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FROM THE CLASSROOM

At Edmund De Moundeford Primary School we celebrated Children's Mental Health week from the 5th – 9th February. The focus this year was, 'My Voice Matters' and all the children participated in a range of activities. This focused week concluded with, 'Crazy Hair Day' to promote and celebrate our individuality. Check out the school's website for photographs from the day.

Along with this, lots and lots of other learning has occurred this half-term throughout the school. Doves have visited Lynn Museum to learn more about World War II, while Crows have been able to make their own kaleidoscopes in DT.

In Kites, they've been looking at the repetitive poem, *Please Mrs Butler* by Allen Ahlberg. All children had an opportunity to write their own poems following this structure. Here are some of their poems. We hope you enjoy them.

Please Miss Middleton,
This girl Sophie Moo,
Keeps chucking my pencil, Miss,
What should I do?

Move to another table,
Or go to another class,
Go to the concentration station,
You better go there fast.

By IM

Please Mr B,
This girl called Evelyn Noo,
Keeps banging on the table,
What can I do?

Go and sit on the windowsill,
Cover your ears with fish,
Go and sit on the roof,
Go and do as you wish.

By ZC

Please Mrs Bolton,
This girl Sophie Moo,
Keeps copying my work, Miss,
What should I do?

Go and sit in the hall dear,
Go and sit in the sink,
Go and sit in the office, dear,
Do whatever you think.

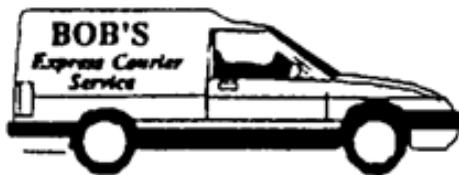
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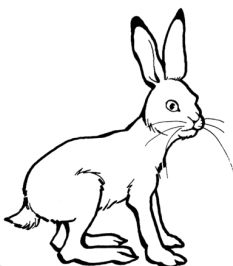
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HALF A MILLION

So near, and yet so far! By today's standards it isn't a big number by any stretch of the imagination but, if it represents a goal that is proving to be so very, very far away and seemingly unattainable, it is indeed a big number, a very big number!



When I was a lad, (oh, so long ago), I don't think a million was even in our vocabulary. Not amongst my contemporaries, anyway. We weren't even comfortable talking in hundreds, never mind millions! The only numbers familiar to us then were pounds, shillings and pence and feet and inches. Even yards, feet and inches were for the better-educated.

Only the rich counted in pounds, which went as follows:-

One Pound equals twenty shillings,
One shilling equals twelve pence,
One penny equals two half-pennies
One half-penny equals two farthings.

Then, to complicate things even further:-

Two shillings equals one florin,
Ten florins equals one pound,
Two shillings and six pence equals Half a crown,
And finally, we had threepenny pieces, both brass and silver.

Paper fivers, oncers and ten-bob notes were only for shop-keepers and the more 'well-off' so well-reinforced pocket linings were the place for our coinage in those far-off days.

Anyway, where was I? Oh yes, millions! The trouble is that whenever we think of 'millions', we tend to think of big posh houses, posh cars and equally posh ladies with miniature poodles in their handbags, but my millions are none of those. They are the more mundane, down-to-earth millions that seem to be controlling my very being at this moment in time. Not that I wouldn't say no to

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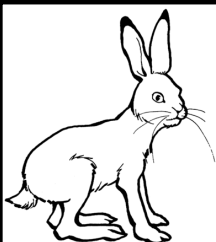
a posh house, a posh car and definitely not to a posh lady with a dog in a handbag! My sort of woman! Stuff the house and the car!

So, back to my million and why it is causing me such consternation and even sleepless nights. Not even a whole million, just half a million. I know it would be enough for a posh house, or a posh car, or maybe even a posh lady with a dog in a bag, but even if I get to that half a million point, I'm not talking about the money. I'm not even in it for the money. Well, I might be if it were on offer, but, smug as it may sound, I'm in this one, this half-million, for the glory and the glory alone! When I started this whole malarky, half-a-million was not even a pipe-dream to be abandoned in failure. Half a million never crossed my mind. I was in it for the fun and even, in some cases, for the pleasure it gave me.

The trouble is, that as time went on, the pursuit of pleasure became more and more one of an obsession and a target began to emerge along the way. That target became more and more clear to me as I battled on, day-by-day, week-by-week, month-by month, and yes, year-by-year until I now have that target in sight. That half-a-million target is now tantalisingly close, and temptingly within my reach! What is it going to take, for me to finally lay claim to that half-a-million trophy?

So, how far is close? What is it going to take to cross that line? So near and yet so far, so this final burst has got to be enough to get me there, to cross that half-a-million finishing line and break that tape at last!

This journey (hate that term) has taken me seven long years since the idea first took my imagination, and there have been 447 times when I've considered giving it all up, only to be encouraged every time by the way the numbers have grown. Every time, a little voice



Will you please send a man to look at my water, it is a funny colour and not fit to drink.

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inside my head has said “Don't give up now, Freddie-me-lad, you're getting closer!” Closer to what? I would ask myself, and then I would look at the figures and realise that I really was getting closer to something. Now I'm glad I listened to that little voice because, as well as the mystery of that far-off target, every moment of my 'journey' (there it is again) has been a sheer joy to experience and one I will cherish, once I've managed to commit those last few words to print and set my sights on the other half of those million words.

Frederick James

Congratulations to Fred who has now broken through the half a million words barrier, many of which you, dear reader, will have read over the previous years as he has been a regular contributor to this magazine. And long may it continue.



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It amazes me each year when Spring arrives. Buds begin to open not only on trees and shrubs, but also the bulbs do their best to fight through the hard, wet, cold ground to give a good show and to cheer us up. It is brilliant how nature manages this every year. It is also the time to start planting seeds, as the weather warms up. Gardening is so good for everyone generally and whether you grow just vegetables, fruit, flowers or a combination of all of these, it is good to get out into the fresh air and to look forward to the results of your labour.

We are still looking for more volunteers to help us plant more tubs around the village this year, as well as replanting the ones we already have. Just an hour a week volunteering to help us would mean a lot to the group and the village. You do not have to be an expert gardener because we will gladly provide you with any support you need to widen your knowledge. We are all amateurs with varying strengths. We allow for everyone's personal capabilities – so do not worry, we will not ask you to do something you cannot do. Come and join our friendly group.

Don't forget to join us at the Wellington Pub for our AGM on 19th 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. The more hands we have helping, the brighter and bigger the displays of colour will be around the village in the summer, for everyone to enjoy.

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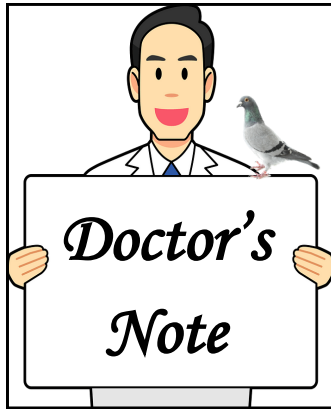
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Before we tell you anything else, let us tell you why we became GPs. To care for people. To care for you. We want to give great care, to meet you, to listen to you, and to look after you and your families. It may not feel this way right now, but all we can say is the truth.

And the truth is – general practice is in crisis. Not because of us or the staff who work with us. It is because of decades of underfunding and neglect and broken government promises to you – our patients – that the system is fractured.

General practice should be at the heart of every community – keeping patients safe and providing strong foundations for the rest of the NHS. Nearly 9 in 10 GPs fear patients aren't always safe at their surgeries. But decades of neglect have broken the entire system. We don't have enough family doctors to treat our patients. There are now 2,200 patients for every GP in England. GPs are leaving the profession in droves, and practices are closing all over the UK. 1 in 4 GPs know colleagues who've taken their own lives due to work pressures.

None of this is your fault and it isn't ours either. In 2019, the UK Government promised to deliver a workforce plan for General Practice and the NHS including attracting 6,000 more doctors into General Practice. In June 2023 they finally published the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan. It sets out how the NHS will address existing and future workforce challenges by recruiting and retaining thousands more staff over a 15-year period, and working in new ways to improve staff experience and patient care. The plan is backed by £2.4 billion in Government funding up to 2028/29. If fully implemented, the permanent NHS workforce would increase from 1.4 million in 2021/22 to between 2.2 and 2.3 million in 2036/37!

