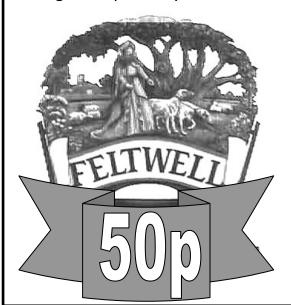
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MUTTERINGS FROM THE FARMYARD

Since I last wrote we have experienced what was the hottest ever June and one of the wettest Julys for many years. The high temperatures have, I am afraid, damaged some of our newly planted hedging plants and many of the trees we are trying to establish to create a shelter belt for the vineyard.

The wet weather in July certainly created its challenges. The heat had meant that the crops due for combining matured more quickly than normal but the rain delayed their actual harvesting. We need the peas and grains to be below 15% moisture for long term storage and although we can dry them to this level once we get them to the yard this severely slows the process and dramatically increases our costs. In addition, the mature crops that have been left in the fields waiting for a dry day or two are vulnerable to more fungal disease and suffer a drop in quality. This really means that much of national wheat crop will be unsuitable for bread making and may have to be sold at a discount for other markets.

On a more positive note, the vines that were planted in May are now growing away strongly. What we planted were little wax covered twigs. These have burst into life with the rootstock searching for moisture in the chalk subsoil and the grafted vine variety growing towards the light. Many have now reached the wire trellis that we erected during July and we now have a team visiting each and every plant to select a single shoot that will eventually become the trunk of the established vine.

At long last we have now started to plant the first of the Paulownia trees for carbon capture. Some two years ago we started preparing three of our poorest fields for this Government sponsored scheme. We felled what remained of a seventy-year-old Poplar plantation that was originally destined for the manufacture of match boxes. The fields have now been fenced to protect the young plants from damage by deer and the pipework has been installed to provide trickle irrigation to each tree. In the meantime, we have jumped through every hoop necessary to satisfy the Forestry Commission and English Nature. That was the case until the last hour of the

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We are <u>exceedingly proud</u> of our pupils for their achievements in the Phonics Screening Check.

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In Key Stage 1 (Year 2) **71%** achieved expected in Writing, **79%** Reading and **83%** Maths.

Our Year 4s have soared to success to with **38%** scoring full marks in the multiplication test. Our mean score was 22.5 (out of 25). The national mean score was 19.8 last year.

The end of Reception results are great too, but rather hard to summarise. Here they are:

EYFS Judgement % meeting expected standard

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Wow! What a year, well done children!



2023 Key Stage 2 SATs results for our school.

Maths: **85**% met the expected standard or higher with **55**% getting greater depth in their test!

Reading: **85%** met the expected standard in the test.

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Writing: **65%** were teacher assessed as meeting the expected standard.

Combined Maths, Reading and Writing: **65**% met the expected standard in all 3.

National preliminary results:

Maths: 73% expected Reading: 73% expected

Writing: 71% expected GPS: 72% expected Combined: 59% Congratulations to all at EDM who played a part in achieving these excellent results, particularly the students.

MUTTERINGS FROM THE FARMYARD CONTINUED

consultation period following the Environmental Impact Assessment when a last-minute objection delayed planting by a further three weeks. At last, we now have the go ahead but I believe that there are now probably insufficient saplings left in the UK to complete the work and some may have to be finished next year.

Paulownia trees are widespread in Asia, this new variety is an infertile hybrid which has been bred to grow in the Northern European climate and can tolerate temperatures as low as -22C.

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Hello. Are you, like me, trying to decide what the weather is going to be like next? What a mixed bag summer has been this year. I have felt sorry for the children during their school holiday – and for the parents who have found different ways to cope with the rainfall we have had at times. For all of the uncertainty, it has been pleasing to see how the plants around the village have positively responded to the rain. The tubs which were planted at the start of the summer have been colourful and bright. It has been a pleasure to hear people thank Feltwell in Bloom members for their efforts, as we have been tending to the tubs.

Our attention is now turning towards the winter plants we will be putting into the tubs, as well as the bulbs. There will be a short period of time now when the flowers in the tubs will be allowed to form seed heads so that we can collect seeds for next year. Also some of the plants in the tubs are perennials and will be left there to over-winter. After that we will be looking to plant up all of the tubs initially with bulbs and then with suitable plants. If anyone has any spare bulbs or plants we could use, please contact Rita on 07785345614. If at any time you think that the planters need any attention, please give me a call on the number above.

Don't forget to come and join us on **Saturday September 9**th at **The Wellington Pub** from **9:30am.** We will be selling a wide selection of perennials – now is the time to plan your garden for next year. We have some indoor plants too. There will also be home made cakes and coffee/tea available inside the pub. Buy a whole cake or just a few slices – it is your choice. We are available to help you answer any gardening questions you might have - come and chat. All of the money collected will be put towards the plants and bulbs in the tubs, especially for the new tubs being placed around the village during the next month. We look forward to seeing you on the 9th.

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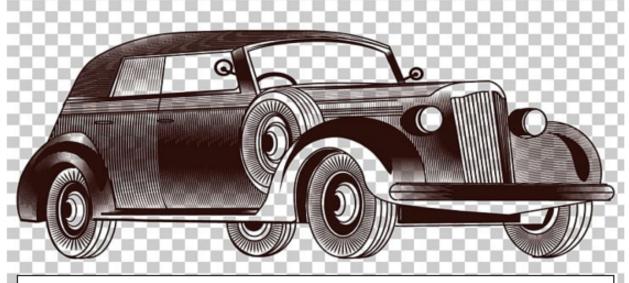
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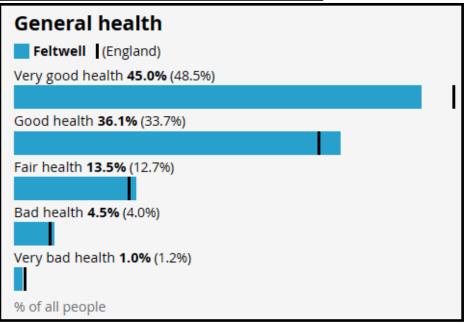
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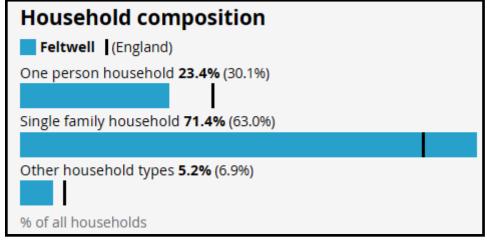
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This is Our Village. Census 2021 Results for Feltwell 3

