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Plus, all our usual puzzles**

How many ravens can you find inside?

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CONTROVERSIAL? ME?

There have been times when folk have called me controversial. Maybe it might look that way, and I don't set out to give that impression, but if that's the way some people see my commentaries on life as I see it, so be it.



They are entitled to their opinions, after all. Since I've been writing for the Feltwell Village magazine, I haven't had rotten tomatoes thrown at my front door, or unmentionable items through my letter-box, so I have assumed that my musings have been acceptable so far.

In order to test that assumption, here is a subject I've been thinking about for some time now, and never known whether it was safe to be in the public domain. So, here goes:-

Are those pretty girls really pretty, or is it an illusion?

There you have it! Shall I go on, or are you sharpening those knives already? Maybe I'll risk it, anyway!

To begin with, I'm not referring to every pretty girl, of course. Just the ones that think they weren't blessed from the start, and who aren't happy with what the Good Lord has given them. They do say that beauty is just skin-deep, so bear that in mind as you see what has been bothering me for so long.

Before I go any further, I will state categorically that I am not misogynistic in any way whatsoever! Most of my friends are women, and I love them all! Not all at the same time, obviously! Credit me with some decorum. A chap has to do things with a sense of decency, and a well-maintained calendar is all that one needs.

Anyway, to continue. I shall probably have the cosmetics industry after my blood, but I do feel that although the results are aesthetically pleasing to the eye, (well, mine, anyway) they do give the wrong impression of what the world is seeing. Is that gorgeous image we see on the high street, the same image the owner sees in her bathroom mirror, when she prepares for bed?

Does that lovely 'girl-about-town' girl like her passport photograph without her make-up, and does she change it, every time she has



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'something done'?

Why the desperate need for the titivation provided curtesy of Botox, and all those enhancements under the surgeon's knife?

Aside from a dash of lipstick (shows you where to put your food?), and a hint of eye-shadow (makes that cheeky wink more obvious), why can't they believe that the vast majority of us men accept them just the way they are, without the extras? If, as they say, beauty is just skin-deep, why change it with the needle and the knife, and cover it up with an undercoat and gloss finish? There's much more important stuff beneath the surface. After all, if things do work out, us chaps are going to find out the truth in the end and we don't want to fall for a Lamborghini, only to find that there's a Reliant Robin underneath! Don't get me wrong, Reliant Robins are rather pleasant on the eye. They are French after all!

So, girls, don't change a thing, we love you just as you are!

P.S. Just going on line to buy a stab-vest, just in case. Can't be too careful!

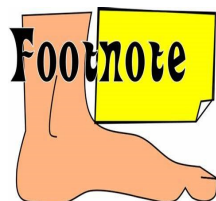
Frederick James

Fred can be contacted through the editor if anyone wishes to reply to this or any previous article that he has penned.

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STEPPING UP: WHEN CENTIPEDES TAKE A BREAK

Picture this: a centipede, the marathon runner of the insect world, deciding to take a day off. One hundred legs, all resting, not a single foot stepping. It's like Farmer Giles trying to plough the field with his tractor stuck in neutral—a whole lot of potential, but no movement. This charming scenario brings us to our topic for this month: the importance of walking and what happens when nature's natural movement system decides to call it quits.

In our delightful Norfolk village, walking is as much a part of our daily routine as a good cup of tea. Whether it's a stroll through the fields in wellies or a brisk walk to catch the morning train, our feet—and legs—keep us moving. But what happens when we stop, much like our centipede friend?

Imagine a centipede in a tiny armchair, watching telly with all those legs propped up. It sounds amusing, but in reality, it's a bit of a disaster. Walking is nature's way of keeping everything in order. It promotes circulation, strengthens muscles, and keeps joints flexible. When we stop walking, our body starts to grumble. Here's a look at what happens when we let our natural movement system fail:

Stiff Joints and Achy Muscles: Without regular movement, our joints start to stiffen, and muscles lose their strength. Think of it as leaving a tractor out in the field without oil—it's not going to run smoothly the next time you need it.

Circulation Station: Walking helps pump blood around our body. When we become sedentary, it's like leaving the gate shut on a busy market day—everything gets backed up. Poor circulation can lead to a host of problems, from swollen feet to more serious issues like blood clots.

Mood and Mind: Movement, especially walking, is a great mood booster. When we're not walking, it's easy to feel down. Imagine Farmer Giles stuck inside during a rainy week—there's

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only so much joy to be found in endless cups of tea.

Weight Woes: Walking helps keep our weight in check. Without it, we might start to resemble Farmer Giles' prize pig, and not in a good way.

So, what can we learn from our centipede friend? Here are some tips to keep moving, even when we'd rather put our feet up:

Farmyard Frolics: Turn daily tasks into opportunities for a stroll. Check on the livestock, walk the perimeter of the field, or simply enjoy a wander through the countryside.

Village Ventures: Make walking a social affair. Gather friends for a country walk, have a natter, and enjoy the scenery. It's like a mobile village meeting.

Commuter Capers: If you commute, try getting off the train a stop early and walking the rest of the way. It's a great way to sneak in some extra steps and avoid the crowded carriages.

Mindful Meanders: Sometimes, a simple, mindful walk can do wonders. Pay attention to the sights, sounds, and smells around you. Feel the ground underfoot and enjoy the rhythm of your steps.

In conclusion, walking is essential to our well-being. Our centipede friend might enjoy a day off, but for us, keeping those legs moving is vital. So, let's step up and make walking a joyful part of our lives. After all, a walk a day keeps the stiffness at bay—and ensures we don't end up like a centipede in an armchair, wondering where all the fun went.

