# CITY ELL PARISH MAGAZINE OUR CONNECTION TO YOUR COMMUNITY

### June 2025



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## GRAND VILLAGE FETE & CARNIVAL PARADE

SATURDAY 21st JUNE 2025 Feltwell Playing Field

> PARADE STARTS 1 PM FETE STARTS 2 PM

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#### **MUTTERINGS FROM THE FARMYARD**

By the time that you read these notes I confidently expect that we will be in meteorological summer. Unless something dramatic has happened to the blocking high pressure system, we will have experienced the driest spring for at least 69 years. This has made things difficult for gardeners and farmers alike. We have been fortunate on this farm in that we were able to establish our spring sown onions and sugar beet before the topsoil became too baked to allow germination. We did use some irrigation to help the onions and more recently we have watered some of our wheat that was going through a period of very rapid growth. We have a licence to extract water from the Cut Off Chanel and we have already been required to restrict our daily usage. This is the first stage of restriction designed to try and preserve at least some water for the whole of the growing season.

In the vineyard the vines were all pruned back while they were dormant in February. Some varieties have grown very vigorously over their two-year life and we have been able to tie them down to the fruiting wire and hope that they may yield a limited crop of grapes this autumn. We hope that they all now have developed sufficient roots into the chalk subsoil that they will be able to withstand any drought. We have commenced a programme of foliar nutrient sprays and are planning our fungicide treatments on the basis that half of the varieties are Pilzwiderstandsfahige (PIWI)or fungal resistant and therefore should need fewer sprays.

Politically things seem to be going from bad to worse. The NFU is still very actively engaged with Ministers to try to help them understand the amount of damage that the Family Farm Tax is likely to cause to traditional farming and rural communities. The increases in National Insurance and the Minimum Wage have added considerable costs to the production and harvesting of fresh produce in particular and have undermined confidence in the future of our industry. The recent tariff and trade agreements have

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### The Wellington In June

June 7th

Gaby Starbuck

from 8:30pm



JUNE 8TH - SUNDAY SESSION CHRIS FREE & SAMMIE KEMPERS from 3pm

June 14th Lucky Luke from 8:30pm

June 20th Gen 29 from 8:30pm





28th June

Live Music 2-4pm

caribbean Day 2025



West Indian Street Food Served From 1:30Pm

### THE STRUGGLE IS REAL (AND OFTEN IN LEGGINGS)

You know that moment when you've finally decided today's the day you're going to work out? You're pumped. Ready. Determined. You even put your leggings on inside out, which is apparently a village tradition by now (if it isn't, it should be). Then, just as you're about to begin, someone calls. The dog throws up. You realise you've got no idea where your sports bra has gone and your water bottle is half full of last week's attempt. The workout, like your motivation, mysteriously vanishes.

Welcome to the wild and wobbly world of trying to exercise in real life.

As a local movement coach, I hear it all the time: "Helen, I just can't get going. I mean to. I want to. But then the cat looks too comfy on my lap and I feel bad disturbing her by moving off the sofa."

And I get it. I live in Felt- well too. The call of the kettle, the comfort of the sofa, and the suspicious glare from the postie if I dare to do lunges past the window...it's all very real. Add a touch of British weather and a dodgy hip and you've got yourself the ultimate "maybe tomorrow" scenario.

But here's the truth: the struggle to work out doesn't mean you're lazy or unfit. It means you're human. And, let's be honest, quite possibly British. We'd probably rather apologise for sneezing than admit we've pulled a muscle trying to do a star jump.

Now, don't worry, I'm not here to guilt you into a 5am boot camp. I'm more likely to suggest a 10-minute stretch in your pyjamas while the kettle boils. Because fitness isn't always a sweaty Lycra showdown. Sometimes it's just standing up and having a wriggle before your hips seize up like an old garden gate.

Here's my rule of thumb: if it makes you feel better afterwards, it counts. Whether that's a full-on Pilates session, a stomp round

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Londis, up and down the stairs maybe with a basket full of tins, or a joyful boogie while vacuuming to ABBA's greatest hits.....movement is magic. And it doesn't have to be perfect.

So if you're feeling the struggle, I see you. I am you (except I sometimes film myself doing lunges for the internet—don't judge). Keep your trainers near the door. Do two squats when no one's looking. Stretch like you mean it when the ad break comes on.

And if all else fails, walk down to the chip shop and back. Twice. That counts, right?

You've got this. And if you don't, I've probably got a video to help you fake it 'til you do.

Now, where did I put that inside-out sports bra?

Helen Goddard-Nickolls (Life Fitness Re-engineering)

Helen will have a stall at the village fete and would love for anyone to come and have a natter about fitness and health.

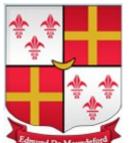
#### **MUTTERINGS FROM THE FARMYARD CONTINUED**

certainly not helped. We have been assured that all our health and welfare standards will not be compromised but we have no idea how such standards will be policed in the feedlots and battery farms in deepest America. The tariff free access to American ethanol looks like finishing UK production of ethanol and with it the loss of our market for about a million tonnes of wheat.

To my regular readers (if any), I am sorry that this article seems a bit dry – much like the weather.

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### Edmund De Moundeford Voluntary Controlled Primary School

#### FROM THE CLASSROOM

It has been a busy time at Edmund de Moundeford Primary School with school trips, sports challenges, rugby

tournaments and the annual Year 6 SATs prep. Mrs Houghton worked with many children to create a wonderful VE Day display – hopefully many of you saw this as you walked past the school.



Children took part in VE Day celebrations on May 8<sup>th</sup> where we all dressed in red, white and blue and celebrated with war-time songs. Some classes continued researching and created artwork and posters.

The summer term is always a busy term with many events planned so please continue to check the school website for up-and-coming events. We continue needing volunteers for reading and would be grateful for any time that can be shared, please get in touch with the school office if you feel you could volunteer regularly.



Visitors will have a rare chance to see behind the scenes of a busy wildlife hospital and chat with staff as well as get a sneaky peak of some of the animals behind glass viewing areas. The centre, which is one of the largest rehab venues in Norfolk, is only able to host an open day every two years so this really is a rare opportunity for visitors to see and learn more about what happens inside a wildlife hospital.

The vet corridor will be open so visitors can chat to meet the vets and vet nurses to find out about the work they do.

Guide dogs only allowed for the day. (No smoking on site)

#### **AMIIN LOVE?**

This month Frederick James gives us a two-hander playlet. It's lovely.

(A concert piece for two players. Black back-cloth. Players in black, standing at each side of the stage, visible head and shoulders only in spotlight, as each player speaks in turn.)

(First two actors aged about ten years old.)

HIM

I wonder what it's like to fall in love? Is it like catching a cold, or the measles, or even the mumps? When I asked Mum and Dad, they both said that I would know when it happened, but that doesn't help at all. I like Molly at our school, but I don't think I love her, 'cos that would be sloppy, wouldn't it? Anyway, whenever I smile at her in the playground, she just giggles and runs away. I've even let her have my milk straw when hers got bent, but that doesn't mean that I love her, does it? I like her, but I don't feel different. Am I supposed to feel different? Mum and Dad said I would know, but they didn't say I would feel different, so maybe I'm not in love yet. Is it something I should

HER.

I wonder what it's like to fall in love? Mummy says there will be plenty of time for that when I'm more grown up. Falling in love is for grown-ups anyway, and I should concentrate on skipping and hop-scotch, 'cos that's what girls do! There is a boy at our school who keeps smiling at me. He looks nice, but he seems to be much more interested in playing cricket and football with the other boys. He has a lovely smile, and he makes me giggle, but I don't think that means I'm falling in love, does it? I keep remembering what Mummy said, but it is nice to have a boy smiling at me. I'll have to ask her what it feels like, in case I shouldn't giggle when he smiles at me. He is nice, though! Mummy and



How to make your day more fun...