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









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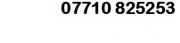
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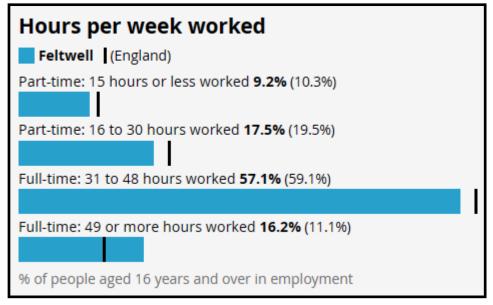
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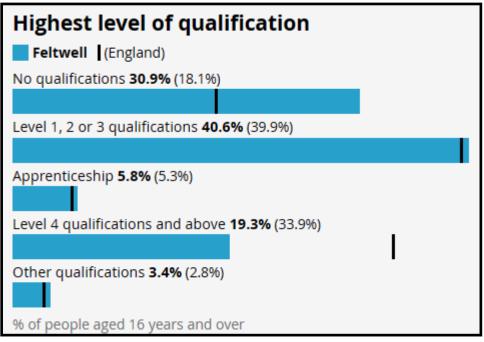
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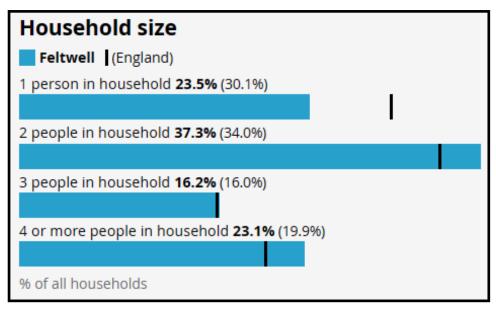
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Readers may recall that I challenged local author Frederick James to write a series of poems based upon the seasons. Here is...

AUTUMN

23rd August--21st November Virgo, Libra and Scorpio.

The warmth of summer starts to wane As crops are gathered once again And all around the signs are there That change to come is in the air.

The Summer's heat will soon be gone
And will be missed by everyone
But we must be ready to adjust
Before summer's beauty turns to dust.

Mother nature must now prepare
And ready the land once more to bear
The chill of winter that lies ahead
When the forest's cloak of leaves is shed.

The birds who do, will take to the air And spend the winter who knows where, And creatures here, who know its worth Will prepare for Winter below the earth.

They'll lay their claim to hollow tree
Or any hideaway that's free,
Then fill their larders with everything
That'll keep them fed until the Spring

All about, the signs now clear
That Winter's chill is ever near.
The fallen leaves now clothe the ground
And Autumn's glory is all around!



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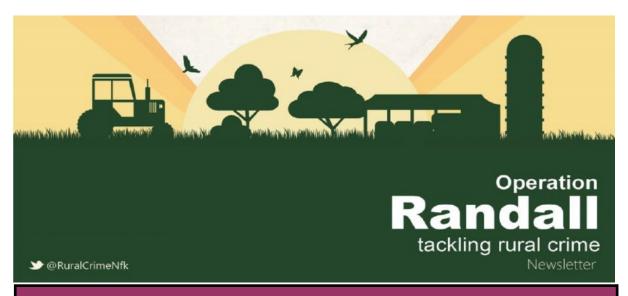








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WILDLIFE CRIME IN NORFOLK

The last 2 months have seen no let-up in incidents reported to us. This is a double-edged sword when we look at it because clearly you, members of the public feel confident to report such matters to us but also sadly means crimes involving wildlife and animals are continuing. We remain committed to fully investigating these matters and taking appropriate action.

As expected over this period, we have seen several reports of nesting birds being disturbed and destroyed. These can be very hard offences to prove beyond reasonable doubt. That said, we will always have a look and make enquiries. We do have a couple, currently under active investigation, where sadly we have picked up dead chicks, or destroyed eggs/nests which will be subject to further enquiries in coming weeks. It is essential if you plan to do any roofing work or hedge cutting, at this time of year, that you double check no nests are present. Most birds will have finished nesting by mid-August but it is not a fixed date as it can depend on the weather.

We have also had a gin trap found which sadly had a magpie caught in it. Gin traps have been illegal for many years and must not be set. It is important to remember it is not illegal to own these and they are often seen hanging on barns as decoration but once they are set, they are illegal. We are continuing to make enquiries around the trap as to how it has come to be where it was found (it is possible the bird has moved with the trap) and if we can, identify person setting such a trap.

We have also had several reports of wild birds being injured or killed. All birds are protected unless you are acting under a licence to kill some pest species. Likewise, many will have seen the awful story in local press of a cat being dumped in a bin and also a hedgehog being tortured. These investigations are being led by the RSPCA but if you have any information that can assist, please get in touch or alternatively, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on

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As a team we have also conducted two warrants in the past couple of weeks. One of them was an animal welfare warrant which was conducted alongside RSPCA and the other was a wildlife persecution which was conducted alongside RSPB and National Wildlife Crime Unit. Whilst we cannot release further details on these currently due to the nature of the investigations, both were 'positive' warrants and have resulted in further investigations. Both of these jobs also show the importance of working with our partner agencies who have provided so much expert support and experience.

TRACTORS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

We have received a couple of complaints around the speed of tractors in residential rural areas. We would like to remind all tractor drivers they must abide by the Road Traffic Act and Highway Code. Most tractors are unable to reach high speeds but even at lower speeds it's important that you drive to the conditions and be able to break within the distance you can see.

If the tractor is fitted with the correct braking system and can go above the 'normal' tractor speeds (ie JCB Fastrac's) they must be driven to the road conditions and again able to brake safely in the distance you are able to see, and must stick to the speed limits. Tractor drivers are also not exempt from being prosecuted for driving whilst using a mobile device, this is something that is sadly seen all to regularly and is not acceptable. These are big machines that sadly could do some serious damage and harm!

Another polite reminder for other road users around tractors, please be patient when behind a tractor. Taking unnecessary risks could result in fatal consequences. Remember being stuck behind a slow-moving agricultural machine for 2 miles is the equivalent to being stopped at 2 red traffic lights.

NORFOLK FIRE - WILDFIRE PLANNING

Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service are this week rolling out 2" banjo to fire and rescue adaptors. Every fire appliance in Norfolk is being issued with both male and female adaptors for use at rural incidents especially during harvest at field fires .

These will enable us to connect to water bowsers provided a 2" banjo is available, they will allow us to access water quicker, enabling us to attack fires more efficiently and effectively.

Other things we would like Farmers to consider are:

The rule of 30's; extreme wildfire conditions exist when the temperature is over 30°C, winds are over 30kph and relative humidity is below 30% we



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would ask you to consider harvesting when these conditions subside.

Once headlands have been cut, consider cutting firebreaks through sections of the field e.g through the middle then the quarters. Should a fire occur, this will slow the rate of spread.

The wind will be the driving force if a fire starts, commencing harvesting from a downward position will mean that any fire will only affect stubble rather than standing crop.

Consider that fire will spread uphill quicker than downhill so, if possible, start at the top and work downhill.

Early cultivation close to property is the best course of action you could take to prevent any fire crossing from the rural to the urban interface.

Have a bowser, cultivator or slurry tank close by whilst harvesting. If you do need to cultivate a firebreak or spread water, ensure that have a clear escape route-Do not put yourself in danger.

If you notice smoke from a Combine or Tractor, stop the engine before investigating but make sure that you do not leave your mobile phone in the cab. If there is a fire, contact 999 before attempting to extinguish.