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colleagues across the NHS should be able to work closely with us to provide the right care, at the right time. A strong general practice keeps people healthy and gives them the care they need in their community. And it takes the pressure off hospitals and specialist services, saving money in the longer term.

Reform takes time, but these problems are immediate and real. That's why we need to come together and Rebuild General Practice. It is the only way we can keep our patients safe and protect the NHS.

GPs are calling for a proper, long-term plan to Rebuild General Practice.

We are asking the Government, patients and our colleagues across the NHS to join us in building a long-term patient centred vision for general practice.

We are calling for:

- A plan to retain the GP workforce;
- Fair funding as part of the wider NHS;
- Greater freedom and autonomy to do our jobs.

From the Editor.

The full NHS England Workforce Plan can be found at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/nhs-long-term-workforce-plan-2/> When I read it the one thing at the forefront of my mind was the time scale – 15 years before we get the extra GPs that we need now. Then I found this paragraph in the Plan: “Increase the number of GP specialty training places by 50% to 6,000 by 2031/32. To support this ambition, GP specialty training places will initially grow by 500 places by 2025/26, increasing to 1,000 additional places (5,000 overall) by 2027/28.”

Then I wondered how long it takes to become a qualified GP and found this information:

GP training in the UK takes three years. However, this does not include the mandatory two foundation years a doctor must undertake following graduation from medical school. Therefore,

including these and medical school itself, it takes ten years to fully train as a General Practitioner.

Which means, if I'm interpreting everything correctly the current shortage will not be filled for quite a number of years. Indeed, it may even get worse before it begins to improve. If you are concerned about this you might feel moved enough to write to our local MP or put something on social media encouraging a more rapid response to the shortage of GPs. It's up to you.

In the meantime, I'm sure that our GPs are doing the very best that they can for their patients under difficult circumstances.



The poster features a cartoon bear in a red shirt and blue shorts on the left. The title 'FELTWELL PLAYGROUPS' is in black, 'EASTER' is in large purple letters, and 'Egg Trail' is in a brown script font. The dates '29TH MARCH - 7TH APRIL' are in black, and 'RAFFLE AND EASTER EGG TRAIL' is in red. To the right, details about the trail sheets (£2 each, including 1 free raffle entry) and raffle tickets (£1 each) are listed. It also mentions that prizewinners will be announced on the Facebook page on 8th April and that posters around the village will provide information on where to get trail sheets and raffle tickets. At the bottom, a list of sponsors is provided. An illustration of a white rabbit and several colorful Easter eggs is positioned above the grassy area at the bottom.

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Your Good Health

by Dr Ian Nisbet

I nearly had an epiphany.

Yes, I know, I had to look it up! In religious circles, the festival of Epiphany commemorates the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles or, in the Eastern Church, the commemoration of the baptism of Christ. However, the word can also mean an appearance or manifestation, especially of a divine being, a sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something, a simple or striking event giving a sudden grasp of reality, or an illuminating discovery, realisation or disclosure. Look it up – the examples of people undergoing an epiphany are numerous.

Now, get out your bible and look at The First Book of Samuel, Chapter 3. In a nutshell, it tells the story of the boy Samuel who ministered to the Lord under Eli. Samuel slept

in the sanctuary. One night, The Lord called “SAMUEL!” on three occasions. Each time, Samuel thought it was Eli calling and went to Eli who told him that he had not called and to go back to bed. Eventually, Eli realised that it was the Lord calling and told Samuel to reply “Speak, for your servant is listening” ‘SAMUEL, SAMUEL!’ boomed out, Samuel responded as Eli had told him and the Lord gave Samuel a message which he later reluctantly relayed to Eli. The message was horrendous – look it up – and, after this episode, “all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognised Samuel as a prophet of the Lord”

Enough of that, dear readers. “What about your near epiphany?” I hear you shout. Well, last Sunday in our Free Church, the sermon dealt with Samuel, Eli and the Lord talking. On Monday morning, at 7am, I was in the shower, thinking



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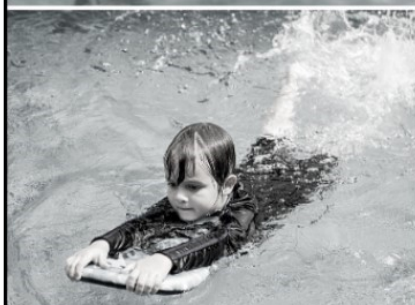
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about the sermon. As usual, my Lifeline alarm and my mobile 'phone were on the floor by the shower door, handy for access if I slipped or collapsed. As I was rinsing my hair, a voice boomed out "IAN!" I was totally bemused and I considered my response to what could be the most important conversation of my life. Did the Lord want to give me a message, had Deannie got fed up trying to reach me through the normal supernatural channels and had gone all the way to the top for assistance? Should I say "Speak, for your servant is listening"? Once again, boom "IAN!". Still pondering my response, I opened the shower door to see two men standing in my bedroom, enquiring as to my welfare. Further inspection revealed them to be Mark and Ciaran, my lovely neighbours from the houses opposite.

Ciaran and Mark were responding to a call from my Lifeline alarm operator and had extracted the house key from the key box outside the back door. They were quite relieved not to find me collapsed or worse. The normal procedure,

when my alarm goes off, is for Lifeline to telephone me on my land line or mobile 'phone as most of these alarm episodes are false alarms, easily dealt with when they talk to me. However, the previous day, I had switched my land line through to my mobile and I had then put the mobile in silent mode. When I went to bed, I forgot to undo both of these procedures so Lifeline could not reach me and telephoned the contacts on their list. Needless to say, I was really embarrassed, I agreed with Mark and Ciaran that it was good to have tested the neighbours' access system and I have upgraded my procedures to prevent a repetition and arranged for the Lifeline engineer to visit to check my transmitter.

My good friend, Jayne De Pol, sent me some American "spousal" cartoons. Some convert into written jokes and, for the following, I have made the husband speak in ordinary text and the wife in italics:

I'm going down to the pub. Get your coat on.

Ooh, am I coming?



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No, I'm turning the heating off.
 (Husband lying back in bed) I'm not wearing any underwear.
I'll buy you some tomorrow
 Why did you marry me?
Your sense of humour
 Not because I'm good in bed?
See what I mean? You're hilarious.
Nobody told me that, when you get a husband, the ears are sold separately
 Friend: How did you meet your husband?
I'm a pharmacist – he came in to buy XXXXXXL condoms. It was only after we married that I discovered he stammers.
 I think I'm having a heart attack.
Give me the password for your mobile 'phone so I can call an

ambulance.
 Never mind, I am feeling better.
 Daughter: "Mum, I'm dating our neighbour"
 Mum: "He could be your Dad."
 Daughter: "Age isn't an issue."
 Mum: "I don't think you understand me."
I got this puppy for my husband – I think it was a fair trade
 Counsellor to husband, "Do you feel dominated by your wife?"
No, he doesn't.
Husbands are the best people to share secrets with because they never listen
 Deannie's Zen saying for the month: Never test the depth off water with both feet.
 Good wishes to you all. Be sure to treasure each other.

Ian Nisbet



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.

Come and have a coffee, great company and a bit of exercise from beginners up. £3 for two hours of fun. Pool Table now available.

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The Food Pantry, Feltwell

WHO ARE WE?

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Scam Alert – Fake DVLA emails

We are warning residents about fake communications which claim to be from Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

One recent example which states it is a 'DVLA Notification' and claims that 'We need a moment of your time for a quick payment update' due to 'an issue with your last transaction'. The email then provides a button to 'update payment'.

These emails are **not** from DVLA, anyone clicking on the update button provided will be taken to a fake version of the DVLA website which will attempt to gather personal and financial information.

Scam Alert – Investment Scams

We are warning residents to continue to be alert for social media posts which claim to be about well-known celebrities who are endorsing investments.

Scammers frequently make posts or place paid for adverts often linking to fake news articles which claim that the celebrity named is promoting online investments after making large amounts of money from doing so themselves.

These post and adverts are placed attempting to lure people into making contact so they can be encouraged to invest in these investment scams. Common investment scams include:

Fake shares, Cryptocurrencies, Gemstones, Fine wines.

In reality, the celebrities used in these investment scams have nothing to do with the fraudsters and their image and status are being used without their permission or endorsement. Any money handed over is likely to end up in the hands of cyber criminals with little or no possibility of you ever recovering it.