Helen Goddard-Nickolls. Life Fitness Re-Engineering

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Total lunar eclipse will be broadcast live on Northwoods Public Radio

If you're a stargazer, join KAXE 91.7 FM for a special skywatch on Sunday evening, Nov. 28. A spectacular view of the total lunar eclipse is predicted for northern Minnesota. KAXE and Itasca Community College physics professor Aaron Wenger will

If it's cloudy, call the station first for more information.

KAXE will broadcast the stargazing, and Wenger's comments about the lunar eclipse, live on 91.7 FM, beginning around midnight.

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

The calls which state they are from the 'Visa security division' make claims about suspicious transactions often for several hundred pounds which it says have been made on 'your card'.

The recording continues to give press button options to 'speak to a member of our security team'.

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

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

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

If you are concerned about the security of a bank account or credit card contact your bank or service provider directly using the Customer Service number printed on the card, on a recent statement or via information available on their genuine website or app. **Never** use details provided in a cold call.

Information Alert - 'Copycat' websites

Norfolk residents are reminded to continue to be aware of 'copycat' websites when looking to access official sites to apply or make payments for services online.

Copycat websites are those which offer services from Government Departments or Local Government but are not the official site and charge an additional fee over the genuine cost, even where the official application fee is free, for their 'assistance'.

Many of these companies are legitimate and it's not against the law for a company to offer a service similar to an official body

People often get confused because the copycat sites can be unclear whether they're an official service or not.

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If you think you have used a copycat site and feel you were misled you can get further advice from our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline by calling **freephone 0808 223 1133**.

Scam Alert - Fake parcel delivery emails

We are again warning residents about emails claiming to be from parcel delivery companies stating they are unable to deliver an item.

Recent examples have included messages claiming to be from EVRI stating 'your package has been held due to an unpaid invoice'. The message goes on to say that the recipient needs to 'pay 2.45 GBP' via a button in the message.

These messages are sent by criminals who have created fake website to look like the genuine ones, with the same branding, layout, and font choices. These are used to gather personal and financial information or take payments.

If you receive one of these messages **do not click on any links**.

Scam Alert - Emails claiming to be from the Royal Mail

We are highlighting a warning from Action Fraud who have received over 5,000 reports about fake emails claiming to be from Royal mail.

The email states that you have missed a delivery and that an item is waiting to be collected. In some emails it claims the item was sent by 'HM Revenue & Customs'. The email goes on to provide a link to 'view delivery options'.

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We are warning residents about a number of scam emails circulating claiming to be from 'Microsoft customer support' stating they have received '62 complaints about your email account from Google Drive'. It goes on to state that 'thousands of spam emails were sent out from your email address in the last 3 days' and that 'we require clarification now to avoid mail account deletion within 48 hours'. The email then provides a link to 'Run & Scan for viruses'.

These emails are not from Microsoft and anyone following the link will be taken to a website which will attempt to gather personal, email account and financial details or download malware.

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.

Reporting scams

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

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BIRTHDAY PARTY LOGISTICAL

This Logistical puzzle was designed by Chris at the Wellington. The solution is on p60.

	Melanie	Chloe	Serena	Patricia	13 Gifts	14 Gifts	15 Gifts	16 Gifts	Church Hall	Village Hall	At Home	Social Club
Jungle Party												
Beach Party												
Medieval Party												
Carnival Party												
Church Hall												
Village Hall												
At Home												
Social Club												
13 Gifts												
14 Gifts												
15 Gifts												
16 Gifts												

Match the party to the birthday girl, the gifts received and the location.

1. Patricia received 13 gifts at her Carnival Party.
2. Melanie's Medieval Party wasn't held in the Church Hall.
3. The Jungle Party was held at Chloe's House.
4. 16 Gifts were given at the Village Hall, which was more than Patricia received.
5. The party at the Church Hall had 1 more gift than Chloe's Party and 2 more than the Social Club.

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SUDOKU PUZZLE

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

Answer on page 73



The Food Pantry, Feltwell

WHO ARE WE?

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Feltwellians Around The World



Memoir for Sylvan Ellwood Weaver Born August 5, 1915.

Killed in action April 4, 1943. Part 7

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).

The Philips plant located in Eindhoven Holland produced the majority of glass based radio tubes used in the production of radar sets. 25,000 sets and 250,000 of the EF50 pressed glass bases were quickly manufactured in 1941 and sent to England factories making the radar sets literally hours before Germany flattened Rotterdam with bombs and Holland fell to their occupation. But now radar sets and the precious EF50 radio vacuum tubes would not be going to the German Reich.

Operation Oyster was a R.A.F. Operation/raid carried out with daytime medium bombers among which Venturas of #487 R.N.Z.A.F. (Royal New Zealand Air Force) were used (flying at low altitudes of 100ft for which they were not designed) so as not to kill Dutch civilians i.e. they could see what and who they were bombing and the Dutch could see them coming. In spite of this precaution, 150 civilians became casualties. As I(S) said I missed it by 10 days. It took place December 6, 1941 after a month of careful planning and training for it. I arrived in Feltwell December 3 but did not get T.O.S. (Taken on Strength) into Squadron #487 until December 16. Because I was not a part of the preparation and also not yet T.O.S. into Sqn. 487 I was not involved. I heard all about it though and how many planes were lost and 7 soldiers killed. Oh well, this was the reality of war.