When calling 999, give the best access to the field using the What3Words location system (it would be a good idea to have these recorded for all fields on a card in every farm vehicle). Send someone to the nearest road to direct fire crews to the scene.

ARSON'S IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

There has unfortunately been a number of arsons reported in recent weeks. Obviously there have been the high-profile ones in buildings but there has also been a number in rural areas and on farms.

Some of these will clearly be accidental however some will be intentional. We need the support of the rural community to report any suspicious behaviour around fields, farm buildings and straw stacks.

When out and about, there are some precautions you can take to avoid accidentally starting a fire which could rapidly get out of control:

- Don't drop cigarettes or any burning item onto dry ground,
- Don't use barbecues in fields, open grassland, parks, and forests,
- · Make sure embers are fully extinguished and cold, then dispose of them safely,
- · Avoid driving on or leaving your engine running on long dry grass and fields,
- · Always take your litter home, never leave glass laying around.



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WHAT HAPPENED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IN AUGUST

Our rural communities were extremely busy at this time of year getting in the harvest. This summer has currently not been playing ball with some very wet and frustrating showers which have caused plenty of issues. Once we got a prolonged spell of dry weather, I think it is fair to say we saw a number of fields knocked down very quickly as so much of our cereal crop was just about ready to harvest. After harvest farmers were keen to get next year's crop back in the ground quickly. After last Autumn's very wet drilling season - they won't want a repeat of that.

Many of our livestock farmers also double as arable farmers too, so whilst the work involved with livestock is less at this time of year, they too were busy with harvest. They were also looking to the weather forecast for a dry spell to make the summer hay or silage. This is essential for feeding stock over the winter months and provides a welcome reminder of summer in the cold dark months! This is now the time of year many of our shepherds started looking at their breeding stock to make sure the tups (male sheep) are in pristine condition. He will generally have a job of covering around 30 ewes so will need to be at his best. The breed sales started to occur where you often find the ewes who have done a couple of tougher seasons rearing lambs on the hills in the north are sold to lowland farms to continue their breeding success but in an easier climate. A lot of our cattle farms still had their stock on their summer grazing, making the most of the 'free' food in the meadows on our marshes. If you drove along the Acle straight to Yarmouth you will have seen the fields full of stock enjoying the warmer weather.

For wildlife, August signaled the end of the breeding season for most of our birds especially our migratory species as they will needed to have strong enough young to start the long journeys back to winter grounds. Some of our native species may have had a further clutch in August, so do bear this in mind when carrying out garden or roof maintenance work. Unfortunately, we started to see the Swifts head back to the warmer winter climates of Africa by the end of the month. Hopefully, you made the most of getting out onto places like water meadows, river meadows etc. and watched the swifts and swallows swooping around eating the flying insects. It really is a special sight.

There isn't much colour in the countryside as August goes on, as many of our native flowering species started to head to seed to repopulate ahead of next summer, but it did bring our hedgerows to life with blackberries and other fruit bursting into colour and flavour.

Sudoku Puzzle

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

Answer on page 74

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by Dr Ian Nisbet

Since my darling management died, as a family, we have made strenuous efforts to get together frequently. In March, I went to Madeira for a week with daughter Alyson and her husband, David. Deannie and I had timeshare there for 35 years or so and had visited at least once annually. There were lots of happy memories and some sad ones but the week was a great success. We then had a family games weekend on a field near Redditch – a great Saturday but rain on the Sunday forced us all indoors - 20 odd family plus 4 dogs in my house for a BBQ cooked outside by the boys. Another great success with lots of shared memories.

Then, in April, daughter Charlotte, son Duncan and their families and caravans joined me in Snowdonia for a week. Llanberis has fond memories for me as I used to be a mountain guide on Snowdon and its associated range of mountains. The slate quarry is now closed and the lakes have been landscaped for water sports – sailing, canoeing, wind surfing, bathing

and so on. It really is beautiful and we all had a wonderful time.

Next, it was the turn of son Angus, his wife and three boys who invited me to join them for 10 days in Rhodes. We stayed in an all-inclusive Nielsen hotel on the coast. The food was fantastic but the highlight of the holiday was the unlimited watersports, all included in the price. The family lives in Orford on the Suffolk coast and all five of them are accomplished sailors. Angus' mother in law, a widow, also joined us and she is a very experienced sailor. So, all six of them spent a great deal of time on the water, sailing, wind-surfing, water skiing, wake boards skiing and so on. I couldn't do any of that because of my hip but I was able to sit in the speedboat and film the others water skiing and so on. On three days, we had winds force 5 gusting force 7 and our lot were in the minority allowed to take boats out because their skills were more than excellent to enable them to deal with the gusts.

I videoed their activities from the speed boat. The sea was very rough and the speedboat was jumping around like a flea in a flit. It occurred to me that the video film would be really "jumpy" as the boat crashed through the waves. It was only a few days later that I realised the videos were all flat and level, with no crashing around. I spoke to a geek when I got home and he informed me that modern cameras have a system to even out the film – it is called image stabilisation.

I decided to take part in some of the exercise programmes available. The Agua Aerobics went well and I had no problems. Flushed with success, I thought I would try the yoga. Deannie used to do it twice a week so it couldn't be that hard (Yeah, right). I explained to the Scandinavian teacher about my hip problems and she assured me that the session would only be stretching and relaxing. I was wearing my shirt and shorts, picked up a mat and spent a couple of minutes getting down to the ground to lie on it. The other participants then drifted in. Mostly around 30 years of age and smartly dressed in all sorts of Lycra and looking really fit. The teacher started by making us all stand for the first few minutes. It

took me a couple of minutes to get vertical – all very embarrassing as the others all leapt into the air. Then, legs apart and put your hands flat on the floor – I could only get half way down my shins. Now, put your head between your legs - WOTT? No chance, but all the others seemed to manage it, looking up at their own Lycra-clad bottoms. To cut a long story short, it went downhill from there. We got involved with some sort of downward dog which involved balancing on your finger nails and your toe nails with your bum in the air. Everyone else seemed to manage OK and I felt a total clown. The three grandchildren turned up to support me and were mightily proud that their 78 year old Grandpa was having a go, even though he was the only one not wearing Lycra. The session ended with lying on the floor, relaxing and having a sleep. However, I could not get horizontal (hip again) and I had a lot of pain so relaxation was impossible. After this "easy relax and stretch" session, the next day was going to be more strenuous so I watched from the sidelines and left the exercise at that point. I felt guilty and I saw an advert for "Beginners' Crawl" in the swimmers' section. I learned to

swim when I was 11 years old but, having nearly drowned in a swimming pool, I have tended to avoid immersion when possible and certainly always remain "in my depth". Time to get swimming again. I turned up at the pool – 25 metres long, 8ft deep and marked out in lanes. A very formidable muscle-bound Scandinavian girl was the coach. "Just swim 2 lengths before we start" WOTT? I came here to learn to do the crawl and I cannot swim 6ft, never mind 50metres. It turned out that the class was mis-named It should have said "Beginners' Crawl for those who want to learn the new supercharged crawl on steroids" designed by some swimming expert. Once again, all the other were Lycra clad, young and beautiful and I felt embarrassed with my float boards under my chest and another flotation device between my thighs. Hey Ho!!