Protect yourself

Be very sceptical about social media posts and online adverts offering shares and other investments using celebrity endorsements – especially if they're claiming to be 'guaranteed' or 'risk-free'

Get independent financial advice before making any investment

Never sign up to anything immediately or if you're told to keep the deal confidential

Make sure any firm you are thinking of investing with are on the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) register of authorised firms, you can check the list by visiting the FCA website.

Which? have put together useful guidance on how to spot an investment scam which can be found on the Which? website. The Financial Conduct Authority website also provides further details on how to avoid investment scams online.

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Scam Alert – Emails claiming to be from ‘Disney+’

We are warning Disney+ customers about a number of scam emails circulating claiming your subscription has or is about to expire, and offering you the chance to extend your subscription at a heavily discounted rate.

The emails, which are sent using Disney+ logos and imagery, provide a link to ‘Extend now’, anyone following the link will be taken to a fake version of the Disney+ website which will attempt to gather personal and financial details.

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

Scam Alert – Unknown charges on bank accounts

We have recently been contacted by a resident who had become aware of possible attempts to defraud them.

While checking their bank statement the resident noticed there were unexpected ‘subscription’ payments leaving their account to a service they were not using or had ever contacted.

It is important that we all do what we can to try to ensure we keep our personal and banking information as secure as possible but if you become aware of unusual activity, either through emails received or when checking bank statements, that you take steps to protect yourself.

If you become aware of unusual activity on your bank account or credit card, you should contact your bank or service provider directly using:

- The Customer Service number printed on the card or a recent statement
- Via information available on their genuine website or app
- By visiting a branch

Never use details provided in an unexpected email or cold call.

Scam Alert – ‘Page deletion’ messages on Facebook

We are warning Facebook users about scam messages being sent claiming that ‘your Facebook page is scheduled for permanent deletion’.

The message states that this is ‘due to a post that has infringed upon our trademark rights’ before going on to offer a link to ‘request a review’.

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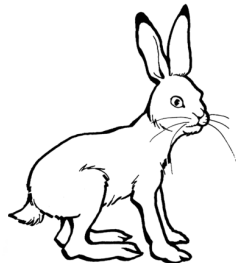
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Scam Alert – Emails claiming to be from 'TV Licensing'

We are highlighting a warning from Action Fraud about TV Licencing scam emails after they received over six thousand reports in the first two weeks of 2024. Common themes for these emails are claims that your licence is about to expire or there was an issue with your latest payment or direct debit. The emails also provide a link to enable the recipient to resolve the 'issue'.

These emails are **not** from TV Licencing and any links contained within the message are likely to go to a genuine looking fake version of the TV Licencing website which will attempt to gather personal and financial details.

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

TV Licensing offer the following advice to help spot scam TV Licence emails:

Check the sender - Genuine TV Licensing emails are sent from donotreply@tvlicensing.co.uk or donotreply@spp.tvlicensing.co.uk.

Partial Postcode - If you have provided us with your postcode details, our emails will include part of your postcode and/or the name on the licence

Look for your name - If you've given us your name, then we'll always address you using your last name and title. The scammers won't normally have that information about you. So, watch out for emails that only address you as "Dear client" or "Dear customer" – or just use your email address (or part of it)

Check the spelling and grammar - Because scammers can't use our genuine TV Licensing web addresses or email addresses, they'll try to use slightly different spellings – look out for things like hyphens and full stops in odd places. Be suspicious too if there are mistakes in the email with capital letters or other grammatical errors, like missing full stops – this could be a scam

Check the links – Be wary of emails promising money/refunds. For example, phrases such as, "click below to access your refund", followed by a request to provide your credit card or bank details (we would never process a refund in this way). Always check links in an email before clicking or tapping them.

If you're on a computer hover over the link (but don't click it). This will reveal the name of the web address that you are being sent to.

If you're on a smartphone or tablet press and hold on the link (don't release while you are on the link). This will reveal the name of the web address that you are being sent to.

TV Licensing offer further advice on helping you to avoid TV Licensing Scams on their website.

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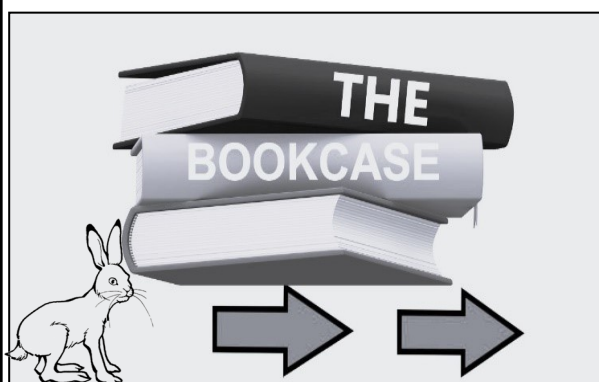
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Scam Alert – Text messages claiming to be from HMRC

We are reminding residents to continue to be alert around text messages claiming to be from HMRC.

HMRC does send text messages to some of their customers which may include links to GOV.UK information or the official HMRC webchat.

HMRC will never ask you to disclose personal, payment or financial information by text message.

HMRC also advise that you should never open any links or reply to any text messages claiming to be from HMRC that offers you a tax refund in exchange for personal or financial details.

You can forward suspicious HMRC text messages received to HMRC by forwarding the message to 60599 (network charges apply) or screenshot the message and email it to phishing@hmrc.gov.uk

You can find more information about phishing approaches and scams claiming to be from HMRC on the GOV.UK website.

Reporting scams

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

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

Citizens Advice consumer service website

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

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

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

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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.”

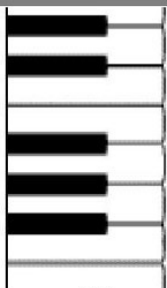
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MARCH ACTIVITY LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington. The solution is on p64

	Watching Rugby	Visiting a Farm Park	Walking in the Woods	A St Patricks Day Party	Greg	Lawrence	Jaqueline	Peter	2 Hours	2 ½ Hours	3 Hours	3 ½ Hours
Sheila												
Alison												
Paula												
Andrea												
2 Hours												
2 ½ Hours												
3 Hours												
3 ½ Hours												
Greg												
Lawrence												
Jaqueline												
Peter												

Match the person to their activity, their companion and the time spent there.

1. Peter Walked in the Woods, he wasn't with Andrea.
2. Sheila and Greg spent less time than the people who Walked In The Woods.
3. Jaqueline Watched Rugby.
4. The Farm Park visit took 1 hour longer than the Walk in the Woods.
5. Paula spent longer than Jaquelin and Peter.



Footnote Answer me this: Who owns the weeds that grow pavement side of a fence, hedge or wall?

Feltwellians Around The World



Memoir for Sylvan Ellwood Weaver Born August 5, 1915.

Killed in action April 4, 1943. Part 2

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

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

A few months on, they got the idea that maybe they could get Armand repatriated. It had been long enough that Dad (Dave - Sylvan's Dad) thought Armand would have forgotten him altogether, so he and my step-mom Hannah decided to go to Didsbury and see if Armand even remembered him. Luckily for me(S) as soon as Armand saw Dad, he dropped his toys, screamed out "Daddy" and went running to his arms. For me, this felt safe again. I(S) not only had a new mother but an estranged brother back again.

I(S) grew up to 18 yrs. old and finished high school but was not off to college. I just had Junior Matriculation so definitely couldn't get more education. It was 1939 and Armand had gone off to university in Edmonton to study Medicine. That was how he dealt with Mom's unnecessary death by learning about how to save women after they had given birth. I suppose he carried a great deal of guilt thinking that it was his birth that caused her death. That was true I guess but those are bigger matters in our Creator's hands. Not something we humans have much say in. I'd been working for various farmers, had tried working at an elevator for three months but that wasn't my cup of tea. Even tried being a painter for a year but that didn't seem to be going anywhere. In September of '39 Canada entered World War 2. By then sister Reta was dating a guy and threatening marriage. Here I was 24 and still calling Castor my home. When I was 25, Reta left home in 1940

to marry Bob Holloway. Now there was just Dad, Hannah and me! Was I carrying my weight to support the family?

So that question of safety and being needed/useful came back to haunt me again. How can I feel useful at just 25 hanging around home, uneducated, no girlfriend, not much education, no steady job, broke most of the time and eating up Dad's hard-earned money? The answer seemed pretty obvious when the Canadian government was trying to entice young men into the services. Of course, I talked it over with Dad and Mom. They said it was totally up to me. So, my six-year-old mind(S) came up with the idea to go flying into the skies like Momma had done. (I(S) know that sounds pretty preposterous to you but that's how my child's mind worked.) The writing was on the wall and I headed to Calgary to take steps to enlist in the Air Force.