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Our coming there in December of that year would be the start of operations in January '43. There were successful ones as well as numerous bad ones. During the winter months Feltwell/Methwold Squadrons continued to fly 'circus' bombing operations on France and the Low countries. 'Circus' ops were low level bombing raids with heavy RAF Fighter cover. In late February/early March 1943 the Ventura squadrons were taken off bombing operations to take part in 'Operation Spartan' a major training exercise for the invasion of Europe. The Feltwell units were to make mock attacks on 'enemy' positions within the UK. During this, March 2, a Canadian piloting a Ventura crashed near base and all were killed.

March 28, '43 I(S) took part in one of the most successful raids made by our Group 2 bombers. Our Sqn. #487 with Sqn. #464 attacked shipping at Rotterdam. 6 ships were reported damaged 3 of them with direct hits. March 29, all 3 Squadrons made two separate attacks causing considerable damage to the port installations and shipping.

April 1 - 3, '43 our Squadron moved from Feltwell to Methwold about 3 miles away. This new base was not as well appointed as the peacetime station at Feltwell. Diary records say: it did not take long for us to settle down and were soon agreed that it was not a bad place: after all we still visited Feltwell. Group Captain Kippenberger was still 'King of the Castle' and that meant quite a lot. The move



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was completed by the evening of April 3 and in the early afternoon of the following day the squadron was able to send 12 Venturas to attack Caen aerodrome, and in the evening the same number bombed the docks and shipping at Rotterdam. I(S) was in this latter raid. We were in trouble of some kind (perhaps mechanical) but pressed forward to target to deliver our bombs. When we set out to return and had just crossed the coast of Holland flying westward, inadvertently flew over an enemy convoy. It was from this point on our flight was doomed.

I(L) will include the letter from the Under Secretary of State of the British Air Ministry as the next page. Following that will be two pages including three letters written home. I(L) will include some comment about some of the letters. The third one March 15, 1943 was written three weeks before he was lost but probably wouldn't have been received until much later presuming mail did not go by air. Sylvan's folks were notified of his death by telegram. In his letter Feb. 28. '43 he commented that he either was in bed (not accustomed to the cold, humid climate of England winters) or over at the hangars (there had been lots of mechanical failures with the Venturas), so I(L) think there would be plenty of questions directed at the ground crews. And then the last line in that letter heralding the 'Weaver' sense of humour. His last letter sent home, March 3, '43 was written 2 days before he went on a 9-day leave. It appeared that he had a few trips into London. One of those may have been to the R.A.F. hospital (used for Canadian soldiers also) in Uxbridge (a borough of London) where he had been called in for a check-up on his operation.

Also included here is of the letters sent to John Williamson's family as they seemed (to me(L)) to be more consolatory.

Sqn. #487 stopped using Venturas after a disastrous raid on Amsterdam May 3, '43 in which 12 aircraft and all men except three perished. You will see that if Sylvan had not perished April 4, he may have succumbed in later raids. An interesting note: the motto of Sqn. #487 was: Ki te mutunga, which in Māori meant, 'Through to the

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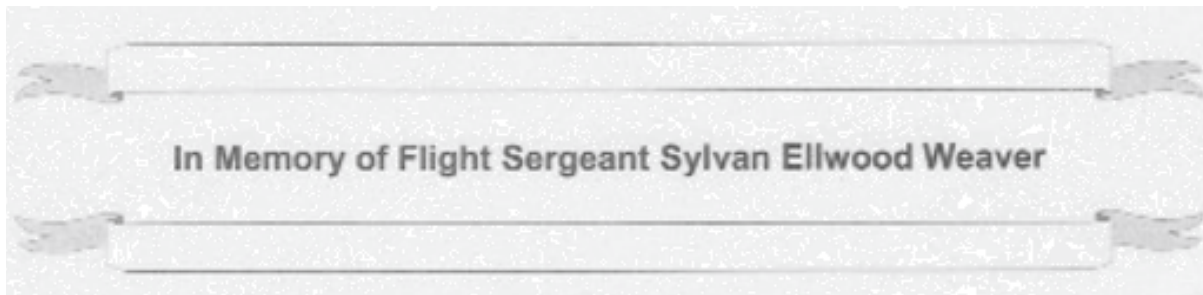
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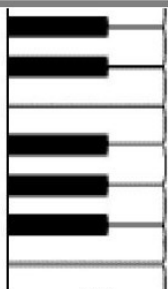
end. The Squadron badge was a tekoteko (carved sculpture of head and body of a Māori warrior) holding a bomb.

I(L) count it a great honour to have been able to weave this account of a great man Sylvan Weaver.



Son of a Mennonite family, Sylvan Weaver, born August 5th, 1915, grew up on a farm in the Fleet district. He joined the Air Force in Calgary in November of 1940 and after completing his training in Canada as a Wireless Operator and Air Gunner he was sent to England on November 6th, 1942. He was posted to the #487 New Zealand Squadron in December. While stationed in England he wrote several Letters home.

The text of these letters will be printed next month.



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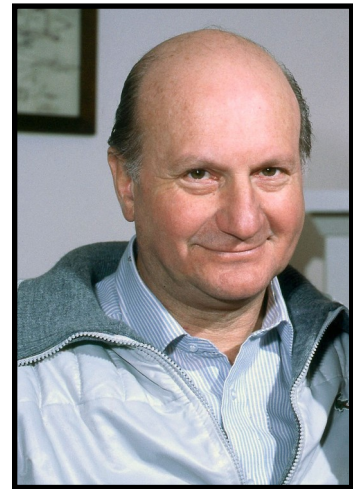


Our speaker for August was yours truly. I was inspired by an earlier presentation in which a quiz-like activity involving naming popular television programmes from the 50s, and 60s, caused great interest. I decided to do one that was

advertised under the tag line. *"Anything can happen in the next half-hour."* Some members of a certain age and no doubt some readers will remember that tag line as coming from the popular children's television series, *Stingray*. What you may not recall is that *Stingray* was made by the gentleman pictured, Gerry Anderson.