After that, I confined my exertions to Aqua Aerobics which were quite strenuous enough, led by two more formidable Scandinavian girls.

So, humbled by my exercise experiences, the time came to fly home, just 5 days before Rhodes caught fire! In the old days, we would have a cardboard "boarding card" to give access through baggage drop, through

security and onto the aeroplane. Not any more! Now, the boarding pass is electronic and you have to load it on to your mobile 'phone, ready to show anyone who needs to see it. The grandchildren all helped me to load it up, do a screenshot and save it in pictures . Easy. I twitched all the way to checkin, testing my picture every two minutes. Proudly, I showed my mobile phone to the girl at the desk and she looked confused. It turned out I was showing her a video of two grandchildren sailing in a Force 5 wind. A bit of twiddling by a grandchild and the boarding pass appeared. The girl, happy now, issued me (and only me!) with a cardboard boarding card as she obviously thought I was some sort of dingbat likely to cause chaos at security and on boarding the plane. Armed with my card, I sailed through the rest of the process, leaving behind the other six members of the party as they struggled with their 'phones.

And, finally, Deannie's Zen teaching of the month: Stay away from negative people – they have a problem for every solution.
(Freud)

I hope you all have had, are having, or will have a good break with reasonable weather.

All good wishes to you all. Ian

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Scam Alert – Marks & Spencer '2000 dine in meal's for 2' WhatsApp messages

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The message is a scam and is not connected with Marks & Spencer in any way. If you receive this message do not interact with it in anyway and please do not share it with your contacts.

Scam Alert – Fake 'Living Payment' text messages

We are warning residents about scam text messages claiming to be from central Government offering 'the Living Payment of £899.00'.

The message contains a link to 'read and take action'.

The link takes you to a fake website to gather personal and financial information including bank account details.

All Cost of Living payments are sent automatically and direct to those eligible. Customers do not need to apply or contact the Government at any stage.

Scam Alert - Telephone cold calls claiming to be from 'Amazon'

We are again warning residents to be on their guard for telephone cold calls claiming to be from 'Amazon'.

We continue to receive reports from Norfolk residents of recorded message calls claiming to be from Amazon. Previously these have included:

- that 'an order of £700 has place for an iPhone, if this isn't you please press 1
- that 'a payment of £79.99 has been taken to renew your
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- that 'a purchase costing £300 has been made on your Amazon account' the call then states you can 'press 1 if you did not make this purchase'
- that '£1,000 has been charged to your Amazon account' the call then states you can 'press 1 to speak to the Amazon fraud team'
- that 'you are required to make a payment of £399 to your
 Amazon account' the call then states you can 'press 1 to speak to an advisor'

Where residents have interacted with the call, they have then been connected to a person who attempts to gather personal, account or financial details.

These calls are a scam and are not connected with Amazon in any way. If you receive this or a similar call our advice is **do not** interact with the call and **hang up**.

Amazon have put together some helpful tips on how to identify if a phone call is from them. This information can be found on the Amazon UK website.

Scam Alert – Investment scams and fake cryptocurrency exchanges

We are continuing to receive reports of individuals falling victim to online investment scams, including fake cryptocurrency exchanges. Losses to these scams range from a few hundred to several thousand pounds.

Scam Alert - Telephone cold calls offering to stop phone cold calls

We are warning Norfolk residents to be aware of telephone cold calls stating they can help stop telephone cold calls after receiving reports from residents recently.

We are aware that there are a number of companies who cold calling claiming to be able to offer this 'service' with some charging one-off fees and others charging ongoing monthly fees.

It is extremely unlikely that any 'service' of this type can legitimately claim to be able to stop cold calls, so any money paid is unlikely to achieve any benefit.

Scam Alert – Automated phone cold calls claiming to be from 'Visa'

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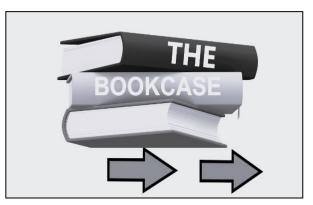
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We are warning residents about automated telephone calls that claim they are from 'Visa.

The calls states 'This is the alert system with Visa account services' and then gives details of two 'suspicious' transactions each for several hundred pounds which it claims have been made on 'your card'. The recording continues saying that you can 'press 1 to accept these charges or press 2 to reject and be connected to a customer service representative'.

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

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Reporting scams

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

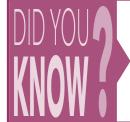
If you have received a telephone cold call which you believe to be a scam or think you have been a victim of an online scam you can report it to us via our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on freephone **0808 223 1133**.

Citizens Advice consumer service website

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

You can also report Frauds, Cyber Crime and Phishing attempts to Action Fraud, the National Fraud & Cyber Crime reporting centre: **0300 123 2040** or by forwarding the message to report@phishing.gov.uk.

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PRAGMATISM

A few months ago, and for reasons I honestly cannot remember, I challenged our local author Frederick James to write three essays on Pessimism, Pragmatism and Optimism. This is the second, Pessimism appeared last month and Optimism will appear in October.

(Chambers :- Pragmatical quality; matter-of-factness; concern for the practicality, rather than theories or ideas.)

"Oh, yeah?, then prove it!"

From the above definition in Chambers Giant Paperback, I got the impression that even they found it difficult to be really clear on what the word actually means in 'every-day' terms. To state that pragmatism is when a pragmatist behaves in a pragmatical manner doesn't really help, so I have decided to bite the bullet, (in a pragmatical way) and try to explain it in much the same way as our Sunday-school teachers used to explain the vagaries of the Bible in days gone by.

*

There are those who will tell you, with great conviction, that for every problem, there is a solution, and that if you look hard enough, you will find it. They also say that the harder the task, the sweeter the reward.

Although there are those who will labour simply for that reward, there are those who will go to great lengths to achieve the satisfaction of a job well done.

The idealist will grab a shovel and dig, whereas the pragmatist will apply the old rule of thumb of 'plan, provide, execute!' to achieve a 'most satisfactory' result.

He will decide what is needed, provide whatever is needed, and then execute his meticulously thought-out plan. The result may be much the same in either case, but he will know that no fine detail has been missed, no corner cut, no expense spared!

WALK TO SCHOOL LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington. The solution is on p70	Brian	lan	Melissa	Lottie	Via Oak Street	Via High Street	Via Hill Street	Via Newcombe Drive	5 Minutes	7 1/2 Minutes	10 Minutes	15 Minutes
Parker												
George												
Kelly												
Matilda												
5 Minutes												
7 1/2 Minutes												
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15 Minutes												
Via Oak St					Match the pupil to the friend							nd
Via High St					they met with, the route they							
Via Hill St					took and how long their walk							•
Via Newcombe Dr					took.						-	

- 1. Lottie met Matilda on High Street.
- 2. Parker took twice as long as Kelly to walk to School.
- 3. Neither Ian nor Brian had the Quickest Walk.
- 4. Melissa walked Via Oak Street.
- 5. The people walking Via Newcombe Drive took the most time.
- 6. George and Ian took 10 Minutes to walk to School.