I(S) went down to Calgary in June of 1940 to start the process. I couldn't believe that they wanted perfect specimens so to speak. Like you'd think they would take just about anyone as long as they could walk! Well, that's my(S) sense of humour kicking in again. I stayed in the Empire hotel in Calgary while getting some of the testing done. That's where all the guys who wanted to enlist stayed while being tested and inspected. Like it took from June of '40 until Nov. 23 until I could see my name there on the forms. And if there's anyone today who thinks signing up for the military is a joyride, I'll let you in on the next shock to me after enlisting.

Five days later I had to make up my will! Yup, all the guys did. You didn't enlist thinking that you'd be a war hero and live to some ripe old age. You weren't in this thing by yourself. You were in it with literally thousands of other guys from all across Canada. There wasn't a lot of glory to be passed around let me tell you. But I did feel I was getting an education that was special. And all the guys willing to enlist were doing something for their family, the whole of Canada. That in itself was quite a feeling.

To be continued next month.



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Susan Presley

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I married in 1979 to a British soldier and moved away. My folks and my younger brother Thomas moved back to Virginia USA in the early 1980's. I have a sister Gillian that lives in Thetford and a foster sister Avril who lives just outside Norwich.

I still think of Feltwell as home wherever I have travelled as I too joined the British Army and my twin joined the USAF.

Subscription renewal.

Our annual subscription renewal date moved to March last year. Distributors will collect your £5 subscription this month. Gift subscriptions also moved to March and a Gift Subscription form can be found below. Thank you for supporting the magazine and the organisations that benefit from it.

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Our February speaker was Gordon Clarke, a paramedic working out of Feltwell Surgery. I first met Gordon whilst helping out with the Covid vaccinations, asked him if he would talk to the group and he agreed, much to my

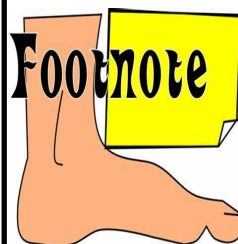
delight.

Gordon's grandfather, the son of the Rector of Burnham Thorpe church, moved from Norfolk to South Africa in the 1920s to seek his fortune. With a pocket full of money he bought some land and established a farm. Always a stickler for being well prepared and well-dressed he was visited by a neighbour who found him sitting outside his tent, eating a boiled egg and wearing a dinner jacket!

Gordon was born in Underberg, east of Lesotho, 200 miles west of Durban, about the size of Feltwell, with the 10,000ft mountainous border into Lesotho as a backdrop. A beautiful part of the country.



When a boy Gordon wanted to be either a pilot or to work in nature. As the former was not achievable he was left with the latter and decided he would become a 'jeep jockey' and drive rich tourists around, a difficult position to get owing to competition. He was advised to 'get another string to your bow' and having done First Aid at school he decided to get a medical qualification, something highly



"As I approached an intersection, a sign suddenly appeared where no 'stop' sign had appeared before."..

Genuine statement from an insurance form.

useful when you 'live in the back of beyond.'

He went to the only university in the world that does medical and rescue as a subject. The medical was in the classroom and the rescue was half way up a mountain! After qualifying as a Paramedic he was posted to Greytown, a small town surrounded by a very rural area called the Homelands. Whilst here Gordon got a wealth of experience working with little support and dealing with trauma calls that you seldom, if ever, get here in the UK. When the government of the time sacked everyone and told them to reapply for their jobs he decided to look elsewhere and hence he came to the UK thinking to be here for a few months and go home a millionaire! After a couple of years travelling around the UK unable to find a job he discovered that ambulance experience is only useful outside of the ambulance service. So, he joined the NHS working for the Surrey ambulance service where he trained in critical care—5% of the workload of an ambulance crew and 90% of the training. This training enabled him to join the Kent/Surrey/Sussex Air Ambulance crew where he stayed for ten years applying everything he had learned and further developing his skills.

Eventually the time arrived when his family had outgrown their home in Hastings and so they moved to Norfolk where property was cheaper. He joined the ambulance service where he trained students and worked with new paramedics. Then the pandemic hit, things changed and an opportunity arose to work in Primary Care, the other 95% of what the ambulance service does.

So, Gordon works for the Primary Care Network which covers Feltwell, Boughton, Upwell, Terrington St John and St Clements and Watlington, a kidney-shaped area around Downham Market providing home visits, various clinics and vaccinations. He is currently studying for his Masters.

I have to warn you that what follows you might find distressing.

Gordon went on to recite a few of his most memorable experiences whilst working in South Africa explaining that the cultural differences often made his work difficult. He was once called out to a shooting,

of which Greytown experienced at least one in a four/five day period with stabbings so common they were seen as 'run of the mill'. When he arrived at a small clinic run by a nurse he found a young girl who had a point-blank shotgun wound to the back of her head! Outside the clinic was a very worried man begging Gordon to help her. It transpired that the man was the local traditional healer and the young girl had gone to him complaining of a painful neck. He feared for his life as if the girl died he was highly likely to get killed himself. He had diagnosed demon of the neck and decided that the only way he could treat it was to shoot the demon. Having applied a concoction of herbs to her neck to protect her he pointed the shotgun at the back of her neck and pulled the trigger. Unsurprisingly the girl did die and when Gordon left the clinic the healer was nowhere to be found.

Often he would be called to children who had little cuts all over their abdomen which were stuffed with herbs prescribed and administered by traditional healers. It's hardly surprising that the children were horrendously sick.

You can now pick up your reading here.

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

The Men's Breakfast Club usually meets on the 1st Saturday of the Month at The Wellington in Feltwell at 9am. It costs £8.00 per person to attend which includes a talk, tea or coffee and a full English breakfast which has to be tasted to be believed just how good it is.

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

Our next meeting will be on the **9th March**. As our booked speaker has had to cancel Anthony Moore has kindly agreed to step in, unless I can find someone else at short notice. Any volunteers?

WEATHERING THE STORM: FITNESS CHALLENGES AND TRIUMPHS

As the winds of change sweep through our quaint village, so does the invigorating scent of the approach of spring. It's that time of the year when we collectively decide to shake off the winter blues and embrace the warmth of the sun. In the spirit of renewal, our bodies, much like the fields, require some tender care and a dash of exercise to awaken from their hibernation.

In this village, we are a diverse bunch – from the hardworking farmers who till the land to the dedicated professionals steering their careers through the seasons of life. Despite our differences, there's a common thread that binds us: the unpredictable British weather. And just like our farming friends bravely face the whims of nature, so too do we tackle the ever-changing landscape of our fitness routines.

Picture this: a farmer, clad in weathered wellies and a steadfast gaze, staring at the ominous clouds on the horizon. Now, imagine a professional, briefcase in hand, checking the weather app on their phone with the same apprehensive look. Both facing the uncertainty of what lies ahead – be it a sudden downpour or an unexpected project deadline.

The parallels between our farming brethren and the professionals among us extend beyond the weather forecast. In the fields, the weather can shift in the blink of an eye, necessitating a prompt reaction to safeguard the crops. Similarly, our professionals find themselves in situations where adapting to unexpected challenges is key to a successful harvest – whether in the office or the home study.

Let's not forget the fitness enthusiasts in our midst. The farmers, with their daily chores and strenuous tasks, have an innate workout built into their livelihoods. For them, spring might mean a slightly different set of exercises – ploughing, planting, and tending to the flock. On the other hand, our professionals may need to swap the

office chair for a brisk walk or a workout class to break the monotony of sedentary workdays.

The Royal British Legion, akin to a communal gathering place, transforms into a hub where the wives of farmers, retired professionals, and those currently in the workforce come together. It's a setting where shared tales of triumphs and struggles find a willing audience. These gatherings become a cherished opportunity for them to exchange stories, whether it's recalling the challenges of wrestling with a tenacious piece of machinery on the farm or reminiscing about navigating the intricacies of complex work projects. Laughter reverberates through the air, seamlessly blending the hearty chuckles of the farming wives and retired professionals with the refined banter of those still in the workforce, creating a harmonious symphony that resonates through the heart of our village life.

In this patchwork of professions, where each stitch contributes to the rich tapestry of our community, we find unity in the shared pursuit of wellness. The storms, whether literal or metaphorical, are weathered together, and through the trials, we emerge stronger, fitter, and more connected – a village that truly thrives in every season. So, as the first buds of spring unfurl and the village comes alive, let's raise our metaphorical umbrellas and face the challenges ahead, united in our commitment to weathering the storms, both in the fields and in our daily lives.