Gerald Alexander Abraham was born 14 April 1929 in London. His paternal grandfather had his name changed to "Abrahams" by an immigration official upon his arrival in 1895.

Gerry's mother changed the family name to "Anderson" in 1939.



One highly relevant fact from Gerry's late teenage years involves his elder brother Lionel. Lionel volunteered for service in the RAF in WW2 and at one point he was stationed in the United States for advanced training. In a letter home he described a US Army Air Forces air base called Thunderbird Field, the name stuck in Gerry's memory.

After the war Gerry earned a traineeship with the British Colonial Film Unit where he developed an interest in film editing. He moved on to Gainsborough Pictures, where he gained further experience and he remained there until the studio closed in 1950.

On 16 October 1952, Gerry married Betty Wrightman and they had two daughters, Linda and Joy.

In the mid-1950s, Gerry joined the independent television production company Polytechnic Studios as a director, where he met cameraman Arthur Provis. After Polytechnic collapsed, Anderson, Provis, Reg Hill and John Read formed Pentagon Films in 1955.

Pentagon was wound up soon after and Anderson and Provis formed

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AP Films, with Hill and Read as their partners. Anderson did freelance directing work to obtain funds to maintain the company. AP Films' first television series was for Granada Television. It was called *The Adventures of Twizzle* and was a series for young children. It was Gerry's first work with puppets. Twizzle was followed by another low-budget puppet series called, *Torchy the Battery Boy* in 1958. These puppet productions made Gerry world-famous, but he was always unhappy about working with puppets. He used them to get attention and a good reputation with TV networks, hoping to eventually make live-action films and television dramas.

It was during the making of *Twizzle* that Gerry began an affair with Sylvia Thamm who he married in November 1960, following his divorce from Betty. Sylvia had been married twice before.

AP Films' third series was the children's western fantasy-adventure series *Four Feather Falls* (1959–60). Provis left the partnership, but the name AP Films was retained for several more years.

Despite the success of *Four Feather Falls*, Granada did not commission another series. APF got into financial trouble and the company was struggling to find a buyer for their new puppet series. They were rescued by Lew Grade, the Associated Television (ATV) boss, who bought the show. This began a long friendship and a very successful professional association between the two men. That new show was *Supercar* and, despite being five years old at the time, I remember it with fondness.

Supercar was developed by Gerry and Sylvia and Reg Hill and based on a story written by Sylvia. She took on a larger role and became a partner in the company. *Supercar* also marked the official debut of **Supermarionation**, the electronic system that made the marionettes more lifelike and convincing on screen. The system used the audio signal from pre-recorded tapes of the actors' voices to trigger solenoids in the heads of the puppets which made their lips move in synchronisation with the words being spoken.

Supercar was followed by *Fireball XL5*, the only Anderson series sold to an American TV network, NBC. After *Fireball XL5* Lew Grade bought AP Films. He became the managing director, and the

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Andersons, Hill, and Read became directors of the company.

Soon after the buy-out, APF began production on a new puppet series, *Stingray* (1964), the first Supermarionation-based British TV series to be filmed in colour. For the new production APF moved to new studios in Slough. This allowed them to make improvements in special effects as well as advances in puppet technology using a variety of interchangeable heads for each character to convey different expressions.

Then came the BIG one, *Thunderbirds*, which was inspired by a mining disaster in Germany in Oct .1963. From this Gerry created a new programme about an international rescue organisation.

(Remember that letter Lionel had written during WW2?)

Grade was enthusiastic about the idea and backed a series of 25-minute episodes but after seeing the first one he was so excited that he insisted each episodes be extended to fifty minutes. Gerry had wanted actress Fenella Fielding to be the voice of Lady Penelope, but Sylvia convinced him that she ought to play the part.

APF was renamed Century 21 Productions, and enjoyed its greatest success with *Thunderbirds*, and the series made the Andersons world famous. However, it was cancelled midway through the second series because Grade was unable to sell the show to an American network.

During the production of *Thunderbirds* the Andersons' marriage came under increasing strain. Gerry considered divorce, but this was halted when Sylvia announced that she was pregnant. Gerry Anderson Jr., was born in July 1967.

Following *Thunderbirds* work began on a new series, *Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons* (1967), which saw the advent of more realistic puppet characters which, thanks to improvements in electronics allowed miniaturisation of the lip-sync mechanisms, could now be built closer to normal human proportions.

Two *Thunderbird* films were made but both flopped and Century 21 problems were compounded by their next series, *Joe 90* (1968).

Here ends Part One.

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

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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.”

Only one grant per household will be given.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Eagle eyed readers may have noticed that the deadline for this issue was brought forward by several days last month. This was to enable me to complete it before I went away on holiday. I would like to extend my thanks to all our regular contributors for meeting this earlier deadline. Unfortunately Dr Nisbet was unable to deliver his article early and there is no School Report for obvious reasons.

Any errors are entirely mine.

ART FOR PLEASURE

We have had an exciting couple of months firstly sketching and painting a project from the Leisure Painter magazine and then preparing for our art exhibition in Weeting village hall.

The exhibition was held on the Saturday of the steam engine rally; there were many amazing paintings on show which were well appreciated by the visitors attending.