Footnote Answer me this: why do most new houses built with a double

garage have two single garage doors?

In some circles, the latter might even be referred to as being pedantic, (a grown-up pragmatist) by manner of a criticism of the way he tends to each and every detail in everything he does. There will, of course, be those who will simply say, "Why the detail? Noone is going to notice!"

Does the fine detail really matter when you are digging a hole? Maybe not, but it might matter if the hole is to be someone's final resting place? (Right length, right width and certainly right depth?)

The standard of everyone's work is important, whatever way you decide to approach it. Sloppy work is a danger, and has to be prevented at all costs, but work carefully carried out to a well-considered plan should always be good enough to go un-noticed.

Two approaches to the same task. Both commendable in their own way, and both with a comparable result. The deceased finally at rest. The first grave dug in a matter-of-fact manner, without any attention to the finer detail. A confident, 'I know what I'm doing'. A hole is a hole, innit?' approach. The latter, a considered, provided for, checked and double-checked, 'measured twice, cut once', approach, and he finally digs to a precise plan. After all, the devil is in the detail!

Both men right in their approach? I'm sure they are, in their own way, but with some people, pragmatism is in their soul and requires to be applied to every situation, whereas there are those who just 'get on with it' and inevitably get the same result. Pragmatism and idealism go hand-in-hand in most aspects of our lives, but no matter how I try, I find it difficult to tell them apart. I would go so far as to suggest that a pragmatist will tell you there is a right way to do it, whereas a idealist will insist that their way <u>is</u> the right way to do it! (Subtle difference?)

Anyway, time for a cuppa!

Maybe I should have a plan?

Frederick James May 30th, 2023 (frederick.j.1937@gmail.com)



QUIZ NIGHT

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Unfortunately, our speaker for the September meeting was deployed by the USAF too late to find a replacement. Fortunately, our co-ordinator had an ace up his sleeve this time, having learned from a previous experience when a

speaker forgot to turn up despite having been reminded a few days previous. He had located a short, multi-choice men's health quiz the answers for which generated a lot of discussion. Now all he has to do is find another 'ace' just in case a 'no show' happens again.

What follows is a plea for help.

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 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 **2**nd **September** when our speaker will be Ryan Hill from the USAF who will talk to us about rescuing a stranded C5. That is if he doesn't get deployed first.



"I started to slow down but the traffic was more stationary than I thought."

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Muscles

Greetings, Feltwellians!

Today, let's dive into the fascinating world of muscles, drawing comparisons with our farmyard friends – chickens and cows – to understand why some of us are lean and agile like chickens while others are strong and robust like cows.

Muscles come in different types, each with unique attributes. First, we have smooth muscles, the unsung heroes that work involuntarily to handle tasks such as digestion and regulating blood pressure. Then, there are skeletal muscles, the beefcakes that help us with voluntary movements like lifting and waving. Finally, we have cardiac muscles, exclusive to the heart, ensuring it pumps life-giving blood rhythmically throughout our bodies.

So, why do some of us resemble chickens, while others have cowlike physiques? Well, it all comes down to training, genetics, and nutrition.

Chickens are constantly on the move, pecking around and staying active, which builds endurance. Similarly, people with active lifestyles tend to have lean, toned muscles like our feathered friends. On the other hand, cows graze and move gracefully, relying on short bursts of intense activity. Those who engage in strenuous workouts, like weightlifting, tend to develop larger, more powerful muscles, just like a majestic bovine.

Genetics also play a role. Just as chickens come in various shapes and sizes, humans have different muscle types and distributions based on their genes. Some are naturally leaner with more smooth muscles, while others may have a predisposition for stronger, skeletal muscles.

Proper nutrition is essential for muscle health. Just like we care for our farm animals, a balanced diet with sufficient protein, vitamins, and minerals nourishes our muscles. Farm-fresh eggs and dairy can be excellent muscle-boosting treats for us.

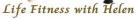
In conclusion, muscles are as diverse as our farm animals, each with a specific role. Embrace your inner chicken or cow, stay active, and nourish your muscles properly. Whether you're a sprightly sprinter or a Herculean harvester, let's celebrate our muscles and thrive

together in this wonderful farming community.

Remember, laughter is a great muscle workout too, so keep those smiles coming!

Dear villagers, stay farm-strong and joyful







The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993

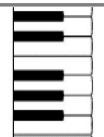
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Andy Phipps was our guest speaker this month with special permission from RAF Lakenheath Fire Department who granted him relief from duties in order that he could

attend this special occasion. Andy exuded confidence and authority which must



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have developed at an early age; from a determination to succeed. He grew up in Shoeburyness, gained few formal qualifications and after various shore based jobs leading nowhere he became obsessed by the idea of a naval career and eventually got it. He served time in the Falklands safeguarding fuel stations. After he returned home, this newfound experience led him to a fire service training centre in Cambridge which, in turn, led him to the Fire Service at Lakenheath. He now spearheads a crew of about 40 Brits and 100 Americans; this might sound like a metaphor for some of the equipment he uses: fire engines with armour piercing water nozzles designed to extinguish fires inside crashed aeroplanes but, with sufficient control to prevent the drowning of the occupants. This

equipment together with a number of other fire fighting vehicles, each costing not much less than \$1 million apiece, complete the ensemble. Despite the proactive procedures necessary to fight fire, he stressed the point that as much goes into fire prevention as it does into fire fighting. There is a close working relationship between the police and the medical teams present on the base and, although there are certain legal procedures to follow, common sense is often used to transcend the law. Snippets: during WW2 Lakenheath was an unarmed decoy airfield to Feltwell which was where the real action took place; Andy was proud to be able to reveal that, although he has had to attend quite a few accidental crash landings, there has never been an F15 downed in hostile engagement; fire control is one thing but the mopping-up duties also include the clearance of cockpit residue resulting from the effects of high G-forces on pilot intestines.

It is with great sadness that the WNAS reports the passing of one of our members: Roger Burrows from Watton had a small factory unit at Threxton where he built and piloted 7/10 scale replicas of inter-war biplanes. We were all looking forward to the maiden flights of a Hawker Fury and an SE5 but alas, it was not to be. He gave a presentation a few years ago at our bowls club meeting place and invited members of the society to a party at his workshop - memories to be treasured!

Nigel Tooth

FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB

When you read this we will be 2 weeks from the end of the outdoor bowls season and looking forward to the start of the indoor season for those who want to carry



on playing. We have had a very good season with members now numbering over 30.

Leagues have had their ups and downs but considering the number of new members playing in the leagues we are generally mid table in all of them.