In fitness and health.

Helen Goddard-Nickolls



Patient's medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 40 pound weight gain in the past three days.

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



Easter is Coming

We are currently stocking a small range of Easter related stationery items.

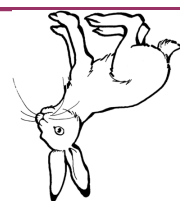
This winter we have a variety of outdoor wear available for those in need of a warm coat or hat.

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The green has settled down well after the soil dressing it received last September and has now had its first cut on first week in February.



Our Groundsman, Colin, is still unable to do anything on the green due to his arm injury and is now awaiting to have his knee operation. Several of the members have rallied around to help out and we give them many thanks from us all. Neil, our second Groundsman, has taken over the cutting.

We have managed to obtain a second-hand mower approx. 4 years old. This hopefully will manage until we have sufficient funds to purchase a new one.

Colin is in the process of entering us in various league competition. I hope to have confirmation of which we have entered for the next edition.

Our Coffee morning booked to be held on the 10th February had to be cancelled due to repairs to the roof over the RBL. This is to be rearranged when the work is complete. I hope to be able to inform you in the next edition.

We are at present making plans to enter a float in the Feltwell Village Fete and Carnival.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday 23rd March 2024 Quiz night 7 for 7-30pm start, to be held in the RBL large room, make a note of the date, it is a very enjoyable evening. Please see poster.



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attendance was recorded to hear a talk by Ian Brown on Atomic Sculthorpe. Ian is the Curator of The RAF Sculthorpe Heritage Centre and as he explained fell into the roll purely because of his interest in the place having lived close by. This was a very interesting presentation on the history of RAF Sculthorpe which is really a flag of convenience as in reality its all about

the United States Air Force (USAF) and their operations predominantly in the late 1940's and early 50's when Sculthorpe was a base for B29 aircraft carrying the various models of Atomic Weapons, bombs to you and I, in defence against the Soviet Union under the appropriately named MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction) protocol. This is exactly what it says on the tin, you lob an Atomic Bomb at us and we will lob a bigger one back, ending as it were with a BIG BANG for everyone. Ian has made many interesting discoveries of the history around Sculthorpe including the various unique installations such a turntables to align the aircraft more accurately with the loading trollies. Me thinks this is a good idea as I don't reckon you, or indeed Usain Bolt, could run fast enough to escape a blast if you dropped one when loading.....

Ian explained a number of myths about RAF Sculthorpe of which the 3 main ones were:

- Heated RunwayAbsolutely not
- Underground InstallationsNope
- Alternative Space Shuttle Landing Airfield....Again No, that was RAF Fairford

So that's put all that to bed then! But wait there was more.

Operation Jujitsu spy missions took place from Sculthorpe in the early 1950's when the RAF operated USAF B45 aircraft with RAF roundels but no registration numbers. The B45 was never on the inventory of the RAF, but it undertook manned spy missions over the USSR crewed by RAF crews, thus creating ultimate deniability using the argument, sic the RAF; not us 'gov' we don't operate those aircraft and sic USAF; not us 'gov' not our aircraft or crews. In the end the arguments weren't required as the missions were completed successfully! High risk nonetheless and approved by the then PM Winston Churchill as a way for us to get back in the good books of our US allies. The reason why Sculthorpe was chosen was because it was already home to the 91 Strategic Reconnaissance Wing operating the B45 aircraft. A further operation was cancelled due to the risk and eventually manned flights over the USSR were cancelled when Gary Powers in a Lockheed U2 aircraft was shot down from 'very high indeed' by a Soviet missile, and amazingly survived to tell the tale,

For further information on Atomic Sculthorpe and Operation Jujitsu a visit to the RAF Sculthorpe Heritage Centre is recommended. On the other hand if you like the sound of our group why not come to the West Norfolk Aviation Society meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at Mundford Bowls Club where you will be guaranteed a warm welcome with tea, biscuits and light snacks provided by our hosts Val and Len and an aviation themed evening amongst like mind individuals. Can't say fairer than that!

Mark Burch

ART FOR PLEASURE

We finished 2023 with members enjoying a sumptuous Christmas Lunch at Thetford Golf Course. However, as usual at our last meeting in Weeting Village Hall of 2023 we interrupted our painting to enjoy a buffet lunch of salads, quiches, sausage rolls, mince pies, cakes, etc, mostly made by our members. We also all produced a

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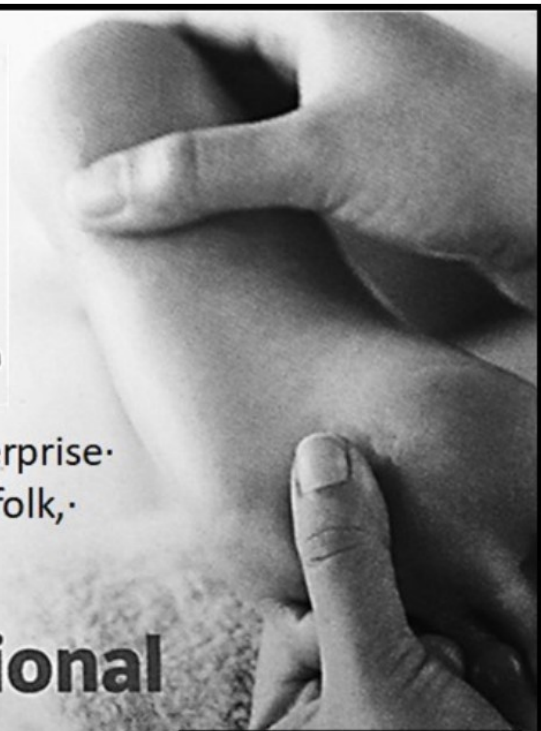
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These are a wild plant and as such are protected. It is illegal to uproot any wild plant or take any plant from land without permission. If you see persons doing such, please where possible take photos and vehicle details and report it to us.

Please remember, it is not an offence to grow them in your garden or propagate them and sell them. Most sellers and garden centres are working well within the law.

LARGE SCALE FUEL THEFTS

We continue to see a couple of large fuel thefts with often hundreds and even thousands of litres stolen at one time. These are often from building sites or similar. Please report any suspicious circumstance around such sites.

If you store large amounts of fuel on site, please review your security and check if it really is secure. Consider whether an alarm may be necessary. You can purchase alarms which notify you when there has been a large drop in fuel in a very short period of time.

Along the same lines, we have also seen whole fuel bowsers being stolen. Please look at whether they can be stored behind unmoveable objects/machines. Could a tracker be cleverly fitted? They are getting smaller and far more cost effective now.

ENERGIZER/BATTERY THEFTS

Over the last couple of weeks, we have seen a few livestock and horse paddock fencing units being stolen. Please make sure if you are using one of these that it is suitably marked up. Paint it an odd colour (bright pink!), scratch/engrave your surname or postcode into it and make it obvious it is marked. This makes them less attractive to steal as they are harder to move on

LIVESTOCK WORRYING - KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR SHEEP IN TROUBLE

This time of year is an essential period for our sheep farmers in the county. Many will already have concerns around the growing list of confirmed blue tongue virus cases. This disease is a slightly unusual one for livestock farming, given it does not transmit animal to animal but by an infected midge biting an animal. When another variant of the virus was in the country in 2007, it caused significant deformities and other issues around lambing – many will be hoping this is not the case this time round.

Another issue that many will be worrying about is dogs getting into flocks and causing serious injury to the sheep themselves but also the worrying of such animals which can cause abortions. Please keep dogs on leads around any livestock to prevent any offences. You could be held criminally responsible for the behaviour of your dog!

Another little thing to keep your eyes out for at this time of year is 'cast' pregnant ewes. As the ewe is heavily pregnant and has full winter woollies on, she can end up with a rather flat back, making her vulnerable to getting stuck on her back. This creates a slow death for the ewe. If you see any like this, try to notify the farmer or slowly roll her back over. If you do this, she may be very wobbly on her feet initially depending on how long she has been on her back.

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Christmas Card painted by ourselves so everyone went home with a card made by one of our fellow artists.

In January Phillipa Parker came and held a workshop in pastels. It is not a medium that most of us used very often but we all produced lovely pictures of hares. Since then many of the group have been working on a seascape in pastels. If you come to Weeting Village Hall's Easter fate you may see some of them.