Our project for August, for those wishing to participate, is to bring an object from home and draw it then paint it in an abstract design using media of your choice.

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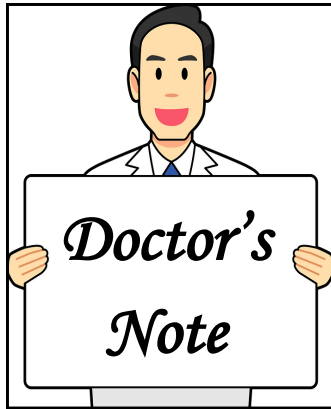
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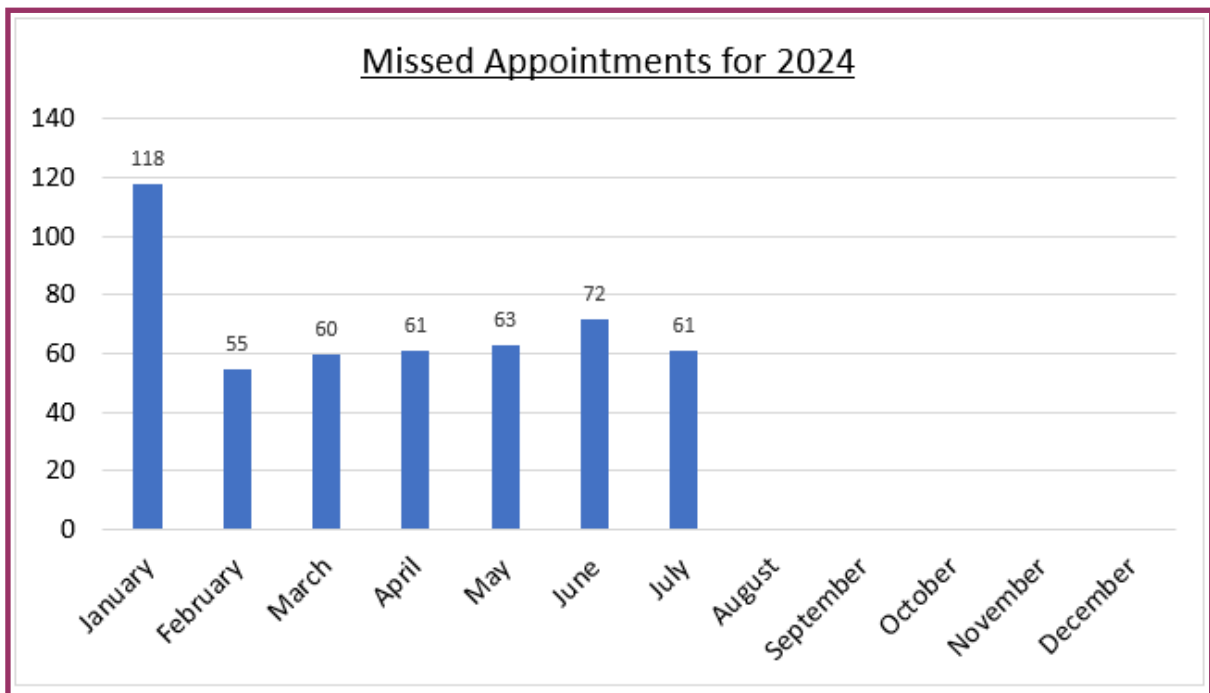


The Mounting Cost of Missed Appointments at the Surgery.

A bit of a drop in NO-SHOWS in July which is good but then, on the other hand, they've only gone back down to being in the early sixties, unfortunately. They fell by 11, from 72 to 61.

This brings the total number of missed appointments for the year so far to **490**.

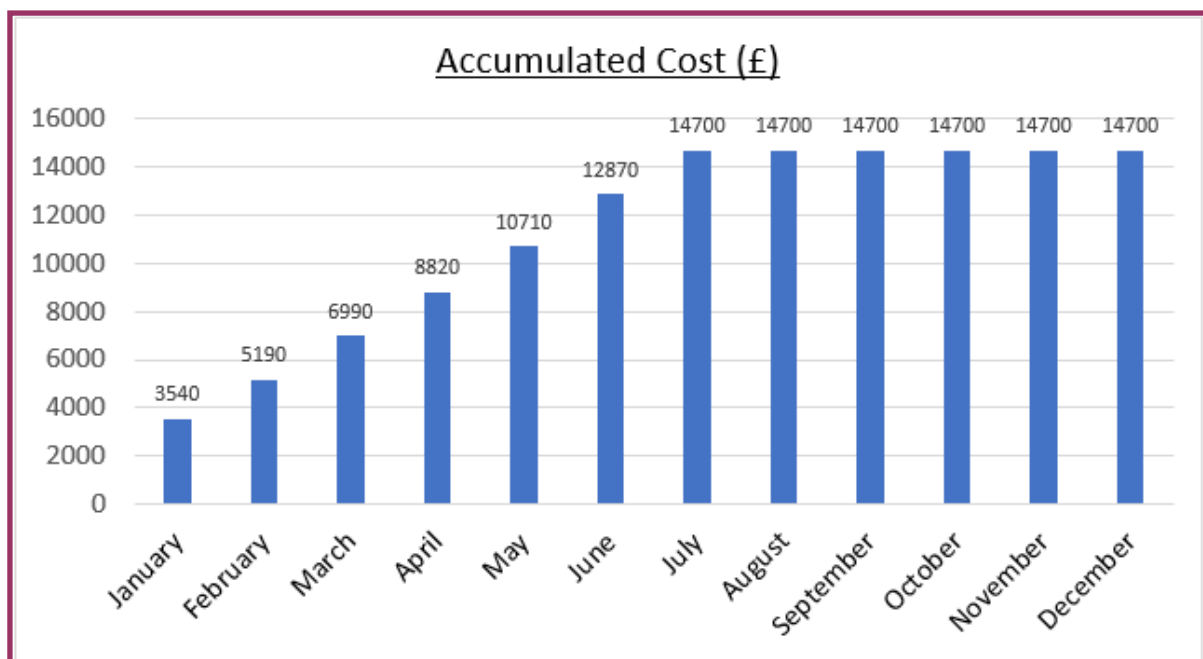
This means that 490 other patients could have been seen by a doctor in the first 7 months of 2024 if only people had cancelled their appointments rather than simply not turning up.



