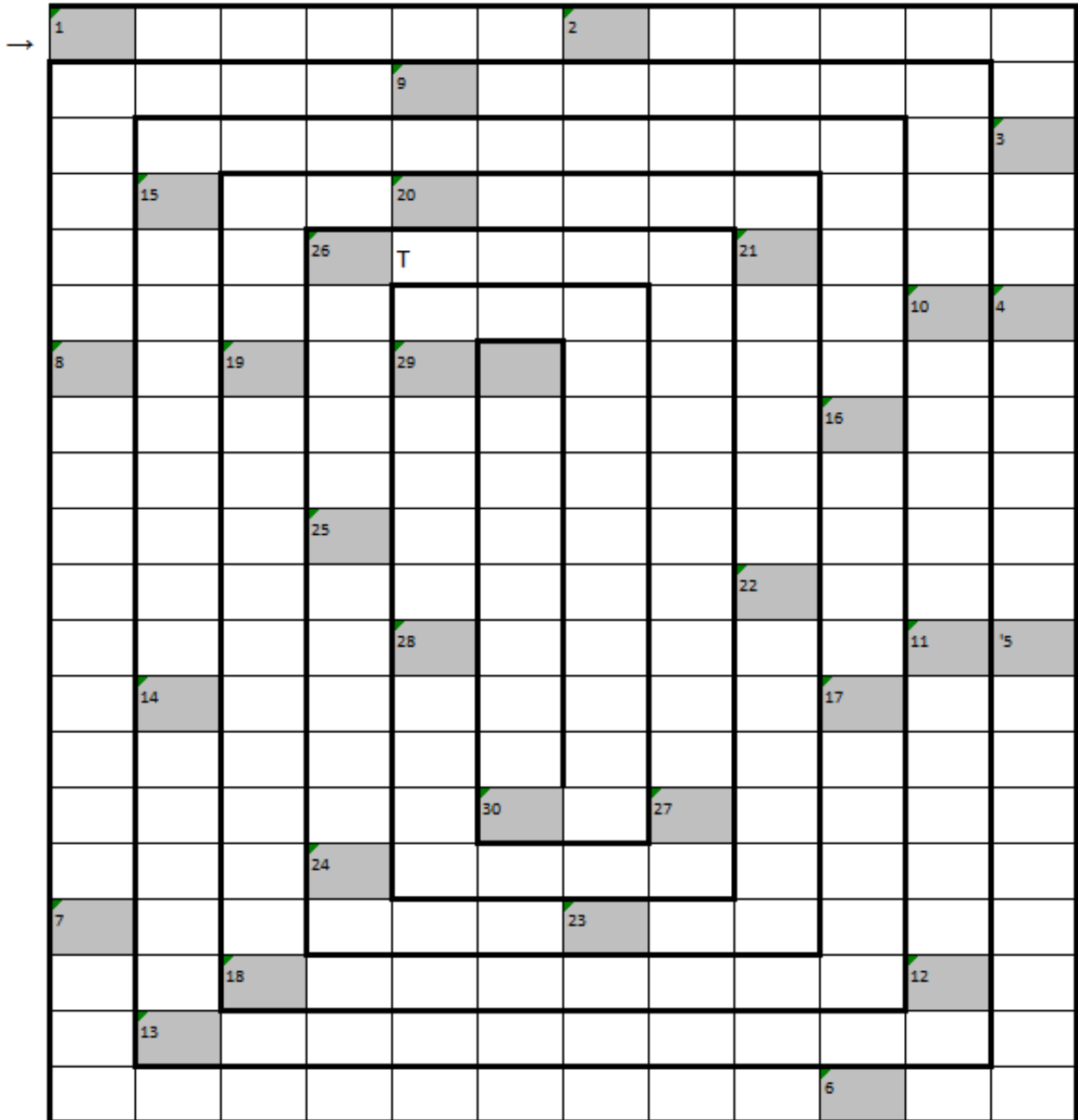
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## WORD TRAIL NO. 37