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.

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LOVELOCK IN THE WEST

With the first local update of this kind, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. Some of you may have already met me but for those that are yet to, I am PC 2061 Alex Lovelock. I am based at Downham Market Police Station as the Local Rural and Wildlife Crime Manager. I have a passion and interest for all things rural and that is reflected in my background.

The West Norfolk area has seen an uneventful couple of months with only very occasional reports of hare coursing taking place. With this, I would still ask that you are vigilant when out and about and report all suspicious behaviour.

We have had some positive court results in the last couple weeks. In brief, two hare coursing incidents which took place in the Kings Lynn area were heard in court last week. They resulted in large fines and banning orders for those involved, along with the dogs and vehicles being confiscated.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support, especially in the west of the county. I hope with these ongoing positive results your support remains in tackling rural and wildlife crime in the county.



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A huge Thank You to J & M Pest Control
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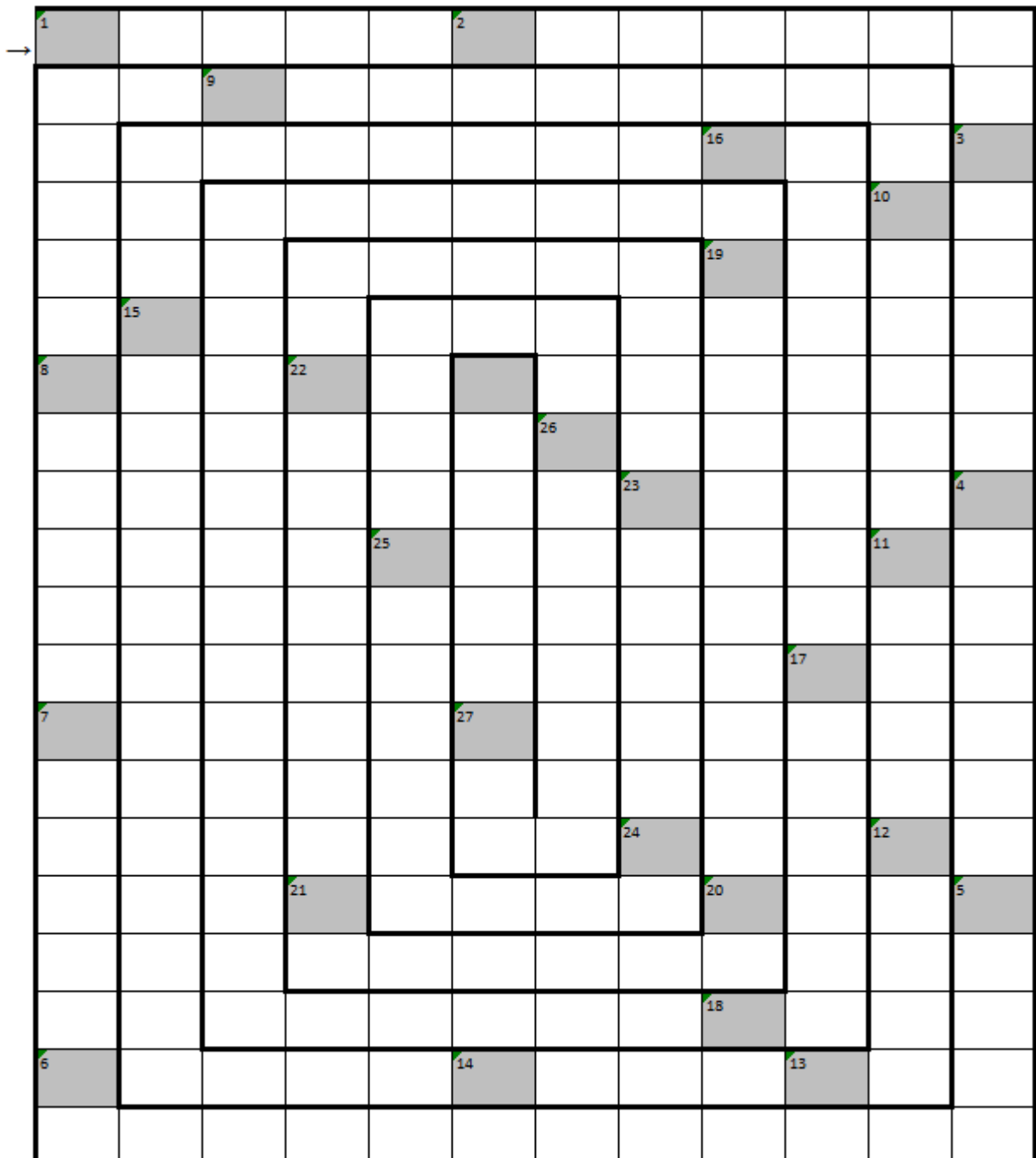
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WORD TRAIL NO. 38

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 Astrological signs (6)
- 2 This herb is used worldwide in many culinary dishes (9)
- 3 Accidentally meet (3-4)

- 4 One having great power or authority (8)
- 5 This creature has winglike membranes that supports gliding flight and is endemic to South East Asia (5-6-6)
- 6 **FILM:** 1958 an urbane bloodsucker and Van Helsing in this blood-soaked film (7).
- 7 A genus of the buttercup family with a blue, purple or yellow flower (7)
- 8 This country is two of its borders adjoining with Djibouti and Eritrea (8)
- 9 **MUSIC:** 1960 - Written by Ike Turner and sung by Tina Turner
(1-4-2-4)
- 10 Mortal princess, daughter of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra (7)
- 11 Goat hair (6)
- 12 Having no ethics (6)
- 13 One of the edible offal meats (6)
- 14 14 This person was elected as Lord Mayor of London in 1397, 1398, 1406, and 1419 (7-11)
- 15 Which bird did not sing in Berkley Square after all (11)
- 16 On the Periodic table 'Es' stands for (11)
- 17 A change that occurs in our DNA sequence, either due to mistakes when the DNA is copied or as the result of environmental factors. (8)
- 18 NAAFI in full (4-4-3-8-9)
- 19 **MEDICAL:** An instrument for recording the pulse (12)
- 20 In jewellery making these are used to add dangle elements to ear hooks (4-4)
- 21 Greater than the speed of sound waves through air (10)
- 22 Flesh eating (11)
- 23 Financial backer (in sport) (7)
- 24 **AUTHORS:** This person wrote 'Percy Jackson & the Olympians' (4-7)
- 25 Things that you must have (9)
- 26 A unit of time equalling 10^{-24} seconds (11)
- 27 Feeling or displaying strong affection or attachment; ardent (7)

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

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which we donated to **Water Aid**. **THANK YOU.....But.....we could do better! With your help.**

WWW.garden—Wednesdays We Do What We Need

The Community Garden is always open for anyone to potter, prune, dead-head, trim, repair. There's painting, fixing, cleaning & other opportunities to be part of our community. All available hands welcome. Have you a skill to share? Or just come along for a coffee and a chat.

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

10.45am for 11 to 11.45 – Fellowship and Refreshments

Sunday Fellowship—Speakers for March

3 Mar—Preparing for Easter

10 Mar—Cumbers - MOTHERING SUNDAY

17 Mar—Mr D.G. Monroe

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31 Mar—EASTER CELEBRATION

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Feltwell Youth Café opened a year ago and welcomed young people from High School years 7 – 11. Taking part in several indoor activities including those listed opposite. We introduced indoor hockey which proved popular every week and then West Norfolk Methodist Circuit

donated funds to enable us to buy a multi-games table, which is a space-saving pool and air hockey table, now on wheels. Members of the community have helped us to assemble the table and lately to add the wheels. Over the year we have welcomed over 50 young people from the village and surrounding areas. Last year we tried the idea of letting year 6 children join. This was not unexpectedly unsuccessful, so we will not try it again. They will be able to join the club when they have started in year 7 at High school. Numbers are lower at the moment and income does not match the expenditure for heating, lighting etc. this would normally give us a dilemma about whether to close, as unviable. But when even one person attends, we are meeting a need and do not want to deprive young people of this facility for the sake of a few quid.