Embrace Curiosity. Play tourist in the village or drive with no destination in mind.

look forward to, or should I hope it never happens to me? I expect I will find out one day, one way or the other. It's my turn to bat, so I'd better go, and forget about this falling in love stuff for now!

Daddy must have fallen in love, mustn't they? It must be a nice thing to happen. I wonder if it will ever happen to me? It's my turn in the skipping rope, so I'd better go, and forget about this falling in love stuff for now!

(Speakers replaced by actors aged about thirteen.)

HIM. HER.

I wonder if I'll ever see her again, now that she has gone to senior school? I don't think I'm in love with her, but I do miss seeing her at play-time. There are no girls here at my school, so I'll just have to forget about her I suppose. I do miss her, though. It's different with just boys in class and in the schoolyard. Still, we do have cricket, and fives, and rugby and football and stuff, so I suppose I don't really have time for thinking about girls, even if they do giggle all the time! We just have teachers and sports coaches who shout at us, and that's nothing to smile about. The bell has just gone for classtime, so I'd better go in. I do miss her, though!"

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I wonder what that boy is doing now? I wonder which school he is at, and if he remembers me? I doubt it, because boys are more interested in football and cricket to think about girls. I do miss seeing him in the playground, though. He had such a lovely smile, and I liked it, even if it did make me giggle. I keep remembering what Mummy said, but I do miss him and his lovely smile. Now that I'm at senior school, and still thinking about him, maybe that means that I am getting a bit more grown up? I wonder if I'll ever see him again? I do hope so, because he had such a nice smile! It's a good job we have hockey and rounders and domestic science and stuff, or I would be thinking about him all the time. I do miss him, though!"

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I've just heard that some of the senior girls from her school are going to come to the catering college here in the grounds of our school. Wouldn't it be great if she was one of those girls coming to the domestic classes here? I would be able to see her every day, and maybe be able to talk to her at break time, and even walk her home after school? I'm feeling quite excited at the thought of seeing her, but it probably won't happen. She might not want to do all that domestic science stuff, anyway. She's probably got a boy-friend already, and has forgotten about me. What am I thinking? It was a daft idea in the first place, so I'd better forget about her, too. I do miss her, though!

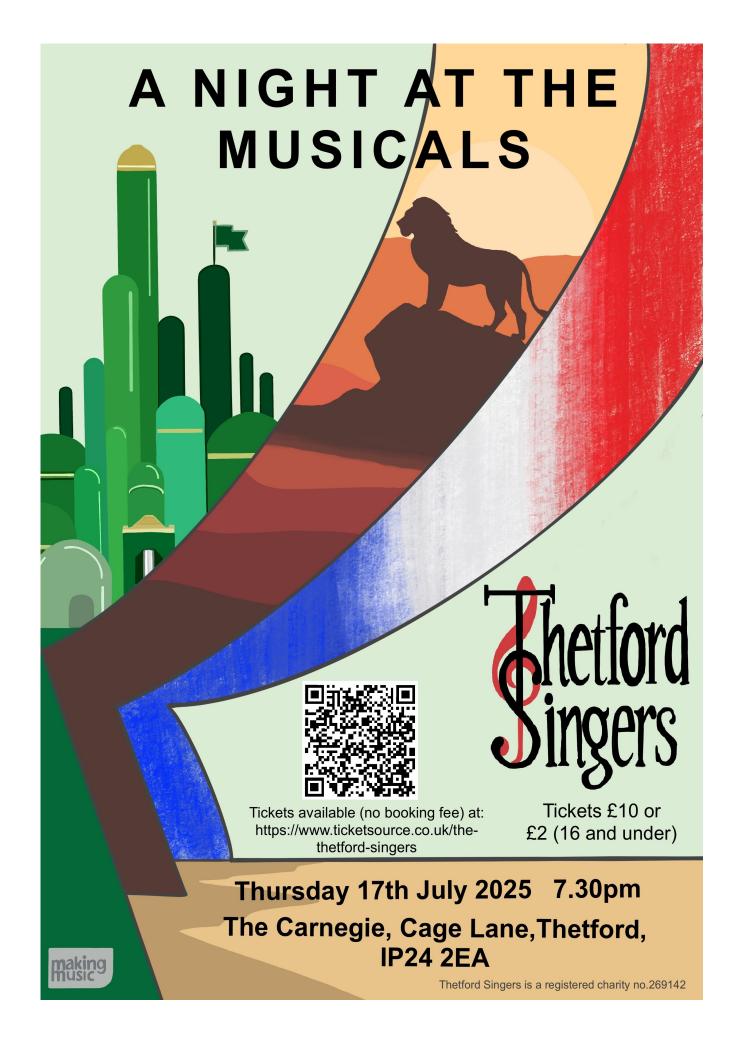
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The girls arrived for the domestic science classes today. We all lined up outside to see them. They all rushed into their classrooms, so I couldn't pick her out at first. At break time, we watched from a distance as the girls came out for their breaks, too. They all looked alike at first because they all had the same aprons and little white caps on, which made it difficult. It was

They've just told us that they are arranging domestic science classes in the grounds of his school. Wouldn't it be nice if I was able to go on that course? I would be able to see him every day, and maybe even talk to him at break time? Then maybe we could walk home together after school? We'd have to push our bikes, though! If he has a bike, that is! What happens if they don't pick me for the course? What am I thinking? It was all a silly idea in the first place! He's probably got a girlfriend by now, and forgotten all about me. I'd better forget about him, too. I do miss him, though!

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The boys were all lined up outside their school when we arrived for the start of our course. They were all shouting and waving, but I couldn't see him anywhere. Still, he would be two years older now, just like me, so I'll have to look closer when we have our break. If they have the same break time as us, that is. The boys all looked so very handsome in their uniforms, but they did all look alike, and I



then that I spotted her! She was two years older now, and just as pretty as when I last saw her! Maybe more so. Yes, definitely more so! I am going to have to talk to Mum and Dad about the way I am feeling right now! They said I would know when the time came, but they didn't say how I would feel. They didn't say my pulse would race, and my heart would beat fit to burst! They didn't say my legs would turn to jelly, and root me to the spot! All this because she smiled back at me! I don't mind that she and the other girls all began to giggle, just like girls do!"

couldn't see him at first. Then I did see him! I would have recognised that smile anywhere! I couldn't stop myself from giggling, and the other girls joined in! Why did I feel so hot and flushed? Why was my heart beating so fast? Why were my legs all wobbly, and about to give way any second? I am going to have to talk to Mum about this. I'm definitely feeling 'more grown up' now, and beginning to know why! And all because he smiled at me!

(Speakers replaced by actors aged about sixteen.)
(The two spotlights move closer, to meet centre-stage.)

I'm glad I asked if I could walk her home after school. With her hand in mine like this, I don't think I'll need to ask Mum and Dad, after all! I'm glad he asked if he could walk me home after school. With my hand in his like this, I think I'd better tell Mum how I feel right now!

#### TOGETHER.

I've

Fallen in love with you,
Head over heels in love with you,
My head and heart are telling me,
What, to the world, is plain to see.
That for two halves to make a whole,
They must be united, soul to soul.

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After a break of several months I am pleased to announce the return of the popular curio puzzles. As a brief reminder, these old curios and objects come from the collection of Paul Blackmur of Flitcham. The idea of a column in the magazine came from Robert Walden. As before I will print a description and a photograph or two and publish the answer next month.

This neat little hand tool has two curved blades attached to each other and which can spin round on their central axis. Made of non-rusting metal.



### Feltwell Dispensary <a href="Mailto:NEW">NEW</a> Opening Hours from 2nd Dec

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### Do you feel modern technology is leaving you behind? Would you like to brush up your skills?

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Extra sessions added:
6th June, 4th July,
1st August, 5th September
10-12pm at St Mary's church.
Refreshments provided.