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 Type 1 Diabetes treatment (7)
- 2 Not positive (8)
- 3 Rewrite (4)
- 4 MEDICAL: Also known as 'Lockjaw' (7)



- 5 Category of postage stamp (6-5)
- 6 The fish that is used in the omelette 'Arnold Bennett' (6-7)
- 7 In October 2022 who was the leader of the Labour Party (4-7)
- 8 A flower also known as the 'Persian Buttercup' (10)
- 9 The venue for the British Grand Prix (11)
- 10 Beseech (7)
- 11 Digress, Go off at a ..... (7)
- 12 He composed 'Swan Lake and The Nutcracker to name but two  
(11)
- 13 A young man or boy, youth, spring chicken (7)
- 14 Remembers (10)
- 15 Japanese Shinto God of the Storms (7-2-6)
- 16 In the Periodic Table the Reactive Nonmetal symbol 'O' stands  
for what? (6)
- 17 MEDICAL: This bone abuts with the Talus and Cuneiform bones  
in the foot (9-4)
- 18 MEDICAL: In 1949 Dr. Abelardo Aguilar isolated this strain of  
bacteria that led to the development of this Antibiotic (12)
- 19 An incendiary mixture of a gelling agent and a volatile  
petrochemical (6)
- 20 In January 2022 Volcano Taal burst its main crater dramatically.  
Where is this Volcano? (6)
- 21 A small, common forage fish of the Engraulidae family (7)
- 22 MUSIC: Written by Lennon-McCartney in 1965 (9)
- 23 Not far advanced in life or growth (5)
- 24 Pre UNI break (3-4)
- 25 Synagogue leaders (6)
- 26 This castle is found in Cornwall and is surrounded by sea water  
(2-8-5)
- 27 Prolonged public oral discussion (9)
- 28 Italian city credited for creating the pizza (6)
- 29 Author of 'The Hunger Games' book series
- 30 A Central/South American herb that grows in some salty lakes  
(9)

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

Lauren, Mark & Sam Skinner



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To nominate visit [www.ylpheroawards.com](http://www.ylpheroawards.com)

If you are unable to vote online, please call Your Local Paper on 01553 611111 between 9am and 1pm on a weekday and they can assist you.

**Nominations deadline:** Friday 23 February 2024 at 5pm. Nominees must live or work within the borough of west Norfolk.

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4 Feb—Open - Forum Praying for the village

11 Feb—What is Pancake Day?

18 Feb—Communion with Rev Paul Critchley—Lent Begins

25 Feb—The Challenge

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## CURIOS No. 5

*First, the answer to Curio No. 4 from last month. The object is a cast iron tool used to shrink down corks by running them through the tapered wheel. It was made by Enterprise Mfg. Co of Philadelphia, PA. Probably used to compress wine corks or medicine bottle corks. It is mounted on a wooden base that was screwed down to a counter. It weighs about 4 lbs.*



*Now to this month's curio. Answer next month.*



**Description.** Paul Blackmur, from whom these curios come, has several he has yet to identify. This was one until he took it along to a presentation he was making to a Good Neighbours Club and asked his audience if anyone could identify its purpose. The width of each piece of wood is clearly marked.

A mature lady immediately said she knew exactly what they were used for and that when she was a young lady in her first job, she was almost sacked because of it! What was its purpose?

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## Householders to get free DIY waste for small projects

Norfolk residents will be able to dispose of small amounts of DIY waste at Norfolk's Recycling Centres free of charge from 31 December following changes made by Norfolk County Council.

The change applies to small-scale projects carried out by householders on their own home, allowing them to bring a maximum 100 litres (must fit into 2 x 50l bags) for free or one single item (maximum size of 200cm x 70cm x 75cm). Each household is allowed four free visits with DIY waste every four weeks. Anything beyond this will still be charged at normal rates.