Below are the results of the league games up to the 8th August. We have played 11 league games consisting of 3 in the Rosie Smith (R.S), 5 in the Ashill (Ash), and 3 in the Dave Allen (D.A)

DATE	LEAGUE	OPPONENT	VENUE	RESULT	SCORE	POINTS
10/07	R.S	Weeting	Away	Draw	51 - 50	4 - 4
11/07	Ash	Dereham St Nicholas	Away	Loss	51 - 55	2 - 6
17/07	D.A	Shouldham	Home	Loss	48 - 51	1 - 5
18/07	R.S	Shouldham	Away	Loss	43 - 49	1 - 7
21/07	Ash	Watton	Away	Win	62 - 38	8 - 0
24/07	R.S	Mundford	Home	Win	54 - 32	8 - 0
25/07	Ash	Cressinghall	Home	Loss	51 - 65	2 - 6
27/07	D.A	Shouldham	Away	Loss	46 - 59	1 - 5
01/08	Ash	Weeting	Away	Win	48 - 39	8 - 0
03/08	D.A	Mundford	Home	Loss	51 - 54	1 - 5
08/08	Ash	Wicklewood	Home	Draw	50 - 52	4 - 4

Total results are as follows:-

Rosie Smith 39 points Shots for 513 Shots against 483 Ashill 53 points Shots for 565 Shots against 530 Dave Allen 4 points Shots for 233 Shots against 276

The yard sale made £87-00 which was a great success.

We held a Ladies V Men, having 10 Ladies made this viable, it was a huge success with a bring your own food to cook on a BBQ. The men won 2 to 1 but it was far from a run away victory, we look forward to a repeat next season.

Over page are pictures of the Ladies and Men's teams, it was played as Triples, (i.e. 3 games)

Our next Quiz night is due on Saturday 16th September in the main room at the British Legion 7 for 7-30pm. There is plenty of off road parking. See separate advert.

We propose to hold a Race meeting 28th October commencing at 7pm, I will give full details next issue. Our coffee morning is set for 18th November commencing at 10am, details to follow in next issue.

Our AGM is due in November, details to follow.





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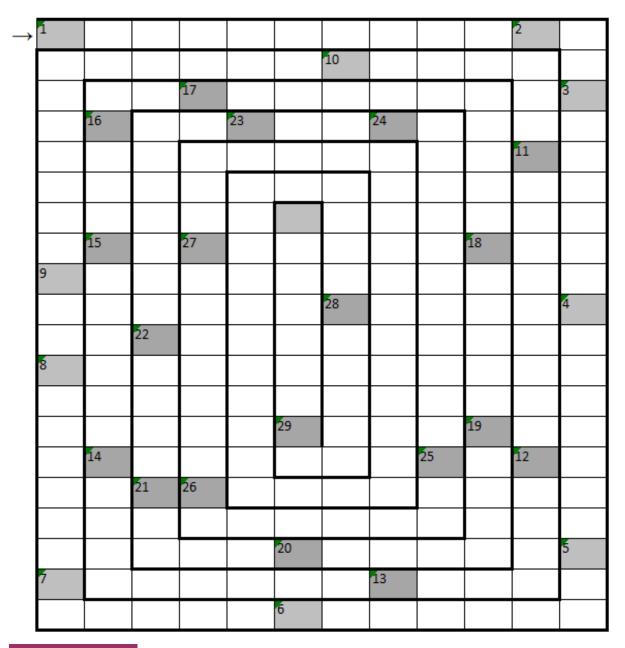
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WORD TRAIL NO. 32

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 What type of pastry are profiteroles made from (5-6)
- 2 What you do when you are bored or tired (4)
- 3 MEDICAL: Dead tissue (8)
- 4 The sign of the Zodiac for people born 22Dec- 20 Jan (9)

- 5 The author J.M. Barrie wrote this book (9)
- 6 Capital of the Isle of Man (7)
- 7 This WW2 airplane was designed by Reginald Mitchell (8)
- 8 A rebounding sound (4)
- 9 MEDICAL: Degenerative joint disease (14)
- 10 Less general (8)
- 11 Shrewd or cunning (11)
- 12 A beautiful youth in classical mythology who became cup bearer to the gods (8)
- 13 MUSIC: This person is famous for singing 'Don't cry for me Argentina' (5-5)
- 14 FILM: Filmed in 2008 this action, mystery film starred Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan (5-3)
- 15 This country has Libya, Sudan and Israel as bordering countries (5)
- 16 What does the Latin 'Tempus' mean in English (4)
- 17 Giving pleasure to, amusing (12)
- 18 Shine wetly (7)
- 19 This country lies to the north of Costa Rica (9)
- 20 Assault, raid (6)
- 21 MEDICAL: A hard, lumpy nodule of the skin due to overgrowth of fibrous tissue (6)
- 22 Very upset (10)
- 23 Slightly wet, humid (4)
- 24 Bicycle of the 1870-1890's with two massively different sized wheels (5-8)
- 25 MUSIC: From the 1972 'Bread' Album, written by David Gates, this track got into the U.S.A top 20 singles (6-3)
- 26 The Great Royal Wife, Queen of King Akhenaten (9)
- 27 ICAO in full (13-5-8-12)
- 28 Egyptian 'God of Perfume' (8)
- 29 Snacks or food collectively (8)

This month's Word Trail solution can be found on page 76

September @ The Wellington

MUSIC THIS MONTH

2nd - Loose Change from 8:30pm

16th - David Vincent from 8:30pm

23rd - Grace Burton from 8:30pm

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Sept 22nd

- Oct 1st



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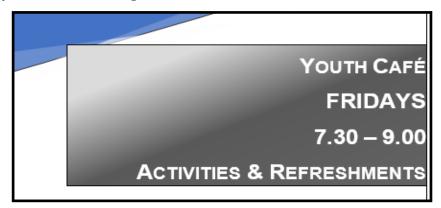


Table-Tennis Club now meets Mondays at 7.00pm and Tuesdays at 1.45pm.

Steve Wellington is the organiser. Any skill level or none. Just come along for an afternoon or evening 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. See advert in this mag.

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

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Sunday Fellowship—Speakers for September

3—Munro 17—Rev Paul Critchley, Holy Communion

10—Harvest Celebration 24—Rev Robert Roberts, Circuit

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We have been asked by Norfolk County Council to host a "Tech Skills" event. It's on <u>Saturday 23 September at 10.00am</u> (See separate item)

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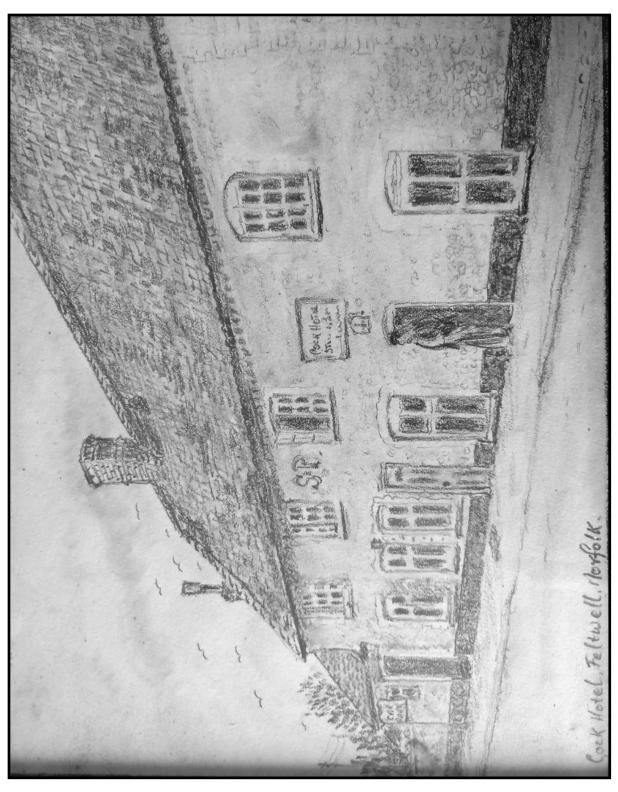
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A RARE FIND.