"Please, if you cannot attend your appointment, cancel it."

As stated before each missed GP appointment costs an average of £30. Using this figure I calculate the accumulated cost of all the missed appointments so far this year and this is presented in the chart over the page. The additional 61 missed appointments in July represent an additional loss of £1830 worth of lost healthcare for the month. If there are no more missed appointments this year which, on past performance seems unlikely, the total cost will

remain at £14,700, money that has to be spent to pay the bills and the staff but for which no direct healthcare benefit is received by anyone.



Remember, that this waste of our precious GP time is, ultimately, a needless waste of your and my taxes at a time when the NHS is under immense pressure to meet all of our expectations. Those who follow the news will have heard that the BMA is so concerned about the decline in funding for GP surgeries that they are allowing their members to take industrial action should they choose to do so by capping the number of appointments per day. Which makes cutting the number of No-Shows even more important. Please raise awareness of this issue by discussing it with your friends, neighbours and even complete strangers you might meet in a queue at a checkout!

I wonder if the number of missed appointments would go down if people got a bill each time they failed to turn up without cancelling? Let me know what you think by emailing me at garlandp@btinternet.com.

On the following pages are the results of the 2024 GP Patient Survey conducted by Ipsos which are very positive for our surgery so a well done to all who work there.

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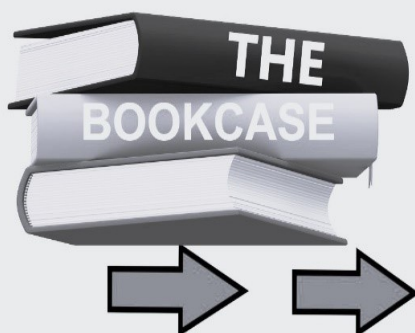
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70% find it easy to get through to this GP practice by phone. 50%
80% find it easy to contact this GP practice using their website. 48%
73% find it easy to contact this GP practice using the NHS App. 45%
88% find the reception and administrative team at this GP practice helpful. 83%
53% usually get to see or speak to their preferred healthcare professional when they would like to. 40%

Your last contact

91% knew what the next step would be after contacting their GP practice. 83%
94% knew what the next step would be within two days of contacting their GP practice. 93%
86% describe their experience of contacting their GP practice as good. 67%

Your last appointment

75% were offered a choice of time or day when they last tried to make a general practice appointment. 53%
3% were offered a choice of location when they last tried to make a general practice appointment. 13%
74% felt they waited about the right amount of time for their last general practice appointment. 66%
90% say the healthcare professional they saw or spoke to was good at listening to them during their last general practice appointment.
87%

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TABLE TENNIS



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

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85% say the healthcare professional they saw or spoke to was good at treating them with care and concern during their last general practice appointment. 85%

78% say the healthcare professional they saw or spoke to was good at considering their mental wellbeing during their last general practice appointment. 73%

88% felt the healthcare professional they saw had all the information they needed about them during their last general practice appointment 92%

90% had confidence and trust in the healthcare professional they saw or spoke to during their last general practice appointment. 92%

90% were involved as much as they wanted to be in decisions about their care and treatment during their last general practice appointment. 91%

87% felt their needs were met during their last general practice appointment. 90%

Your Health

80% say they have had enough support from local services or organisations in the last 12 months to help manage their long-term conditions or illnesses. 68%

Overall experience

86% describe their overall experience of this GP practice as good.

74%

Further information can be found at:

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What a summer we are having. With the rain continuing to fall heavily at times, many of our gardens are looking colourful. Our plants are definitely enjoying the rain. It has also been easier to keep all of the tubs around the village well watered this year. Hence they have appeared to be colourful with a wide variety of plants. I hope they brighten up your days as you go by them.

I hope that you have noticed the new tubs which have been placed along the Wilton Road and in Munson's Place. These will be filled, hopefully, by the time this magazine goes to print. Once again, please contact me if you see anything amiss with the tubs.

We hope to welcome a lot of you to our last plant sale of the year.

On **Saturday 14th September**, from **9am to approximately noon**.

We will be outside the front of The Wellington selling a wide variety of indoor and outdoor plants. To the side of the building, we will be selling refreshments and home made cakes. Come and have a chat with us. We are always ready to try to answer any gardening questions you might have.

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I would like to thank all of those who have supported our work during this year, businesses and individuals. If you would like to join our friendly group, you would be very welcome. Watch out on our Facebook site for the next meeting date and time.

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FELTWELL BOWLS CLUB

The Bowlathon held on Sunday the 14th July was an outstanding success. This was nonstop bowling for 10 hours, 9am to 7pm with bowlers playing in singles or pairs in one hour sessions. The event raised £1800 from sponsorship of the individual bowlers. A huge thank you to the Wellington for being the main sponsor.