Cllr Eric Vardy, Norfolk County Council Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste, said: "This is very welcome news for Norfolk residents who have carried out small projects on their homes or gardens and can bring these materials to us for recycling or disposal.

"From 31 December, the Government has set out the limits to household DIY waste which can be taken free of charge, but our Pay As You Throw service will remain in place as a convenient way to get rid of larger amounts. It's important that people are encouraged to dispose of their waste responsibly.

"In 2022/23 the County Council's Recycling Centres handled more than 60,000 tonnes of waste and 72% of this was diverted from disposal. We hope this change to legislation will be a further boost to householders to recycle as much as they can."

The change in policy follows Government abolishing charges for the disposal of limited amounts and types of DIY waste at recycling centres across the UK.

Prior to 31 December, customers with DIY-type construction and demolition waste will continue to be directed to the 'Pay as you throw service' which is available at all centres.

Traders must continue to pay for DIY waste.

For more information visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/DIYwaste](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/DIYwaste)

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# WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search is on **CHARACTERS FROM 007**. 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 76*





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## Breckland Branch



Arthritis is a common problem especially in middle aged to older cats, although sometimes younger animals are affected too. The joints most susceptible to arthritis are the ones permitting free limb movements - called synovial joints. There are several causes of arthritis – it commonly occurs as part of the normal ageing process, leading to wear and tear on the joints, but in other cases it can be linked to previous trauma to a particular joint. Arthritis develops when the articular cartilage becomes pitted and cracked, resulting in exposure of the underlying bones, causing pain and inflammation. Signs of arthritis often include sleeping more and some cats may take extra time or effort to jump up onto surfaces or show signs of toileting issues such as incontinence or missing the litter tray. And some cats will show changes in temperament due to pain.

Arthritis is usually diagnosed on a combination of clinical examination – examining the joints for swelling, thickening, pain and a range of movements. X rays may be helpful confirming the degree of bone changes.

To help your cats with sore joints, especially in the winter, make sure they always sleep on a deep, soft bed and keep the ambient temperatures warm. A key consideration is weight loss for cats carrying excess weight, as this hugely impacts on the joints. Some cats benefit from anti-inflammatory medication to reduce the pain, plus dietary supplements are often beneficial too.

If you are concerned about your cat, talk to your vet and see what help can be offered.

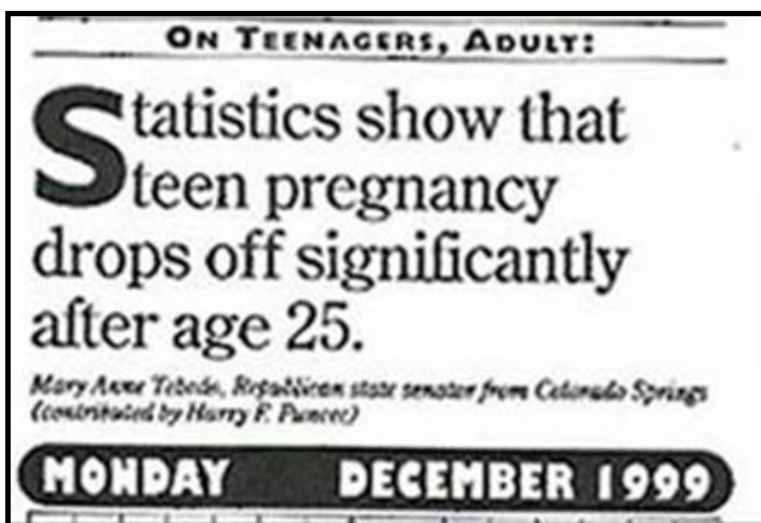
With the central heating on, a quick reminder of what else likes the warmth on our homes – fleas. Fleas were once thought as a problem in the warm summer months, however they are now a year-round problem. Fleas can get into our homes on our cats, on us, or just hopping in by themselves. Fleas feed and breed on our cats with female fleas laying eggs which fall off around your house ending up

under furniture or deep in carpets. There are a variety of veterinary licensed products available, which are much more effective killing fleas than products bought in the supermarkets or pet shops. Please ask you vet for the best products for your cats.