~~WANTED~~.....**NEEDED**...volunteer helpers. We need more help to provide a safe space for young people, e.g. if a member of the team has to leave the room there will still be two workers in the room with the young people. We already have an octogenarian helping in the club shop but one youth worker has moved away and can no longer help, leaving us short. If there is one thing which will make us close, it is the lack of appropriate staffing. We are happy to welcome helpers on a weekly rota scheme (*having completed our 'safe recruitment' process, DBS etc.*)

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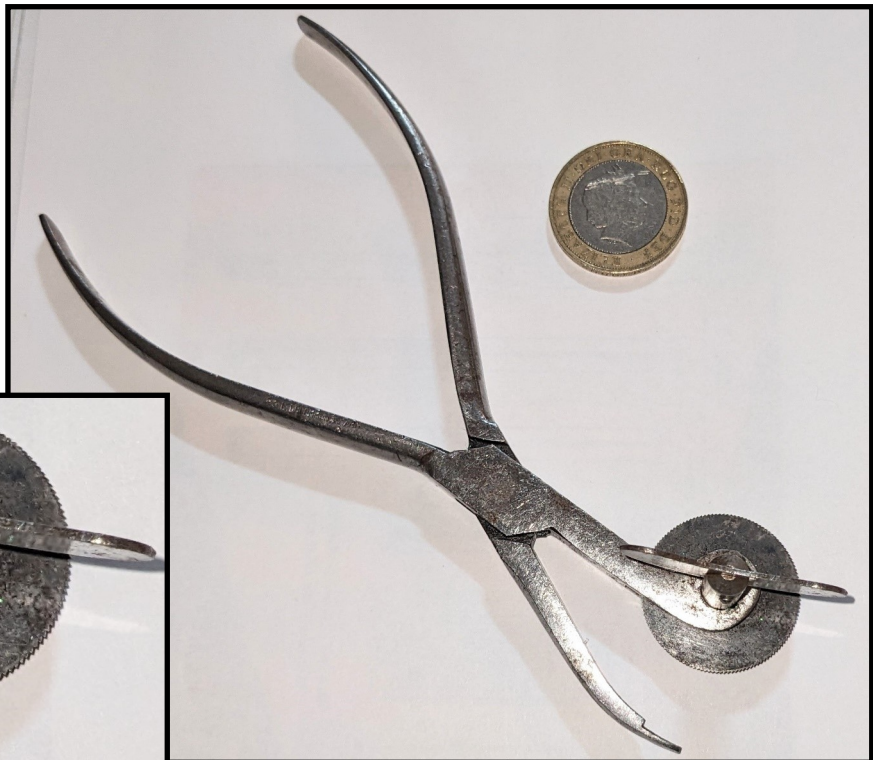
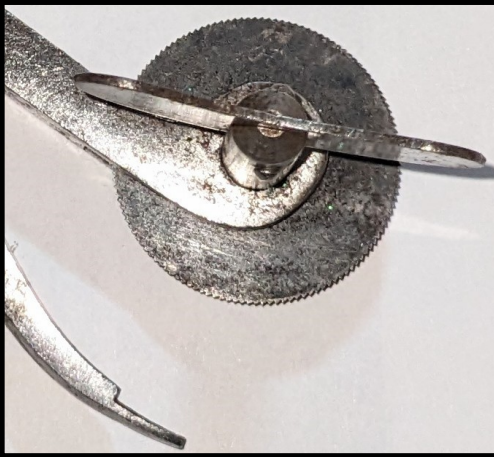
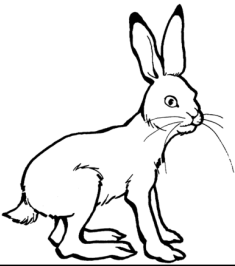
CURIOS No. 6

First, the answer to Curio No. 5 from last month. .

Ans: When it was the fashion for ladies to wear "box-pleat" skirts the supervisor used these gauges to ensure the right sized pleats were being produced by the seamstresses (and perhaps seamsters too!).



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



Description. This is a simple hand-held tool rather like a specialist pair of pliers but with a little disc (slightly larger than the £2 coin included for scale in the photo) on one stem which has a serrated saw-like edge. This disc can be turned by twisting the hand key shown in the close up photo. What was it used for - and possibly still is (or something like it.)?

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Wednesday 17th April	9.00am – 11.30am

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WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search is on **NAMES OF BUTTERFLIES**. 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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MARCH ACTIVITY LOGISTICAL SOLUTION

Sheila	Greg	2 hours	St Patrick's Day Party
Alison	Peter	2 1/2 hours	Walk in the Woods
Paula	Lawrence	3 1/2/hours	Visiting a Farm Park
Andrea	Jaqueline	3 hours	Watching Rugby

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Readers are politely reminded that our distributors will be collecting renewal subscriptions this month. Although printing costs have increased we **will** be keeping the price of the magazine at £5/year, that's 10 issues at 50p with two free. Now, that's good value for keeping in touch with your community.

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MUSICAL FELTWELL

First it was the Golden Globes, now it's the Emmys, the music industry's major award and, yet again, no mention of Feltwell. No nominations for Feltwell bands or Feltwell singers, male or female. I guess I shouldn't be surprised as there is no history of a recording studio ever having been in this fine village of ours. Although, what with the assumed technical expertise available on RAF Feltwell, one might have expected otherwise.

However, all of this is not to say that musical talent doesn't exist in Feltwell. It does, as anyone who visits that fine establishment known locally as 'The Welly' will testify. Local singers regularly appear within its walls to much applause and great support. We even have our very own Elvis impersonator.

Whilst ruminating on the lack of award nominations for Feltwell artists I was moved to conduct some research on the village website as to the musical history of the village, if any. And, lo and behold, I found the following references going back to the late 1950s.

In 1958 the Blackjacks, a rock band, was formed by four talented young lads. Apparently, they had a short but exciting career which saw several changes of personnel, a change of name to The Chequers, established a loyal local following and, by all accounts, had a wonderful time performing at various venues in the area. They unfortunately broke up in 1965. What might have been can only be imagined.

The story of The Chequers is closely paralleled by that of the Black Hoods. The Hoods, formed in 1961, were another four-piece but this time composed of members of the Royal Air Force. They were an instrumental quartet who even shared billing with the Blackjacks on many occasions. Their distinguishing feature was that, true to their name, they all wore black hoods and never revealed their faces, except during their last performance.

Aficionados of the music industry will be well aware that the industry has an incestuous nature in the sense that bands members often move between bands and with great repetition. The history of these two Feltwell bands is no exception. Members of both joined forces in 1965 to form The Mandans.

No whistlestop tour of Feltwell's largely unknown musical history can forego a mention of Katrina Leskanich, an American musician and the former lead singer of the pop rock band 'Katrina and the Waves'. She arrived in the UK in 1976, graduated from RAF Lakenheath High School in 1978 and lived in the village during that time. So, is this as close to the top of the musical tree as Feltwell is likely to get? You never know, what with a plethora of new singers constantly emerging and the advent of cheap home recording studios perhaps, one day, Feltwell might actually get a mention on the illustrious stage of The Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles, California.

Edward Gee

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RSPB Lakenheath Fen

RESERVE UPDATE

At Lakenheath Fen, Spring is creeping across the reserve at pace now- the air is full of birdsong- especially early in the day or when the sun comes out. Most of what you hear comes from Blackbirds, Song thrushes, Robins, Wrens and Great tits but in the next couple of weeks we will begin to hear extra tunes from migrant birds such as Chiffchaff, Reed warbler, Sedge warbler and Blackcap. As well as spending more time singing, we are noticing certain species changing their plumage- for example, we have already seen one Great white egret begin to moult into breeding colours- where the bright yellow bill turns to black through stages of mossy green which darken a little every day. By the time you are reading this, Great crested grebes should be well on the way to sporting their elaborate crests and Black-headed gulls will have their chocolate-brown hoods on too.

Our Common cranes are here most days now, and we are expecting them to settle back down by the end of February. There will be a few weeks of territorial behaviour to follow, with defensive bugling between pairs in adjacent territories. Energetic courtship displays of bouncing up and down, pirouettes and trumpeting at each other form a real spectacle if you are lucky enough to see this- try looking from the elevated riverbank footpath near Joist Fen Viewpoint on our reserve or at Welney Wetland Centre over at the Ouse Washes.

Many of our duck species on the flooded Hockwold Washes are paired up- these include Shoveler, Mallard and Wigeon. It shouldn't be long before we see the first clusters of ducklings around the edges of the Washes, whilst Gadwall and Tufted duck prefer the smaller pools such as the one viewable from New Fen Viewpoint. It



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nature
a home

Events at RSPB Lakenheath Fen

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

Treasures of the Moth Trap

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.