This has help funds for the new mower, we are about three quarters there so we still need to raise more funds.

The club KO Singles and Pairs have played the first and second legs, the quarter and semi legs are to be played through August for the finals day. Saturday 7th Sept. is finals day for all club competitions, this will include a sausage and burger BBQ, free to all members.

COMING EVENTS

Finals Day—Saturday 10th September, 10am. to 8pm.

Quiz night—Saturday 5th October, 7 to 10pm.

Race night—Saturday 9th November, 7 to 10pm. To be Pig racing!

AGM—Thursday 29th November, 7-30 to 9-30 pm.

LEAGUE RESULTS

We have played 13 league games consisting of 4 Rosie Smith (RS), 5 Ashill (Ash), and 4 Dave Allen (DA).

DATE	LEAGUE	OPPONENT	VENUE	RESULT	SCORE	POINTS
01/07	R.S	Mundford	Away	Win	61 - 48	6 - 2.
02/07	Ash	Harling Yellow	Home	Win	66 - 35	6 - 2
04/07	D.A	Northwold	Away	Loss	32 - 85	0 - 8
08/07	R.S	Swaffham	Home	Draw	40 - 54	4 - 4
09/07	Ash	Weeting	Away	Loss	46 - 53	2 - 6
11/07	D.A	Shouldham	Away	Win	48 - 44	6 - 2
15/07	R.S	Weeting	Away	Loss	46 - 53	2 - 6
16/07	Ash	Connaught Yew	Home	Win	53 - 44	8 - 0
18/07	D.A	Mundford	Home	Loss	42 - 67	0 - 8
22/07	R.S	Hockwold	Home	Win	57 - 34	6 - 2

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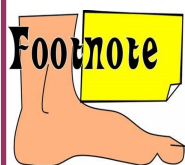
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DATE	LEAGUE	OPPONENT	VENUE	RESULT	SCORE	POINTS
23/07	Ash	Watton	Home	Win	67 - 39	8 - 0
30/07	D.A	Shouldham	Home	Loss	42 - 56	0 - 8
31/07	Ash	Connaught Yew	Home	Loss	27 - 56	2 - 6

Total results as follows:-

Rosie Smith	33 points	Shots for 470	Shots against 393
Ashill	50 points	Shots for 525	Shots against 454
Dave Allen	6 points	Shots for 164	Shots against 252
Max			



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

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NEWS FROM THE LEGION

Here we are, another month of the year gone. Firstly, apologies for not making the deadlines for the last couple of issues, Feltwell Branch are very busy planning for an event to be held in September – details further down.

Thank you to all those who came out to celebrate D-Day 80 back in May at Porter's meadow. The beacon burned brightly into the evening sky for a few hours after the event. I am happy to tell everyone that the person who had an incident at the lighting, recovered very well after some rest and was happily back to their normal self the next day.

We would once again like to thank Judith and Jeremy Porter for allowing us to light their beacon and to use their meadow for this event.



Let's start thinking about VE 80 in June 2025 for what we can do to celebrate – any suggestions would be gratefully received.

Looking back to June and the carnival, didn't we all have fun in the storms! Despite the weather, the village turned out and supported the Feltwell Community Group who organized the event as usual

and in turn, supported our branch with our fundraising ventures that we had on our stall. Congratulations to Winnie and Mrs A who won the sweet jar and who found the treasure in our treasure hunt respectively.

July saw us take part in the village yard sale day. Yet again, the weather gods didn't look favourably on our village but that didn't stop the old war time spirit and people turned out once again.

Now, looking ahead to September. I mentioned before that we have busy planning an event. Feltwell Branch, along with St Mary's Church, will be hosting the Norfolk Royal British Legion Rededication Service on Sunday 22nd September at 3pm. This is where members of the British Legion rededicate themselves to the Legion. This is a big honour for our branch to be hosting this event. While planning for this, we were also bestowed the honour of hosting, for the first time in over 20 years, the dedication of a new Standard for Norfolk. This event will take place during the Rededication Service.

To co-inside with this event, from 2:30pm, there will be a mixed civilian and military parade through Feltwell, lead by the Suffolk Glenmoriston Pipe Band – we have already been warned they will be loud! There will also be a salute taken by the Vice Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk in St Mary's Street.

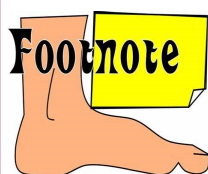
The parade will travel from the Legion hall in Long Lane to St Mary's Church and then travel after the service from the church back to the Legion hall.

There will be some small road closures in place while this parade passes though and St Mary's Street will be closed for a few hours. All we ask is that you are patient while we pass through.

Please do feel free to come along to watch the parade if you can.

Our usual events are still going strong, the crib nights on a Tuesday, the carpet bowls on a Thursday morning and our monthly coffee mornings raising money for both the Poppy Appeal and for our Branch.

The Legion Hall telephone number is 828480



Pilot: Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement.

Engineer: Almost replaced left inside main tyre.

Excerpts from various aviation engineers' fault report forms.

*Taken from The Thetford and
Watton Times 21/12/1979*

YESTERDAY'S MEMORIES

MEALS ON WHEELS ARE HALTED

The meals on wheels service at Feltwell ended yesterday because of a shortage of volunteer drivers.



Mrs Eva Willingham, 89, of Mulberry Close, was the last person in the village to receive a midday meal.

Mrs Christine Sheward, who has organised the service for 12 years, said, "I am extremely sorry that we cannot go on, but without more volunteers to take the meals round it has become impossible.