- Do you need to book appointments, buy things online and apply for jobs, but you've run out of credit and your phone screen is too fiddly?
- Have you got a smartphone, but think you might not be getting the best out of it?
- Do you wonder if you're missing out because you're not on the internet?
- Are you worried about staying safe from online scams?
- Do your kids need to do their homework, but you haven't got a laptop or the internet at home?

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#### **LATEST CONSUMER ALERTS AND TRADING STANDARDS NEWS**

#### Scam Alert - Automated telephone cold calls claiming to be from HMRC

We are again receiving reports about telephone cold calls claiming to be from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC).

Recent reports have included an automated recorded message call which states they are from 'HMRC' and that 'an official letter sent to you has been returned to our documents department' and that 'legal action will now commence'. The call goes on to state the recipient should 'press 1 to speak to an officer'.

Often these calls come from a range of different 'spoofed' numbers and residents have reported receiving a number of these calls in quick succession.

These calls are **not genuine** and **do not** come from HMRC. If you receive this or a call making similar claims or threats **do not** interact with the call in any way and **hang up** immediately.

You can find more information about bogus contacts and phishing emails claiming to be from HMRC on the GOV.UK website.

You can also report suspicious HMRC phone calls via the GOV.UK website or by emailing phishing@hmrc.gov.uk where possible including:

Your phone number

The caller's phone number

The date and time of the call

A brief description of the call content

If you think you might have responded to a scam cold call and provided your bank account details, contact your bank immediately.

#### Scam Alert - 'Brushing' scams

We are warning residents after receiving a report about a 'brushing' scam involving online deliveries.

This scam involves packages you didn't order from online selling platforms showing up on your doorstep.

Initially, receiving items you haven't paid for might not seem like problem, some people might not regard this as a scam. You're not being charged for the items; they're not stolen as they've been paid for and they're yours to keep.

But the reality is being involved in a brushing scam means that someone has gained access at minimum to your name and mailing address but depending



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on how they gathered this data potentially other personal and financial information as well.

Scammers do this to make the purchases look genuine and avoid violating the selling sites' terms that prevent them providing reviews for their own products.

If you begin receiving packages that are addressed to you, but you did not order, contact the retailer immediately.

Following this change the passwords to your online accounts in case the scammer has got your address by hacking an account. You may find if it is an online account you haven't used for a while and you're now 'locked out' it may be that the account has been taken over by the scammer.

If the volume of shipments becomes a problem, contact Royal Mail for help with holding packages until you can pick them up or otherwise handle the matter.

#### **Scam Alert - Employment scams**

We are warning residents about scam adverts and messages claiming to be offering employment opportunities.

Adverts will often be placed on social media and messages are often sent by text or on WhatsApp.

If contact is made the scammer will start by asking for personal information 'to confirm identity', may ask for a CV to be sent or will send a questionnaire to complete. Providing too much personal information can put you at risk of further scams or identity theft, you should be very wary if asked to provide the following:

Your full date of birth

**Full address** 

Passport number

Driving licence number

National Insurance number

Bank account details

Other employment scams may ask for fees to be paid upfront to cover administration, background checks or travel.

You can report suspicious text messages received by forwarding them to 7726. More information on this free service and how to forward messages from iPhone and Android handsets can be found on the Ofcom website

Any online scam adverts spotted can be reported to the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) by filling out a simple form on the ASA website. Based on

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You can also report scams to us via our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133

#### Scam Alert - Emails claiming to be from PayPal

We are warning residents about fake PayPal emails circulating which claim that PayPal 'have noticed unauthorized transactions from you PayPal account'. The email then gives details for Bitcoin transactions totalling several hundred pounds and offers a contact number to 'contact us within the next 12 hours' if 'you have not made this transaction'. Final the email states if no response is received 'the full amount will be charged to your account'.

This email is not genuine and is designed to panic the recipient into contacting the number provided on which attempts will be made by fraudsters to gather personal, financial and account details.

Go to PayPal's useful information on common email scams and advice on how to avoid them. https://www.paypal.com/tc/webapps/mpp/security/common-scams

You can report suspicious PayPal emails by forwarding them to PayPal at <a href="mailto:phishing@paypal.com">phishing@paypal.com</a> or any suspicious email received to the National Cyber Security Centre by forwarding them to report@phishing.gov.uk.

#### **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

(https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams)

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, Phishing attempts, suspicious emails to Action Fraud, the National Fraud & Cyber Crime (NCSC) by forwarding it to report@phishing.gov.uk.

You can report suspicious text messages received by forwarding them to **7726** a free service for you to use to report suspicious texts or calls you might receive on your mobile.



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#### The Wellington Commemorates

The Wellington commemorated the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day with the unveiling of two new memorials. The first, a bomber crew in silhouette honouring all of the brave crew who flew during World War Two from RAF Feltwell.

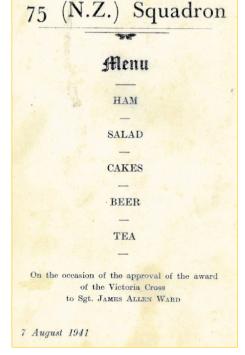
The second is a memorial plaque set in the wall **VEDAY** of the pub commemorating the Battle of 80TH ANNIVERSARY Heligoland Blight, a Battle that cost RAF Feltwell

Tony

22 men with only 5 coming home.

We would like to thank the 90 plus people who joined us for the unveiling; followed by a celebratory ham salad sandwich and slice of wartime recipe cake in honour of James Ward's celebration dinner after his VC award in August 1941. It made the occasion feel all the more authentic when washed down with a pint of VE Day celebration ale or a cup of tea!

We would like to make a very special thanks to Army Veteran Taff Childs, Air Force Veteran Stephen Parker and Royal Marine Veteran





Fitzjohn who kindly unveiled the memorials for us with the assistance of Air Cadet Harry Norton.

Also we would like to thank David Cordner for taking photographs, Karris Sheet Metal for the making the Air Crew Silhouettes, Edwards Cafe for the sandwiches & cake and to Jack Waterfall who kindly donated the memorial plaque.



### Would you like to join Methwold Theatre Club?

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#### A REQUEST FROM THE SURGERY

The surgery has received complaints from patients that dog walkers are using the surgery car park. They ask dog walkers to please park elsewhere as it causes great inconvenience to genuine patients when the car park is full.



The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.

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

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#### **VE DAY MEMORIES**

Following the VE Day celebrations resident Steve Wellington got in touch with this wonderful piece of family history. Thanks, Steve

When my mother and father died in 2007, in the loft we found hundreds of letters between mother and father, who were courting during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. My mother, aged 23 at the time, was a nurse at Guy's Hospital, London. The following is an extract of a letter sent 7<sup>th</sup> May 1945 at 11.40pm:

"Darling Harrie, what news tonight?! Isn't it wonderful. I was off this evening at 5.30pm so I went to Wanstead to see Aunty Hilda and of course had great difficulty in getting back. But what a night I have seen! Huge bonfires in the streets and such merry making! I did not get in until 11.5pm and I left Wanstead at 9.20pm. I have just been up on the roof of the Nurses Home and London is lit up by fires, and all the hooters possible are hooting. I do not suppose anyone will sleep tonight. It is almost deafening here. Fireworks and fires, London seems to have gone mad. I am glad I am here at such a historic moment. Although nearly midnight, it is as bright as

day outside – and the flags! Have you got a flag up? No work for you tomorrow or the next day. I wonder if you are coming to Esther's tomorrow, and I wonder if I shall be able to see you. I do not know where to send this letter to now. Harrie, these hooters and all the noises possible are all going at once, but I expect I shall sleep through it!'

This is a picture of Steve's mother as a student nurse in 1943 at Guy's Hospital, London.