This lovely line drawing of the Cock Hotel, once of High Street, is taken from a photograph currently being sought. It was provided by June Goodfellow nee Stratton, whose parents held the licence for nearly seven years. *See newspaper report on page 57.*





CROMWELL SLEPT HERE, THEY SAY

From The Journal, Friday, October 23, 1964.

An ancient East Anglian public-house, where rumour states that Oliver Cromwell slept in an upstairs room, closed its doors on Monday. The Cock Inn at Feltwell, whose history, according to an ancient scrapbook, dates back 800 years, may have supplied its last ale.

The licence was transferred from Mr and Mrs Harry Stratton, licensees for the last seven years, back to the brewery, Steward &

MR AND MRS HARRY STRATTON who are leaving the Cock Hotel at Feltwell after holding the licence for nearly seven years.

Pattesons, at Methwold Court on Wednesday.

A spokesman at the Ely office for the brewery could not say what the future of the ancient building was, and whether the pub would be used again.

TREE STORY

Monday night's festivities were spent around the old honky-tonk piano, and the modern juke box, discussing the end of a large slice of Feltwell history.

Apart from Cromwell, the

favourite story of those who know the pub is of the might Mulberry tree which stood at the rear of the pub. It is claimed that this was 500 years old when it finally died.

"We shall be sorry to leave so many friends in Feltwell," said former Londoner Harry Stratton. He and his wife will move into the Bull at Stoke Ferry on October 29th.

The Cock Inn was finally demolished in October 1967.



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In a copy of the St Mary and St Nicholas Parish Magazine from 1967 (price 6d), provided by Diane Crane comes this page of adverts.



I am open to any corrections of what follows.

Stanley Hopkin took over the butchery business, now part of the Spar, from Harry Doy in Cock Street, (now High Street), on Harry's death. Stanley died in 1980.



C.R. Parnell—Bell Street, now a house.

R. Hyam—The Mill at the top of Wilton

Road? And the shop is now the house to the left of Londis with the blue John Brewington plaque. When we moved into the village in 1981 Hyam's had a shop in what was J.T. Orange newsagents at the top of Hill Street, now The Orangery. You had to be early to get the best choice. We fell in love with their Chelsea buns.

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WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search is on **SOME RELIGEOUS FESTIVALS.** 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. ADVANT

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ANOTHER YEAR..., ANOTHER CRANE CHICK

The last few weeks of summer have brought some VERY welcome rain to Lakenheath Fen. It's a far cry from this time last year when the reserve was extremely dry- with most of the vegetation dried up and brown- we didn't look much like a wetland at all!

Our visitor numbers do decline in wetter weather but the first days of August have so far been brilliant- warm and sunny- with summer wildlife making the most of the idyllic weather to complete their life cycles. Back in early July we were quite concerned, however, that our nesting cranes had failed to breed. All the signs pointed to the adult birds having no young to look after- our older, more experienced pair- 'A2'- were flying around together, and 'B2', our younger pair, were nowhere to be seen. When cranes lay eggs (usually in March) they never leave them unattended from this point onwards- through nearly a month of incubation and then ten to twelve weeks after that, whilst the chicks grow to the size where they can fly. And as if that isn't enough devotion, successful fledglings will be accompanied by one or both of their parents all autumn and winter too, until the parents are ready to breed again. So when we see adults in flight without chicks, it means something is seriously wrong.

However, one of our wardens Emma had the smart idea to move the trail cameras to different positions. Once the cameras had been repositioned within B2's territory, it very quickly captured images and video footage of a healthy-looking youngster wandering about with its parents. This was mid-July, and we estimated the chick to be just over twelve weeks old. Once the chick was learning to fly (around thirteen weeks) it became more conspicuous, and as I write



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this in early August, it is being seen in flight with its parents by visitors or the reserve team on most days. We have never known a pair be so secretive- they evaded not just the cameras, but our volunteer watchers, bittern surveyors and reserve team too.

We will probably never know what happened to Pair A2's chicks, or the second chick of Pair B2 (crane pairs normally lay two eggs). All seemed well until around 5-7 weeks old, when they should be too big to be predated by most species. However, the adults of Pair A2 are still here and the B2 family seem happy and well at present, which we are very thankful for. And we are also glad to watch the Fens crane population grow steadily year on year- and for Lakenheath Fen to contribute to the growing colony, which could number close to 100 birds when they gather in their wintering grounds in a few weeks.

With best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable summer Heidi Jones (Visitor Experience Officer).



9/7/2023 Crane chick taken by RASP Lakenheath trail camera

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE NO. 43

Photos taken from Mr P. Garland's "Feltwell: Yesterday and Today" presentation first shown in 2018 and provided by Mr C. Cock. Modern photos taken August 2018 by Mr C. Brown.



This is the last Difference. Does anyone know where this sign went?





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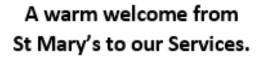
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		11am	Weeting
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Sun 17 th Sept	Harvest Festival	11 am	Feltwell
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Sun 24 th Sept	Eucharist	9.15am	Hockwold
		11am	Northwold
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As the weather warms up, fleas can be found in abundance on wild and domesticated animals, jumping effortlessly onto your cat. Affected cats will often groom excessively making fleas paradoxically hard to find! A tell-tale sign is often evidence of small black granules of flea faeces – often called flea 'dirt'. Many cats aren't particularly sensitive to flea bites, so just because they aren't showing any signs of a problem, it does not mean your cats aren't infected. At this time of ear without protection it is reasonable to assume that most cats will be carrying a few fleas!

Harvest mites are another seasonal concern. They are most active between July and November and are found in woodland and grassy areas where they swarm onto passing cats. Some animals are particularly sensitive to the mite saliva and can be very itchy. These tiny mites are bright orange in colour and are often found on the feet, legs, armpits, genitals, tummy and occasionally the ears.