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

Rita Thompson.

## Do Headline Writers Read What They Write?



The answer to this question is, not always, as witnessed by this headlines regarding teen pregnancy. Thanks to Colin Clement who sent me this along with several others.



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



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# **RSPB Lakenheath Fen**

## **MANAGING OUR HABITATS AT RSPB LAKENHEATH FEN**

Winter gives us an ideal window to carry out much of the habitat management work at Lakenheath Fen, as it is outside of the breeding season for the wildlife here. Between the months of October and February, we shouldn't encounter any nests, young animals or disturb any hard-working parents trying to raise their families.

So far this winter, then, much progress has been made in transforming our new land north of the river from intensively farmed arable fields into a wetland home for wildlife. For those readers not familiar with this project, in February 2023 the purchase of an additional 54 hectares was completed, thanks to a grant from the Morgan Sindall Construction Group. Hundreds of years ago our ancestors began to drain the Fens to turn the fertile but waterlogged peat soils into something dry enough for arable farming. However, wildlife lost out and the peat is now disappearing as it slowly dries and blows away in the breeze. By adding in sluices, dams and new ditches we are helping our piece of land to hold more water once again.

As I write this in mid-January, our excavator driver is working on the new land now and is making good progress with creating new ditches on a very large, square field that made up a good chunk of the land purchase. As he works, the water table is rising, and we hope that the un-grazed wet grassland this work is creating will attract breeding Redshank, Lapwing and Snipe. Work is ongoing but hopefully this Spring will see our first positive results. Every day the excavator is keenly followed by Great white egret, Little egret and gangs of Pied wagtails and Starlings after an easy meal!



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.

### **Winter Walking Safari**

Sun 11 Feb (9:30am - 3pm)

Join our knowledgeable volunteers for a full tour of all the habitats here at Lakenheath Fen- we will try to see Marsh harriers, Bearded tits and perhaps our Cranes too.

Adults £16/ Children £8 (RSPB-members) Adults £20/ Children £10 (non-RSPB members)

### **Treasures of the Moth Trap**

29 March, 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!

### **Free Entry for National Lottery Open Week**

Sat 9 – Sun 17 March (all day)

As thanks for National Lottery funding, players can bring a recent lottery ticket or scratch card with them to get free entry to the reserve for the day.

### **Stargazing with Jonathan Shanklin**

Wed 13 March (time tba)

Join us for a special evening with renowned meteorologist Jonathan Shanklin, for a fascinating talk followed by a walk if the sky is clear.

### **Race for Wildlife 2024**

Sun 20 October (11am - 2pm)

Booking is now open for our biggest event of the year- why not join us for either a 5k or 10k circuit through this beautiful nature reserve? All profits will fund conservation work.

Adults £15, Under 18's £7.50.



Elsewhere on the reserve, the annual process of reedbed cutting is well underway. Each year, different areas are cut on rotation- allowing us to keep the habitat varied. The longer we leave an area uncut, the denser it becomes, and these dense patches are favoured by birds like Bearded tit, Bittern and mammals like the Harvest mouse for nesting in. However, birds also like more open areas to forage for food in, as the small pools created in the cleared areas support small fish, frogs and aquatic insects (see photo). Whilst



Photo by Katherine Puttick, 10 Jan 2024

cutting the reeds themselves, we will also remove sapling willows and cut back mature bushes. Willows are very happy growing in waterlogged ground and without intervention, they would dry out the reedbed and begin a process called 'succession'. This is where the habitat gradually reverts to woodland. Centuries ago, the Fens were wetter and would have resisted this change better, but now they are drier and more isolated, the reedbed needs our help to stay as it is.

All this work would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of our volunteers on our weekly work parties. Whilst we have six members of staff, we have dozens of volunteers so hopefully you can imagine the impact they have on what we can achieve.