#### **Services** elsewhere in the **Benefice**

St James' Hockwold

June 22nd 9.15am

**Eucharist** 

June 29th 10am

**Eucharist** 

1st Tues in month

9-30am

**Eucharist** 

All Tues except 1st in the month 9-30am **Morning Prayer** 

#### St Andrew's **Northwold**

8th 10am

**Eucharist** 

June 22nd 11am

Service of the Word

#### St Mary's Weeting

June 1st 11am

**Eucharist** 

June 15th 11am

Service of the Word

#### Services at St Mary's Feltwell

Sunday 1st June 9.15am

**Eucharist** 

Sunday 15th June 9.15am

Service of the Word



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#### **STAG PARTY LOGISTICAL**

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington.	Leopard Print Onesie	Morph Suit	Cowboy Outfit	Superhero	Ripped Clothes	Trip Over	Get Lost	Phone Mum @ 2am	Cider	Bacardi	Guinness	Vodka
Bailey												
Sam												
Alex												
Cameron												
Cider												
Bacardi												
Guinness												
Vodka												
Ripped Outfit					Match the party goer to the							
Trip Over					outfit, the drinks and the							
Get Lost					embarrassing event.							
Phone Mum @ 2am												

- 1. Sam Got Lost after having too many Pints.
- 2. The Guinness drinker was dressed as a Superhero.
- 3. The phone call wasn't made by Bailey or Alex.
- 4. The Bacardi drinker wore the Leopard Print Onesie.
- 5. Alex tripped over a lot wearing his Cowboy Boots.
- 6. The Morph suit ripped after 1 too many Vodkas.

The answer to this month's puzzle can be found on page 75.

For those eager to know the answer to last month's tricky VE Day Logistical puzzle it can be found on page 77.

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Our speaker for May was Jim McNeill who told us about the History of the Agricultural Workers' Union in Norfolk.

Before the formation of unions, agricultural labourers faced harsh conditions. The Enclosure Act led to a

loss of independence and semi-autonomy, ending the traditional squirearchy and forcing labourers to become solely wage earners without access to commons for keeping animals or the right to glean, etc. Their lives were controlled by major landowners who held multiple roles as employers, justices, landlords, churchwardens, or Poor Law administrators. Tenancy agreements on large estates could include strict clauses requiring a week's notice to quit, forbidding harbouring family members who broke rules or laws, and demanding duty as a night watchman. This control, coupled with low literacy rates and expectations of deference, meant challenging authority was difficult. Earlier unrest, such as the 1830s Swing Riots against threshing machines and the 1816 Brandon and Feltwell riots demanding food, showed lasting tensions.

The first national agricultural union began in Barford, Warwickshire, in 1872. Men approached the Primitive Methodist Preacher, Joseph Arch, who agreed to lead them, forming the Warwickshire Agricultural Labourers' Union. Having worked on farms since age nine, Arch understood their plight. The initial demand was for a wage increase. After a lock-out and evictions by the Midland Farmers' Club, employers yielded, and wages rose from 12s (for a 72 -hour week) to 14s, then 15s a week. This success spurred unions to form across 26 counties.

Many of these local unions coalesced into The National Agricultural Labourers' Union (The National), with Joseph Arch becoming its President. Norfolk emerged as a key region for the movement. In early 1873, Norfolk men struck and achieved a 2s wage rise, reaching 13s a week.

The Primitive Methodists played a crucial role in the union's rise. Many village branches and local leaders were workers, particularly



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Divisions existed, notably between The National and the Lincoln Labour League. Joseph Johnson's Methwold district joined the League, objecting to The National's central financial control and its advisory council of Liberal Party 'gentlemen'. The League favoured working with radical urban unions, which The National, influenced by the Liberal Party, was keen to avoided as it jeopardised middle class voters in towns and cities.

A pivotal event was The Great Lock-out of 1874.

This began when Exning labourers requested 14s a week, leading to a lock-out by farmers. The Newmarket Farmers' Association declared they would not employ union members. The conflict escalated, spreading across East Anglia and other counties, resulting in 10,000 men locked out and large-scale evictions. East Anglia's farmers formed a National Association specifically to break the unions. Farmers used blacklegs and increasing mechanisation. As harvest approached, men returned to work. After five months, both The National and the Labour League were defeated, gaining no improvements.

The aftermath of the 1874 lock-out severely weakened the unions.

Many returning members kept their membership secret. The defeat fuelled migration to towns and emigration to British Colonies. The National used significant funds to help 40-45,000 members and their families emigrate, primarily to Canada and New Zealand, and others migrate within England. While the union provided financial aid (thought to be £1 for emigrants, 10s for migrants), this exodus





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paradoxically weakened the union. Leaving home was brave, often opposed by the Parson and Squire, and created, "a sense of emptiness in villages," as younger members left. Between 1874-78, 26,000 farm labourers and tens of thousands of dependents went to New Zealand alone.

From 1875-78, British farming faced devastation from poor weather and disease, coupled with increased grain imports. Farmers became more resistant to unionism, and wages steadily decreased. While there were echoes of earlier unrest, like Robert Kemp's 1885 arson s which, when asked why he did it he simply answered "Bread", unions generally struggled. An exception was a successful harvest strike in Feltwell in 1891, where wages rose, prompting labourers to join the National Agricultural Workers Union and invite Joseph Arch to speak in the village's school hall.

However, in the 1890s, unions failed to prevent wage cuts. Membership declined dramatically, and old leaders retired or emigrated. Times were bleak for labourers and many farmers. The National collapsed in 1896, along with the Lincolnshire Labour League. Agricultural labourers' unions did not reappear until 1906.

For more information about agricultural worker actions for better wages and conditions related specifically to Feltwell try this page on the village website: https://www.feltwell.net/feltwell2/written/feltwell\_strike.htm

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 never fails to please.

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 coordinator Paul Garland at garlandp@btinternet.com.

Our next meeting will be on the 7th June when Paul Garland will present part 2 of *Anything can happen in the next half hour.* 

#### MISSED APPOINTMENTS @ THE SURGERY 2025

April 2025 saw **63** appointments missed, that's 2 less than in March but 2 up on April 2024. This represents a loss of medical care to the tune of **£1890** for the month.

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- Q. What is a gelding?
- A. A gelding is a stallion who has his tonsils taken out so he would have more time to himself.

A child's answer from an examination paper

## **WORD SEARCH**

#### Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

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ORCHID PHILODENDRON SNAKE PLANT

SPLIT-LEAF PHILODENDRON TEXAS SAGE

The solution is on page 79

#### A TRIP TO THE WAR GRAVES

7/5/2025. Just over a dozen people met with Elaine, a volunteer with the War Graves Commission, to learn about the organisation, its history and what it does.

Up until WW1 we never properly recorded where our soldiers had died and where they were buried, only the battlefields. In 1914 it was decided to send a team from the Red Cross to France to begin to record where soldiers had been buried. This was the idea of Fabian Ware who was too old to serve. His initiative then became an official part of the War Department in 1915 and in 1917 it became The Imperial War graves Commission supported by the Prince of Wales. After the war a lot of the burial sites had to be relocated and many were amalgamated in places such as Tyne Cot in France, the largest war cemetery holding 35,000 graves and memorials. In 1960 the name was changed to The Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

To be entitled to an official war grave servicemen and women had to die within certain dates. For WW1, those who died between 4th August 1914 and 31st August 1921 from war wounds or who were still in service and for WW2 between 3rd September, 1939 and 31st December 1947. Many buried in war graves in East Anglia died of Spanish Flu which started at the end of WW2 and killed more people than did the war itself. (The name Spanish Flu is a misnomer as the flu strain actually came over from the USA but, for propaganda reasons the only country to publish true figures about the numbers dying was Spain and so the name stuck.)

The funding comes from all the Commonwealth countries involved in the wars—UK, Canada, New Zealand, India, South Africa and the amount paid depends on the number of dead from each country. India pays the least as most of their soldiers, for religious reasons, are cremated and hence don't have a grave.