The important differential to parasitic itches (which are very common) is an allergic itch. Skin allergies are reasonably common especially at this time of year. Pollens from plants, grasses and trees irritate the skin. The most common places for sore spots to develop are typically the feet, stomach, armpits, groin and ears. Underlying skin allergies are also a very common cause of ear disease. The skin in affected areas will become pink and the pet will start to lick excessively, scratch or chew at them, causing more damage which often triggers bacterial infections, making the problem even worse.

So if your cat is showing signs of skin problems, take him to your vet for a check-up. They can check for fleas and advise you on the best preventative products. Diagnosis of allergies is more tricky, but blood tests and skin testing can help us identify the cause. It is usually difficult to cure allergies, but modern treatments can be very effective in making cats less itchy. For help or advice, or if you need assistance with the cost of neutering, please call us on 01842 810018.

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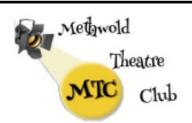
ALL WELCOME

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

GOOD DEED REWARDEDBy W. H. Barrett

A great number of years has passed away since I first heard this story, told me by a relative, who when quite a young lad left the bleak fenland and its poverty-stricken life and obtained a job in London, whose streets he had been told were paved with gold. He was not long in finding out that a warehouse porter in that large city would be a very long time working hard to earn even a tiny portion of glittering wealth.

He was a lonely person surrounded by crowds of people, often taking long walks hoping to find someone in that busy throng who would speak to him, but everyone was to intent in rushing around, they had no time to stop and talk. One evening returning to his abode, a room in one of the mean streets of Stepney, he saw a drunken man struggling with a young girl who was resisting the drunk's efforts to drag her up a dark passage. She was screaming with fear and calling for help. Rushing to her aid with fists and boots he soon made the lout aware crime did not pay, so he reeled and staggered away down the street, leaving the sobbing and frightened girl clinging to the rescuing young lad, who thought the best thing he could do was to see her safely home. When they arrived there, she insisted he came in so that her grandfather, with whom she lived, could thank him and also share their supper as a small reward for his kindness in coming to help her. Tears ran down



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A Message from the Editor

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the old man's cheeks as he heard his granddaughter tell her story of the evenings fright.

When she had finished, the old man clasped the young man in his arms, saying 'I am a poor man, and as long as I live, I can never repay the debt I owe you, and as Naomi is preparing supper, I will give you a brief outline of our lives. I am a Russian Jew. I was a Furrier in St. Petersburg. I made all the Fur Robes for the Russian Royal Family. I was a very wealthy man. My only son who was married lived with me; Naomi was their child. One day her Father and Mother were arrested on a trumped-up excuse made by the secret police who were making a purge of all Jews whom they considered were hostile to the Government. Both were sent to Siberia and I never heard of - them again.

'One day a friend informed me I was on the list of Jews to purged. I hurried home, gathered a few things together and with Naomi in my arms I fled through the night, arriving at last at a Baltic seaport, where the captain of an English ship, in return for a handful of gold, brought me to London. My wife, having died years ago, all I have left in this world is Naomi, who is only a child and works in a tie factory. She is everything to me. Seeing supper is ready let us eat as it is getting late in the evening'.

After supper the old men, after kissing his guest on both cheeks said 'Come around tomorrow night as I wish to have further talk with you. Next evening, Clare, that was the young man's name, waited outside the factory where Naomi worked, so he could escort her home. He was proud to walk beside her for she was a very pretty young lady.

After tea the old man said,' I have a very long ancestry behind me. For centuries my people have been craftsmen in the fur trade handing the secrets of their trade from one generation to another, and I can say without boasting, few people in this world know as much as I do about skins and fur. Alas, I am the last of my line, but I still handle the most expensive fur for English ladies, work given me by members of my race. Now in return for what you did for Naomi, if you care to come along in the evenings, I will teach you all I know regarding my craft of choosing skin and fur and how to sew them

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Extracts from letters written by council tenants

together so that no-one will be able to see the join.'

Clare was pleased to accept the offer which not only offered a trade but somewhere to go for conversation. Before long he moved into a room near his tutor, and for over six years the old man instilled into his head the secrets, of centuries. One evening the old man said 'Clare, you have been a son to me and a brother to Naomi. Now take this note I have written to a firm in Wigmore Street, for it is time you left the warehouse and became a Furrier.'

Next day Clara took the note, and handed it to the Manager of the fur department of a large store. After a short talk he was taken up to the workroom and handed two pieces of fur to stick together. Then he was asked to name different furs and their quality. When all this was finished, he was taken up to the managing director who bluntly told him, 'You are not a Jew, how on earth did you get all this knowledge'. So, Clare told him and he replied, 'When can you start?' In less than two years Clare was in charge of the workroom, and a short time afterwards was promoted buyer, going to fur auctions at home and abroad.

When King Edward the Seventh was crowned, he was in charge of making his ermine robe, and the King would chat with him as he was fitting them on. By the time George the Fifth was crowned he was manager of the fur department which supplied the robes for the King and Queen, as well as all the other members of the Royal Family. Yet he never forgot the one who had enabled him to an expert on fur from rabbit skin to mink, and when Naomi was stricken with a fatal malady and died, he took the old man to live with him, and his wife cared for the one who had done much for her husband. To Clare the Second World War proved a blow from which he never recovered, and until his death, never forgave the Nazis for the cruel treatment they meted out to a race, which he declared were the salt of the earth, and no-one was more aware of it than himself.

The story you have just read was published in place of the Parish Council report as the Council did not meet in August.



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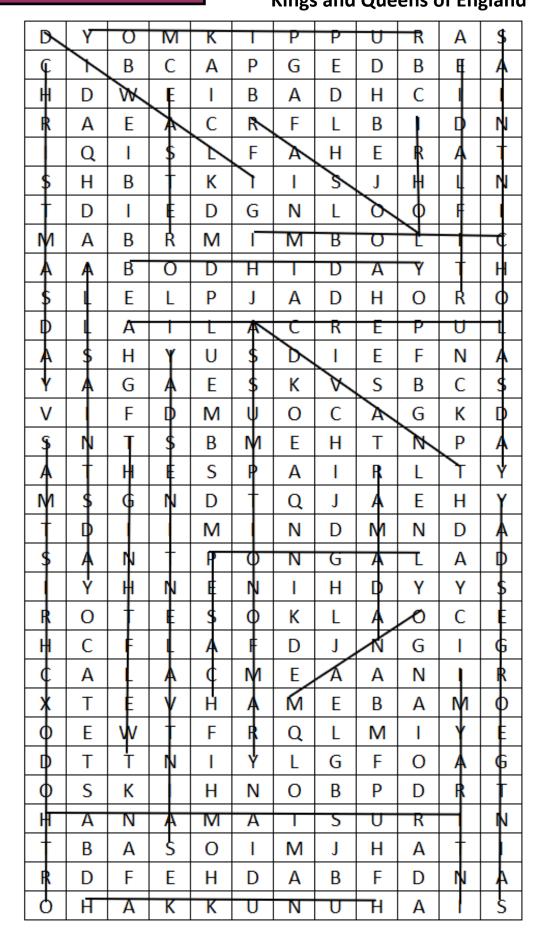


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