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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 (18.30-20.30)

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

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Guided Pond Dipping

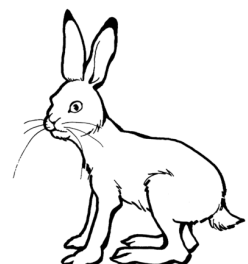
Saturdays 6 April, 4 May, 1 June (12-1:30pm)

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.



can get quite frenetic and busy on the Washes so smaller pools offer a quieter life for shier species to raise a family.

Early wildflowers will be beginning to put on a show too- look out for the intriguing pink flowers scattered around the tops of the stems of Red dead-nettle, or the delicate white stars of Lesser



Colt's-foot, taken by the author.

stitchwort. The bright yellow sun-like flowers of Colt's-foot will be scattered along the sides of the riverbank footpath, especially between the viewpoint and the Wilton Bridge - here the turf is quite short and they get the plentiful sunshine they need. The first bumblebees, hoverflies and butterflies like the Brimstone will be making good use of these early sources of nectar.

When you walk around the reserve admiring these flowers, taking in the varied and beautiful birdsong and enjoying the warmth from the sun, you feel as if this reserve is a very special place indeed. We hope that as the joys of Spring come along, that you will be able to visit us and enjoy nature on a walk around this March.

With best wishes,

Heidi Jones

(Visitor Experience Officer, RSPB Lakenheath Fen).

Spring is sprung
The grass is riz
I wonder where the birdie is
The birdie is upon the wing
No, that's absurd
The wing is on the little bird

The author of this piece of doggerel is disputed, apparently.



St Mary's Feltwell

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More details to follow.**

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FELTWELL FOLK 4

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

It was not really surprising that nobody could name any of the tobacco growers in the photograph published last month. Readers may have been surprised to learn that tobacco was once grown in this area. Of course, it is Sir Walter Raleigh who is credited with bringing tobacco seeds from the Americas to England and by the early 17th century tobacco cultivation was well established. Indeed, some tobacco is still grown in England to this day but only in relatively small quantities.

This months Feltwell Folk photograph shows butter making at Blackdyke Farm. Unfortunately I don't have the names of any of those pictured. If anybody can provide their names please get in touch.

Paul. (garlandp@btinternet.com)



MUTTERINGS FROM THE FARMYARD

As we enter into March all of our winter sown crops are well established and have had a dressing of Phosphate and Potash fertilizer to replace that which was removed from the soil in last year's harvest. Where we are planning to plant in the next couple of months, we have destroyed the cover crops and ploughed or cultivated the soil to allow the winter weather to help to create a tilth for this spring's planting. The native trees have now been established in the new carbon capture woodland and the hedges that are due for a trim this year have had their haircut.

Recently the Press has been full of reports of Farmer protests in many European countries. The complaints seem to be many and varied but a major complaint is the dramatic fall in farm incomes. The French in particular have seen a reduction of 22 percent which they mainly blame on the power of the large retailers to set unrealistic prices despite the dramatic inflation of farm costs. Farmers in many European Member States seem very unhappy about new regulations originating from Brussels. These are designed to achieve a 'net zero' agricultural economy but with no understanding of the practicalities and the negative affect on rural economies. Similar complaints are being voiced within British agriculture, particularly from Wales, but I am not sure how well we would be received if we all chose to get on our tractors and drive to Westminster! French farmers enjoy much greater public support as historically many more French voters still have a link to the French countryside.

Stoke Ferry Agricultural Society was established in 1930 with the express aim of promoting newer and better farming practices to help to feed a rapidly expanding population. It is perhaps a reflection of how times have changed since 1930 in that the February meeting was concerned with rural mental ill health. 93 years ago, there were similar financial pressures on farm businesses and my grandfather was forced to move his young family from an unprofitable small farm in Scotland to a larger arable farm in East Anglia. Then though there were many more workers and family

members working on each holding to help share the worry and provide support. Now, however, it is not at all unusual for farms to be worked by a single individual albeit with large and sophisticated machinery. The charity YANA (You Are Not Alone) was set up in Norfolk to provide telephone and counselling support to those feeling isolated or depressed. If you know of anyone who you feel is struggling with their situation, please encourage them to phone YANA or email helpline@yanahelp.org



DO HEADLINE WRITERS READ WHAT THEY WRITE?

Marijuana issue sent to a joint committee

The Toronto Star 06/14/96

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

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

Worker suffers leg pain after crane drops 800-pound ball on his head

CHARLESTON (AP) — The state Division of Highways granted contracts to a

He said he has trouble walking and suffers leg pain.



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



Sun 3 rd Mar	Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Feltwell Weeting
Sun 10 th Mar	Eucharist Family Service	9.15am 11am	Hockwold Northwold
Sun 17 th Mar	Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Feltwell Weeting
Sun 24 th Mar	Palm Sunday	10am	Hockwold
Weds 27 th Mar	Tenebrae	8pm	Weeting
Thurs 28 th Mar	Eucharist and Watch of the Passion	7pm	Feltwell
Fri 29 th Mar	Stations of the Cross Burial of the Cross	10.30am 4pm	Feltwell Northwold
Sat 30 th Mar	Easter Vigil	8pm	Northwold
Sun 31 st Mar	Easter Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Feltwell Weeting

Other Services

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

Zoom Eucharist 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10am

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

Coffee, Cake and Chat

from 9am every Weds morning.

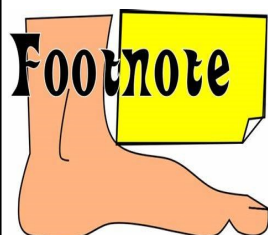
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WORD TRAIL NO. 38—SOLUTION

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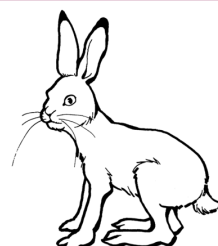
Actual complaint received by Thomas Cook

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

Next month's Word Search will feature
All Beginning with D

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A Message from the Editor

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

[http://feltwell.net/
magazines/mag_index.htm](http://feltwell.net/magazines/mag_index.htm)

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

A Meeting was held on Monday the 12th of FEBRUARY 2024 in the British Legion, Long Lane.

Ten Councillors attended and 6 members of the public

Mr Storey said Norfolk County Council's Budget meeting taking place 20/2/24 was open to the public and could also be watched on YouTube. Responses from all consultations would be considered although he would not be in favour of any cutback to Adult Social Care. The Borough Council's Budget Meeting takes place 22/2/24. He then touched on a few news items and said a new grant scheme has been launched to fund local groups supporting new dads in their first 1001 days of fatherhood. The QE Hospital is still on track for completion in 2030. NCC Leader, Kay Mason Billig met with MPs on 31st January (the 71st anniversary of the 1953 North Sea Flood) to explain the flood risks Norfolk faces and how they could be addressed. Further information for the above and other matters can be found on NCC and Borough Council websites (www.norfolk.gov.uk and www.west-norfolk.gov.uk).

Mr Storey understood residents' concerns at Old Methwold Road and said a better job should have been done to combat flooding here. As this work had been funded by tax-payers money, he would be raising the matter again. Chair said drains blocked with mud and silt did not help and water was also sitting in potholes that had not been repaired.

Although some white-lining has been carried out, the roundels have not yet been painted on Lodge Road and Wilton Road. Mr Storey said there was still a fortnight in the timescale for this work and installation of the 'Give Way Ahead' sign on Hill Street but he would be following these up if not done. 'No Entry' wording at The Beck junction with Lodge Road/Oak Street has been removed and needs repainting.

Owner of 2 Oak Street will cut the hedge back further so that Highways can side out the path in a bid to make it wider.



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Chase Timber Fencing will install V-Mesh fencing in front of a section of wall at the playing field to make this area safe.

Hamill Landscaping & Maintenance Services has been awarded the grass maintenance contract for the 2024 season (1st April – 31st October).

TWR Accountants will carry out the internal audit this year.

Work should recommence on the Long Lane development site late March/early April as the tender process for a new contractor had taken longer than expected.

A donation of £100 will be made towards the Year 6 Prom Committee's litter pick to raise funds for their event.

Feltwell Community Group were given permission to use the playing field and Changing Rooms for the annual fete on Saturday 15th June and a Picnic in the Park on Sunday 21st July.

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 Parish Council meeting will take place at the British Legion on MONDAY 11th March 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, Mrs Julie Peacock.

The Parish Council website can be found at:

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