The Commission has a charitable arm funded this year by the MacRobert Trust and this pays for the volunteer training.

Having finished talking about the Commission Elaine moved on to

talk about the various types of gravestones we could see us. Outside of the current war graves area, given to the WGC in 1939, are graves of those who died in WW1. The grave stones are usually of Purbeck stone and most look identical on first viewing. If Purbeck stone is not available then a local, hard-wearing stone is used instead e.g. slate in Cornwall and Wales. The Cross of Sacrifice, dedicated in 1949, signifies that there are more than 40 graves present, there are 54 in total. See https://www.feltwell.net/cross\_of\_sacrifice.htm

All 54 headstones have the same slightly-domed shape and each one is inscribed with the details of the individual, including name, age, rank, awards, service number (unless an officer), religious emblem and a personal inscription provided by the family, if they could afford to pay for it. A regimental crest or badge at the top may also be present. It was back in the 1920s when the shape was decided upon despite many wanting a cross. The reason being that you can't get all the required information on a cross shape. Headstones outside the area have a more curved top and are MoD graves, not looked after by the WGC. WGC volunteers use 'elbow grease' to keep the stones clean but are not allowed to clean the MoD stones! The surrounding area is maintained by WGC groundskeepers.

Finally, Elaine told us about some of those buried here at Feltwell. First was Sergeant Bernard O'Donnell who died in a Ventura which crashed at Feltwell whilst on a training exercise from Lakenheath, having clipped a tree. He is buried with two of his colleagues nearby. Sometimes, more than one name may be seen on a stone because remains could not be identified and, therefore, could not be separated. Next was Flight Sergeant Loch Lomond Bently, from New Zealand, age 28, who died when his Wellington bomber crashed at Elveden when returning from Ops on Brest. We heard about several other, mainly airmen, who are buried at Feltwell but I'm running out of space! Lots more information about those buried in St Nicholas churchyard can be found at https://www.feltwell.net/raffeltwell/articles/war\_cemetary\_details.htm

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## by Dr Ian Nisbet

How do you deal with a confused medic? - FIRMLY

The time arrived for a long awaited treat last week and, on Thursday, I set off from Worcester for Methwold. I picked up a sandwich at Rugby Services and ate it. All went well with the remainder if the journey and I arrived at my friend's house in good time. The first of our arrangements was to visit The Wellington Pub in Feltwell where Stuart and Christine were holding a VE Day celebration, unveiling their latest acquisitions and a wall plaque. The crowd blocked the road in front of the pub and I met a great many of my patients and friends. However, I did not do them justice as I had started to feel violently sick and most unwell. We rushed back to Methwold at a fair clip and I retrieved my bucket from the car (not a usual inhabitant of the car but I had used it to

transport flowers) and was violently sick for several minutes. This kyboshed our next plan for the evening which was to be a visit to Methwold Church to look at their VE Celebration exhibition. There, I would have met a lot more patients and friends, an opportunity missed. I could not drink or eat and I had pulled a muscle (reminds me of the shrimp who went to a party and pulled a mussel) in my lower chest. This made movement very difficult. Tremendous exhaustion ensued and I slept for hours, including all the next day. I woke up eventually, somewhat bemused that I was fully dressed, when my friend came into my room, "Good morning," I said. "What a beautiful day," she said. "Well I just came in to tell you that I am going to bed" "Oh," said I, "are you ill?" "No," she replied, "it's 9.15 pm." We then had a long

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and confused conversation about what day it was and she disappeared. Five minutes later, she was back in full matron mode, having googled food poisoning and the consequences. One problem is dehydration through not drinking and this causes confusion in the elderly. In fairness, she had been trying to make me drink and I had resisted. She was carrying two large glasses, one with flat lemonade with salt and sugar and the other with Coca Cola. In a very dictatorial mode, she reminded me that, in my 40 years caring for her and the other residents of the area, this had always been my advice (ask any of the old patients and they will confirm this) and she was jolly well going to stand there until I drank the stuff. I did drink it and another 2 pints of water during the night and, fortunately, I managed to make it to another event on the Saturday afternoon – Elaine Douglass' 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration with a concert by the Hilgay Silver Band who were superb. Once again, I met a lot of old friends, several from the

diocese associated churches, and it was really lovely meeting them all. On the Sunday, I had to get home so, with grateful thanks to my nurse, I set off at 9am, prepared to stop every 20 minutes if necessary. In the event, I made it to Thrapston and pulled into my usual resting place, a little bit of car park overlooking a field, and shut my eyes for 10 minutes, waking up an hour later! All in all, it was good to see old friends and patients. The good news is that I will be back on 22<sup>nd</sup> May for a long weekend when, on Sunday, we will be celebrating the rehanging of the bells in St George's church in Methwold 25 years ago. Where has that time gone? The next visit will be a good opportunity to see the people I missed this this time.

In their small village, a couple was famous for the husband being 102 years old and his wife being 98 years old, and both in terrific condition, working their farm every day and having the bodies of much younger people. One day, a visitor to

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### **SUDOKU PUZZLE**

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Answer on page 76



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the village, curious about the couple, approached the old man at his farm. The old man was cutting wood without a shirt on, sweat glistening on a body that seemed to belong to a man half his age. The visitor introduced himself and asked the old man: "I hear you are 102!" "That's correct," said the old man with a smile. "Wow, I must say, you look in amazing shape!" "Thank you," said the old man humbly. "Do you mind if I ask..." "How am I this healthy at my age?" finished the old man. "Help me carry this wood back home and I'll tell you." The visitor agrees and they make their way inside. "You see," said the old man,

"I've been married for 75 years. Now, when we got married, I made a little arrangement with the wife. Every time we have an argument, the loser of said argument must run for 5 kilometres. Seeing as we have a pretty typical marriage, I've been running 5 kilometres almost every day for 75 years! That's why I'm in the great shape I am." "But if that's the case," said the puzzled visitor, "how come your wife is in such great shape too?" "Well," smiled the old man, "She usually runs after me to make sure I finish the whole five." Best wishes to you all In Nisbet



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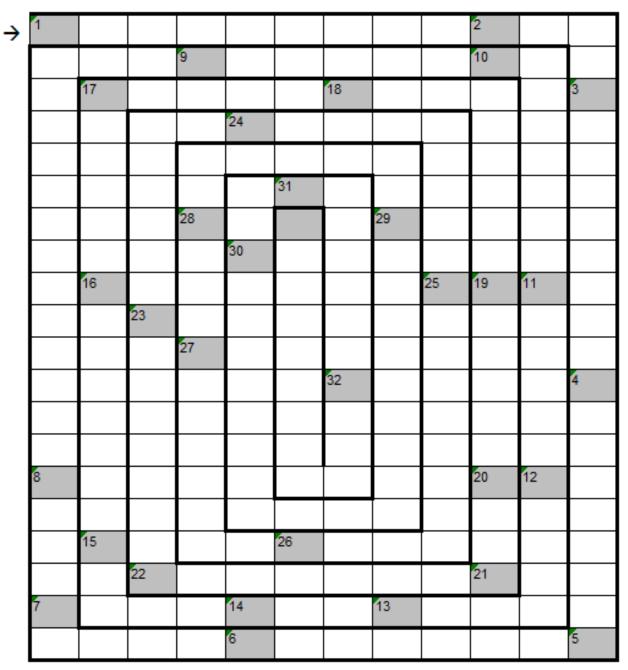
Pilot: Number 3 engine missing.

Engineer: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

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.