With best wishes from the team at Lakenheath Fen.



# St Mary's Feltwell

Your Parish Church is open every day.

Our loo is twinned with a toilet in Malawi.

Thanks to all who supported the coffee morning; proceeds from which enabled this.



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## FELTWELL FOLK 2, PART 2.

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

Readers may recall that last month I published two photograph of Feltwell cricket teams and asked if anyone could name their members. I am delighted to say that David Howes has been able to provide some names which is why I am again running the same photographs but this time with the names as David can remember them. If anyone has any additional information please get in touch. Paul. (garland@btinternet.com)



### Back Row.

Charlie Baker	Brian Willett	Alan Whitehand	Buster Staines	Unknown	Derek Willett
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### Front Row

Unknown	Bob King	Don Fitch	David Howes	Unknown	Unknown
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### Back Row

John	Bob	Ron	Derek	Don	Billy (Umpire)
Edwards	King	Butcher	Willett	Fitch	Willett

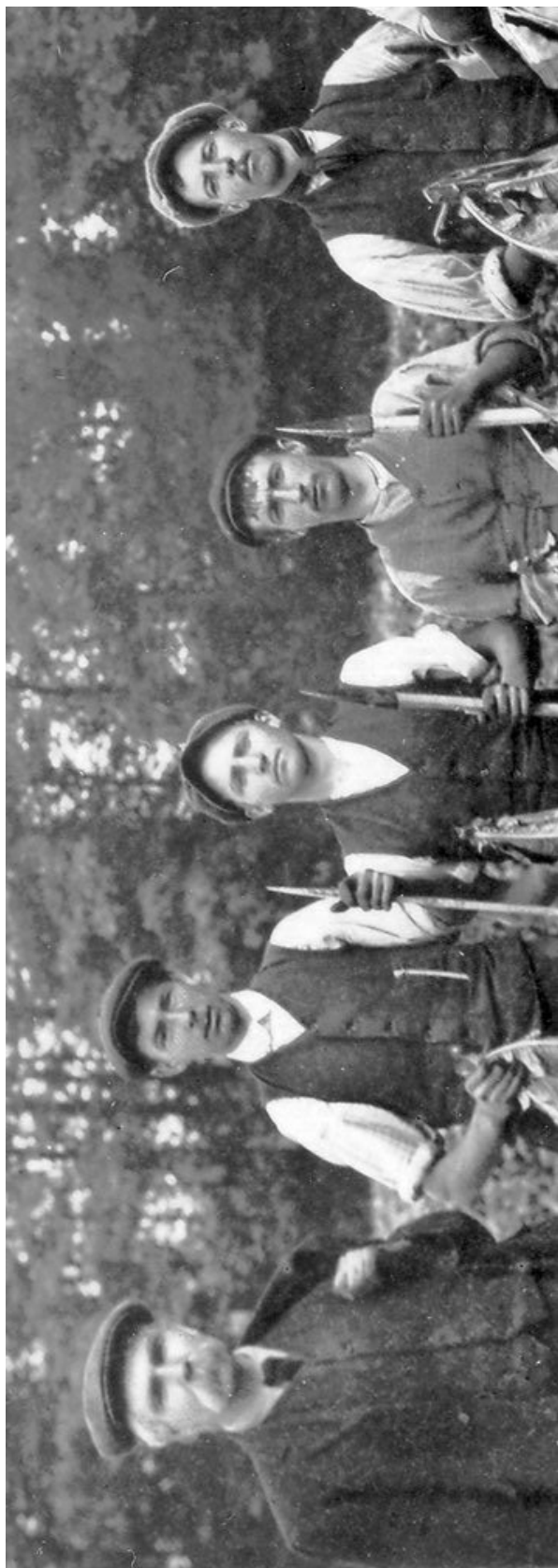
### Front Row

David	Gordon	David	Alan	Harold	Gordon
Curtis	Butcher	Howes	Whitehand	Maggs	Willett

## FELTWELL FOLK 3. TOBACCO GROWERS



This photo has been on the website for many years but has garnered zero response. I would really like to know the names of these men if at all possible, which is why I make no apologies for printing them at such a large size and sideways.