#### **WORD TRAIL**

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 Anti-monarchist (10)
- 2 Panel pins (5)
- 3 Go head over heels ( (10)
- 4 Rule by fear (9)

- 5 Something that furnishes proof (8)
- 6 A proverbial phrase: '\_\_\_\_\_ is as good as a feast' (6)
- 7 Mythology: An Ugly winged woman from Greek mythology who steals food (5)
- 8 What machines start with the letter 'y' (6-11)
- 9 9FILMS: In this film saga the Emperor Palpatine was also know as who? (7)
- 10 USA tram (9)
- 11 To make known or show something usually secret or hidden (6)
- 12 A city in the Santa Clara County, California, USA (8)
- 13 MEDICAL: A skin condition that occurs when your hair follicles become plugged with oil and dead skin cells. (4)
- 14 ANAGARAM: tinsel (6)
- 15 MUSIC: Adel sang this ballad released in 2011 (4-2-3)
- 16 Libidinous (7)
- 17 Hidden (6)
- 18 Without lying (10)
- 19 Pre Holocaust language used by Jewish people (7)
- 20 Mythology: Sister and wife to Zeus (4)
- 21 Congregation (8)
- 22 Before (9)
- 23 A rare metallic elements found in gadolinite (9)
- 24 Botanical: A classical tropical vine that adds colour to a sunny vertical space (10)
- 25 ANAGRAM: lateralcrigu (12)
- 26 Most easterly port in Britain (9)
- 27 On plants it is sometimes referred to as a 'prickle' (5)
- 28 MEDICAL: a sharp, shocking pain that follows the path of a nerve (9)
- 29 MUSIC: 1979 rock opera protest song by the group Pink Floyd (7-5-2-3-4)
- 30 I Love .....', old USA TV show (4)
- 31 Japanese cooking, a dish of small pieces of boneless chicken usually marinated, skewered, and grilled (8)
- 32 Contemplation of one's own thoughts, feelings and sensations (13)

This month's Word Trail solution is on page 78.

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Join us on Wednesdays for a cuppa while we pot or potter!!
Gardening is recognised as a calming and relaxing activity. Come and help us grow more fruit and veg for the community.

Pull a weed,

or sow a seed,

just your time is all we need.

We would like a sign for our "Community Garden"

Preferably made with wood, curved to fit the entrance arch, green would be nice, but we would like to see what you can do.

Who would like to give it a go? Get in touch or.....just do it.



**Thursday Club (10-12)** coffee/tea and a chat while we play Scrabble, cards, Countdown, Play-Your-Cards-Right etc. alongside snooker and pool or table air hockey. We also have table football & bagatelle.

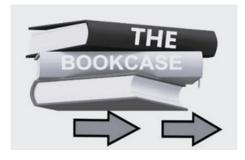
## <<<Thursdays 6.00pm - 1st Feltwell Brownies>>>

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

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#### **READING HELPERS WANTED**

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If you would be interested in becoming a **reading helper** please contact Kerry Ward at Coram Beanstalk, email:

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#### **TABLE TENNIS**

Feltwell Table Tennis club is now up and running every **Monday at 7.00pm and Tuesday from 1.45 at the Methodist Hall, Feltwell.** 

Any skill level or none. Just come along for an afternoon of fun. It's a load o' laughs, which is good for the heart, and the physical exercise loosens those stiff joints. All ages welcome. Steve Wellington is the organiser. £3 for two hours of fun.

Pool Table NOW available.



Making Our Village Beautiful

As the seasons cross over from Spring to Summer, our members have been very busy planting up the tubs for the summer. Once again the tubs will be a mixture of both perennials and annuals. They will look very individual to one another. Our sales of plants from our stalls during the Anglo American Car Show in May, the Village Fete in June and the stall by the Wellington in September, help us to re-stock the tubs when and as they need it. So please come and visit us at these events, not only to chat but to grab a bargain. In this way you will be helping us to keep the village looking attractive for everyone.

Please join in with the Hanging Basket Competition we have organised this year. We hope to have a lot of entries so that judging will be a difficult but enjoyable experience. The entry forms can be collected from the Wellington, the Londis or the Spar, Edward's Cafe or the Book Collection at the Methodist Chapel or at the stall during the fete. Fill in the form and slip it back into the poly-pocket and we will contact you nearer to the judging time of late July or August. You can be any age to enter and there will be prizes awarded for the best baskets.

We hope you noticed the flags we put in the tubs to celebrate VE Day. We will be replacing these with Union Jacks to celebrate the Village Fete this year.

Thank you for your vigilance in watching over our tubs for us during the year. As per usual, if you do see anything suspicious, or you think a tub needs attending to for watering, dead-heading etc, please give me a call on the number below.

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## RSPB Lakenheath Fen

#### **RECORDING WHAT YOU SEE**

It is a well-known fact that most of what nature lovers see across the UK goes unrecorded. This is possibly because thanks to modern life we don't have much free time, or perhaps it is because a lot of people aren't aware of how they can send in records of what they see. Even amongst visitors to RSPB Lakenheath Fen there is often a feeling that the rarer birds are the only ones we are interested invisitors will tell us how many Bitterns or Hobbies they have seen, but not necessarily how many Goldfinches were on the feeders or how many Mute swans were swimming up the river. The reality is we want to record everything you see, as it is just as important to keep an eye on the population trends of more common species as it is the rarer ones. For example, thanks to the Big Garden Birdwatch, the RSPB now know that Starlings and House sparrows are declining, fast, and that there has been a sudden drop in Blackbird numbers. Noticing these changes means we can act faster to find out what's going wrong and any changes we make can have more of an impact.

However, when you see wildlife outside of a nature reserve, you can record what you see if you have time in many useful ways. For bird records, the easiest way is to download a spreadsheet from the following websites and to e-mail it to your relevant County Recorder: -

For Suffolk: https://www.suffolkbirdgroup.org/downloads contains the spreadsheet, and then send it to bird-w@sns.org.uk for bird sightings in West Suffolk.

For Norfolk: https://norfolkbirds.weebly.com/submitting-records.html then sent it to norfolkbirdrecs@gmail.com.

For Cambridgeshire: https://www.cambridgebirdclub.org.uk/records then send it to recorder@cambridgebirdclub.org.uk.



## Events at RSPB Lakenheath Fen

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

Treasures of the Moth Trap 27 June, 25 July, 29 August (10am to 11am)

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

RSPB members £5 (£2.50 Under 18's); non-RSPB members £6 (£3 Under 18's)

**Guided Pond Dipping** 7 June, 5 July, 2 August (11am-1pm)

Why not borrow a pond-dipping kit to see what beautiful and strange creatures live below the water? Come along to learn about the underwater world with our knowledgeable volunteer to guide you.

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Peatland Paradise Guided Walk Monday 2 June (10am-11pm)

The Fens East Peat Partnership are holding a series of events on and around World Peatlands Day (2 June 2025) to celebrate our Fen peatlands in all their glory. As a result, we'll be hosting a guided walk at RSPB Lakenheath Fen- a reserve that owes everything to the peat soil it sits upon!

RSPB members £12 (£6 Under 18's); non-RSPB members £15 (£7.50 for Under 18's).

Fascinating Flora Guided Walk Sunday 27 July (10am-1pm)

A visit to Lakenheath Fen in Summer is a very colourful one with a wide variety of plants in flower. But, behind their pretty exterior lies a hidden world of folklore, poisons and medicinal properties. Join us to discover more about the secret world of our wildflowers.

RSPB member £12 (£6 Under 18's); non-RSPB member £15 (£7.50 Under 18s)

Wildlife Walks Sundays 15 June, 20 July, 17 August (10am-1pm)

Join our knowledgeable guides for a tour of the reserve taking in the best of our wildlife highlights. During the summer months there will be lots of migrant birds to see as well as plenty of dragonflies and butterflies. Come and celebrate the summer with us!

RSPB member £12 (£6 Under 18's); non-RSPB member £15 (£7.50 Under 18s)

You can clear the contents and re-use the spreadsheet for future records, and although the county recorders do prefer the records as soon as possible, you can send them up to 31 January of the year following the year you made the observations.