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



Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Feltwell Weeting
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Hockwold Northwold
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Benefice Ash Wednesday	7pm	Feltwell
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Feltwell Weeting
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Hockwold Northwold

### Other Services

First Tuesday of the month Holy Communion at Hockwold at 9.15am. All other Tuesdays Morning Prayer.

For details of Wednesday morning Zoom Eucharist and Evening Prayer at Feltwell at 4pm email Chris Parker:

[grimshoebeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:grimshoebeneficeoffice@gmail.com)

### Coffee, Cake and Chat

from 9am every Weds morning.

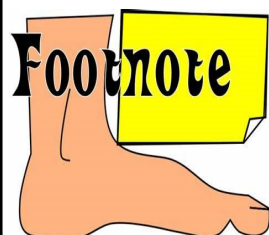
We have a loo and baby change facility.



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

## WORD TRAIL NO. 37—SOLUTION

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“We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price.

*Actual complaint received by Thomas Cook*

## Word Search Solution

Next month's Word Search will feature  
**Names of Butterflies**

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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.

Including this one, there are 15 pigeons hidden somewhere in this issue.



A Meeting was held on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of JANUARY 2024 in the British Legion, Long Lane.

Ten Councillors attended, two members of the public, RAF Commander Geary and RAF Community Liaison Officer, Victoria Quamina.

RAF Commander introduced Victoria Quamina, Community Liaison Officer, who deals with complaints, volunteer opportunities and public events etc. He then gave an operation update and community engagement report for November and December. 48FW will be conducting night flying activities for two weeks starting 8/1/24. RAF Commander advised he would be leaving the role in Spring and would forward the name of his replacement as soon as possible.

Mr Storey said a proposal to include family members on short breaks for disabled children was due to be considered by Norfolk County Council as well as proposals to increase the number of preferences a parent or carer can make when applying for a mainstream school place from three to four. He briefly touched on a multi-million-pound Norfolk Fire & Rescue scheme to modernise buildings and 24/7 free bus travel for all disabled bus pass holders in Norfolk. He said parents and carers affected by the sudden closure of three Alpha Nurseries (Dereham, Diss and Downham Market) can get help to find childcare from Norfolk County Council. Further information on these and other matters can be found on the NCC and Borough Council websites including info regarding disposal of small amounts of DIY waste now being permitted at recycling centres ([www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk) and [www.west-norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk)).

Following his meeting with Andrew Wallace of Highways, Mr Storey confirmed 4 roundels, funded via his Road Safety Community Scheme, will be painted on both Lodge and Wilton Road within six weeks, coinciding with the white-



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lining scheme and asked Councillors to consider projects when funding opens again on 5/4/23. "Give Way Ahead" sign should be installed on Hill Street in February and Mr Wallace will re-assess the need to widen the footpath outside 2 Oak Street.

**Parishioners who feel the path needs to be widened are strongly urged to contact Highways on 0344 800 8020.**

Chair will chase SAM2 post which should have been installed along The Beck before Christmas.

The Parish Council has signed up to NALC's "gov.uk" email service in order to comply with Assertion 3 in the 2023/24 Annual Governance Statement.

Precept was set at £50,000 due to ever-increasing village running costs including grass maintenance and electricity. This is an increase of £6.25 per annum for a Band D taxpayer.

The new Parish Councillor for the Feltwell ward is Mrs Emma Edwards.

Join Feltwell Parish Council's Facebook page for regular updates and subscribe to our website <https://feltwellparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk> to be automatically notified of latest news including RAF Feltwell demolition activities.

The next Council meeting will take place at the British Legion on **MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024** at 7.30 pm, all are welcome.

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.

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](mailto:feltwellparishclerk@gmail.com). Or by phone on 828383.



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