#### Other wildlife

For butterflies, including those you spot on walks or in your garden, Butterfly Conservation will be glad to receive any records you get through their website under the 'Record your sightings' section. Day -flying moths and any others you come across- like the well-known Cinnabar, are welcome too.

If you'd like a one-stop-shop for all wildlife records, and you have a smartphone, the iRecord app is brilliant. It's free to use and quite straightforward, and you can submit anything on there- be it bird, bug or wildflower, and everything in between.

I realise that for a lot of people, there just isn't the time to send in records of what you see- but if you ever find a moment to send in what you've seen, it will greatly help to build up a picture of how our wildlife is faring. This data also feeds into government policy and decision-making, too, so it is such a valuable asset.

If you have any questions about recording wildlife, please do get in touch with us at lakenheath@rspb.org.uk or on 01842 863400 and we will be glad to help if we can.

With best wishes,

Heidi Jones

(Visitor Experience Officer, RSPB Lakenheath Fen).



From an essay written as an answer to an exam. question.

Romeo and Juliet tell each other how much they are in love in the baloney scene.

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### **West Norfolk Aviation Society**

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"V for Victor" was the title of this month's talk; delivered by Ickburgh man, Barry Raphael, virtuoso on the subject of the V bombers and ex



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-crew member of 55 squadron; he was too modest to say whether or not he was captain. On a previous occasion he has briefed us about his time spent with the Valiant during the Suez crisis but on this occasion he presented to us a masterful account of his involvement with the Handley Page Victor, an aeroplane that has the distinction of being the longest serving military aircraft on record; over 50 years. Barry's account was so detailed that one could easily have believed that he might have had a hand in the design of the aircraft itself.

After 1947 the war ministry decided that future peacetime stability should depend on a nuclear deterrent. Adolph Hitler's regime, before this time, had been preoccupied with ground based missiles. For the best security it was decided that future tactics should involve the delivery of nuclear weapons by air. The Victor was chosen to be the best provider for this purpose and, the bombs would be either Skybolt or Blue Steel.

Frederick Handley Page had first found fame in 1911 with his legendary 'stick and string' Yellow Peril monoplane, characterised by a convex leading edge to the wings (re: 1965 film 'Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines). Barry made a tongue in cheek comparison with this and the leading edge of the Victor wings: in this case, the curve was concaved but, for a very good reason: They were described as 'crescent' and constructed in three separate sections each one having its own effect on the aerodynamics of the aircraft. Its development was an on-going scenario: the empennage,



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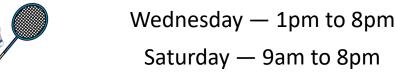
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rear section, also came under scrutiny; the dihedral of the "T" tail plane was critical for optimum stability as was the design of the rudder; an extra bolt in a pintle overcame one problem. Barry explained that on-going modifications were always necessary to overcome the price that was being paid for the loss of the lives of many test pilots; in the 1950s this amounted to about one a week.

The assembly of the Victor began in 'Fred's Shed' at Radlett. This was deemed too small and construction was completed at Boscombe Down over 100miles away. For security reasons it was wrapped up and transported by road disguised as a boat. Details in the cock-pit design included the use of retractable instrument panels to optimise space and, a livery of white to minimise the glare from bomb blast. Flight tests included controlled loops and rolls. The aeroplane also proved its versatility when its presence was felt in the Falklands war as an aid to reconnaissance and refuelling. And, Barry explained that on one of the trials of his baby, the navigator, facing rearwards, gained the distinction of being the only person in the world to have broken the sound barrier flying backwards.

At the end of the evening the stand-in chairman, Commander Allen, thanked the Bowls Club executive committee for their hospitality, tendered apologies from absentees and recruited a first-time guest-member, Bob Archer, to provide next month's talk on the subject of '75 Years of Aviation at Mildenhall'. PS Nigel Tooth. Check out: www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk

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## MP CAMPAIGNING FOR EMPTY MILITARY HOMES TO BE BROUGHT BACK INTO USE

During a recent coffee morning at St Mary's Church, the matter of long-standing empty homes at RAF Feltwell was raised with me.

These fifteen homes, believed to have been empty for more than a decade, are in Trenchard Square, part of the Feltwell military base, which was built in the 1930s and served as a Second World War

bomber station. The square is named after Hugh Montague Trenchard who was a British military officer and instrumental in establishing the Royal Air Force. He has been described as the "Father of the Royal Air Force".

Concerned about the deterioration of the



properties and the waste of what could be usable family homes, I raised the issue with Minister for Veterans and People, Al Carns MP, during a recent Westminster meeting, alongside other defence housing matters in the constituency at both Thetford and Marham. Following the meeting, I immediately began working with the Ministry of Defence to bring these homes back into use.

I also emphasized the need for smaller one and two-bedroom properties locally, and encouraged the Ministry of Defence to work with military charities operating in South West Norfolk to prioritise the housing for veterans on the local housing waiting list.

I am committed to ensuring that no military housing sits empty, particularly when we have such clear housing needs locally, and I am pleased to be working to bring these empty homes back into use to

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Backed by a landmark £50million of funding, VALOUR will help ensure that every veteran, regardless of where they live, can access joined up support. This move is a vital step forward for the veterans of South West Norfolk. The funding will establish a new network of VALOUR-recognised support centres in every nation of the UK, and deploy Regional Field Officers to connect local, regional and national services — while harnessing the power of data to continually shape services.

Bringing together charities, service providers and local government, the new Regional Field Officers will provide more evidence and feedback-driven support for veterans, across housing, employment, health and welfare.

Our veterans served with valour. Now, our VALOUR support network will help ensure our country repays their courage.

If you are a veteran, a member of our armed forces or a dependant, and have any questions or need support, please contact my office: terry.jermy.mp@parliament.uk.

Mr Jermy is also on Facebook and X.

His voting record, etc, can be found at: https://members.parliament.uk/member/5338/contacts

This information is provided by the editor



#### **FELTWELL FUEL ALLOTMENT CHARITY**

If you can answer "YES" to the following two questions you may be eligible for a **Winter 2024 Fuel Payment** from three Feltwell charities.

Are you at least 70 years of age or will be by the end of 2025? 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: Feltwell Fuel Allotment Agent, 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.

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#### **FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB**

The Club opening went very well with six new prospective members joining us, they are bowling their 3 tries to access if they want to take to the game. Let's hope they will take to it and join us.

The weather has been good and the roll ups enjoyed by all who played them, and it appears it will last for a couple of weeks more.

The greenkeeper's are having to adjust to the use of the new mower but it is working well.

We unfortunately lost our first friendly against Northwold so we need to try harder.

The games through May were:-

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Weeting, Away	Rosie Smith league.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Mundford, Home	Dave Allen league.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Swaffham, Home	Rosie Smith league.
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Harling, Away	Dave Allen league.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Northwold, Away	Ashill league.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Hockwold. Away	Friendly.

I will report on the results in the next edition.

The Race Night held Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>. May was well supported and we were able to get enough sponsors for each race.

Our next event is the Quiz Night on 28<sup>th</sup> June in the large room in the RBL, 7 to 10-30pm. See separate poster.

#### **COMING EVENTS**

Quiz Night, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 7 to 10-30pm

Treasure Hunt and Cream Tea (Members and friends) Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August in the large room of the RBL.

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## **Breckland Branch**

According to the RSPCA animal neglect is on the rise. Last year there was a 25 percent increase in pet neglect reports.



A woman hoarding more then 50 cats refused help, so after a consult with the Environmental Health, a warrant was issued and police forced entry. Inside the house the conditions were appalling – an overwhelming stench of ammonia and filth, rooms packed with clutter and excrement covering nearly every surface. Litter trays were overflowing and pools of diarrhoea attracted swarms of flies. Some cats roamed free, while others were in filthy crates. Many suffered from untreated illnesses, including cat flu. The cats were rescued, received vital veterinary care and most have since found loving homes, though two sadly had to be put to sleep.

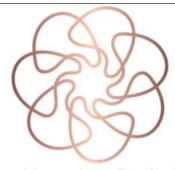
Then there is the story of Prince, rescued from cruelty. He is a 5-year-old ginger and white cat, who was so thin that his ribs and spine could be seen and there was lots of fur missing. He was almost bald. The owners had shaved him with electric clippers as he had been shedding fur and they didn't want fur on their furniture and clothes. He was taken to a vet and was very frightened. Although no evidence of disease was found that could have caused his weight loss, he was anaemic and his creatine and phosphorus levels were very low, signs that he had been starved.

Fur provides protection and warmth and helps with communication. Without fur, cats risk sun damage and can't retain body heat and they spend long periods grooming their coats which eases stress.

Prince was given anti-flea and worming medication and vaccinated and a meal plan prepared to help him reach a healthy weight. He showed signs of aggression around food; throwing himself at his cage door and trying to attack anyone who came between him and his food. He was given stress relieving medication and this, with a consistent feeding routine, helped him become more relaxed around mealtimes. Eventually he was healthy enough to find a new home.

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





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#### **Feltwell Historical Society - programme 2025**

We meet at the Wellington, 7pm, 3rd Friday of the month

June 20th - Kate Roma - herLocal Com. Officer, CCT & Church repairs

July 18th - Social evening with buffet

Aug. 15th - Kevin Boardman - TBA

Sep. 19th - Liz Lesley-Smith - Oxburgh Hall

Oct. 17th - Stuart Samuels - Ghosts of Feltwell

Nov. 21st - Society Annual Dinner

Dec. - St. Nicholas Church - Carols by Candlelight TBA

There will also be an Afternoon Tea Event at St. Nicholas Church in June.

## FELTWELLBEINGS

#### On your own? New to the village?

#### Want to meet other people?

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CHAT, Gentle Exercises, Play Table Tennis, Snooker, Board Games, Cards, Dominoes and loads more. We do Countdown, Bingo and more. We also have a Bring & Buy table.

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The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 in the British Legion, Long Lane. Nine Councillors Ш attended and two members of the public.  $\leq$ Clerk gave a report of the Rawlins Charity accounts. There was no other business. S The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed the above meeting. Nine Councillors attended and two members of the public. 刀 Mr Rayner was duly re-elected as Chairman and Mr Lambert as Vice-Chairman. Internal audit has been completed and accounts accepted as correct. Sqn Leader Eaton's report stated the temporary flight restriction zones will remain around all USAF sites until a I permanent solution is found. The small arms range at Feltwell Ш will close for essential repairs end of May through to September. Squadrons will support exercises on NATO's T Northern Flank and remain at high readiness for an immediate response to the European Command. Sqn Leader Eaton is seeking clarification on plans for the empty homes on 刀 Trenchard Square and is aware of Terry Jermy MP's campaign to bring them back into use following public concerns that S they are standing empty whilst housing is short. I Clerk is still awaiting a response from Freebridge regarding various properties that have been unoccupied for some time. Mr Storey was not present to update on his progress with this matter. Highways have started to make repairs to Southery Road. Malfunctioning 30mph flashing sign on Lodge Road has been replaced. White-lining order is with the contractor so hopefully will be carried out soon. Clerk has reported the overgrowth on Hill Street and will also report poor condition

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The annual operational playground inspection will take place in June. Gray's Funfair have still not been able to commit to a date.

Structural assessment of the concrete street light columns will be undertaken w/c 20th May.

New bus stop should be installed outside Manor Park Estate in June so that it is operational in time for the new academic school year. Clerk is trying to ascertain which companies will operate it.

Mr Storey had not been present to provide an update on
Borough and County Council matters but all information can be found on both websites.

Parish Council Meeting dates were agreed as follows: 16<sup>th</sup>

June, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup>

November, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup>

March, 13<sup>th</sup> April and 11<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Meeting of the Parish Council).

Please subscribe to the Council's website ~

(https://feltwellparishcouncil.gov.uk) and Facebook page for latest news and notifications including RAF Feltwell demolition activities and road closures.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the British Legion on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

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Bailey	Morph Suit	Ripped Clothes	Vodka						
Sam	Superhero	Got Lost	Guinness						
Alex	Cowboy	Trip Over	Cider						
Cameron	Leopard Print Onesie	Phone Mum at 2am	Bacardi						

#### **FELTWELL COMMUNITY GROUP**

## **Grand Village Fete & Carnival Parade**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025

#### **WE NEED YOU!!!**

Please email us on

feltwellcommunitygroup@gmail.com or get in touch via our Facebook page if you'd like a stall or wish to enter your float into the parade (theme is The Wild West and best dressed float wins £100)!!

## Having a party?

Don't have enough plates, dishes, glasses or cutlery? Contact Sue Garland 827029 or Chris Parker 827152. St Mary's Church can loan you all of the above (at least 40 settings)

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## METHWOLD SPIRITUALIST CHURCH SPIRITUALIST SERVICES

Friday Meetings 2025. Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start.

6th June — EVENING OF CLAIRVOYANCE with SAM REED & LINDA BISHOP.

20th June — GREGG PETTIT.

11th July — OLIVE BYRNE & SHEILA JAMES.

25th July — EVENING OF CLAIRVOYANCE With CLAIRE QUADLING.

**AUGUST CLOSED.** 

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

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

#### **VE DAY LOGISTICAL SOLUTION (FROM LAST MONTH)**

Scouts	Tea Party	40 people	70th Anniversary		
British Legion	Dance	45 people	60th Anniversary		
WI	Formal Dinner	35 people	40th Anniversary		
Historical Society	Sing-A-Long	50 people	50th Anniversary		

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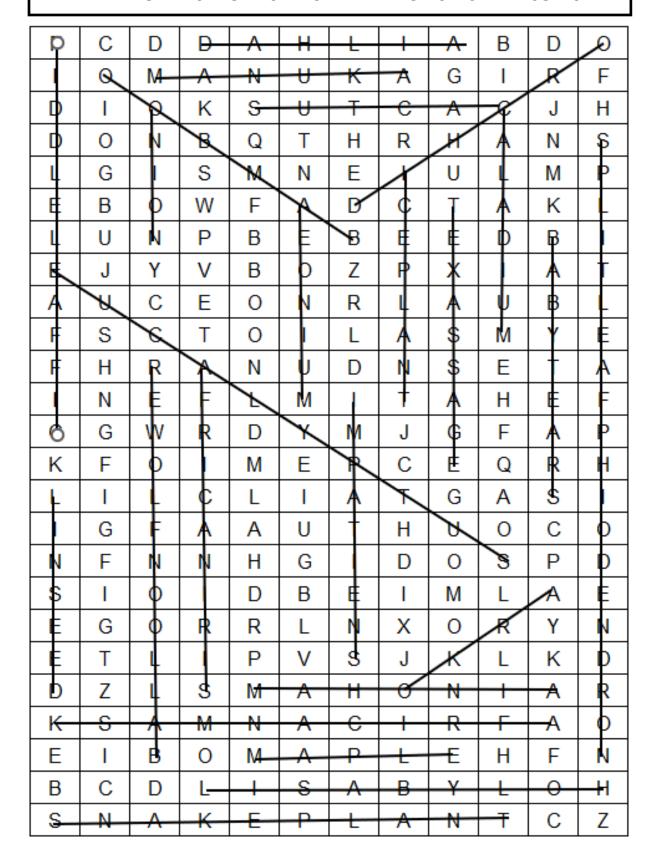
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Did you know? There is a wine fountain in Italy that is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is free. It is located in the town of Caldari di Ortona in central Italy, and it was opened in 2016. It offers visitors a continuous flow of red wine from a traditional Italian spout. It is for use by pilgrims and hikers traveling the Cammino di San Tommaso.

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