"Recently we have had to reduce the service from 20 customers to eight, but those who are left are really in need of the service and it

is a dreadful shame to disappoint them."

Mrs Willingham's meal of meat pie and vegetables, apple pie and custard, was delivered by Mr and Mrs Bill Higgins, who say they would be happy to carry on helping the service if other volunteers could be found to ease the load.

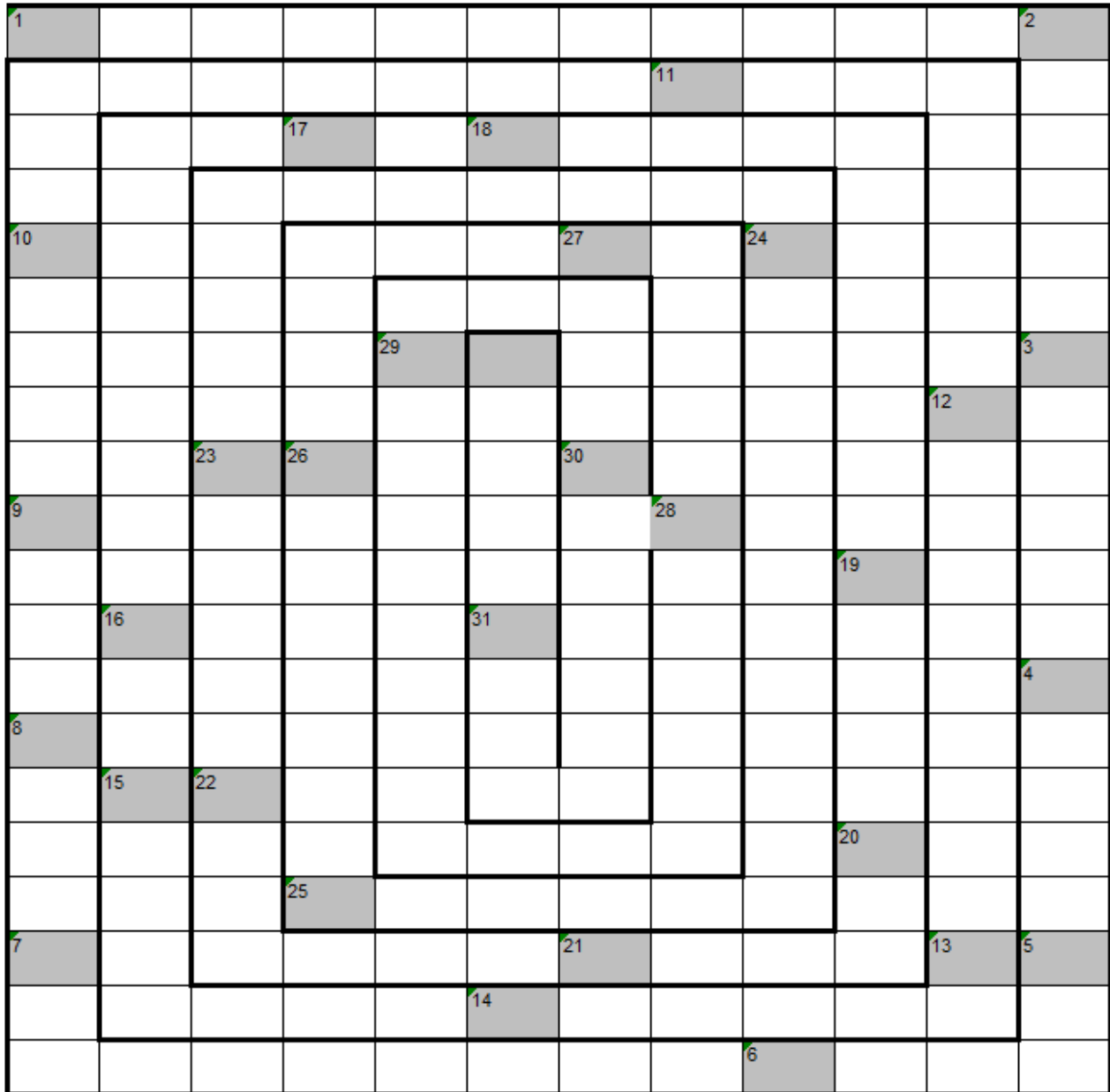
If more drivers come forward Mrs. Sheward hope to resume the service.



WORD TRAIL NO. 44

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 A dish served as an appetizer (4-8)
- 2 Large blob (7)
- 3 Person noise-excluder (7)
- 4 A loud and hearty laugh (6)
- 5 Treacherous person (6)

- 6 Mythical transformation into a furry four legged bloodthirsty animal (11)
- 7 Living overseas (5)
- 8 Strong, frugal and agile Asian pony (5)
- 9 A swollen pungent tasting edible root (6)
- 10 An arrangement of rectangles used for floor tiling and road pavement (11)
- 11 The Goddess of childbirth (10)
- 12 Absence of direction (11)
- 13 Tell me when to stop pouring! (3-4)
- 14 Spanish for 'Merry Christmas' (5-7)
- 15 Lara _____ Ray, U.S. singer (3)
- 16 Someone who collects butterflies (13)
- 17 Male feline (6)
- 18 A vast treeless, Arctic region of Europe, Asia and North America where the ground is permanently frozen (6)
- 19 Of an animal living in the trees (8)
- 20 A type of biome where tree growth is hindered by frigid temperatures and short growing seasons (6)
- 21 Of an animal, living in trees (8)
- 22 MUSIC: The Foo Fighters debuted this song In Iceland in 2017
(2-3-2)
- 23 MEDICAL: A substance commonly used to soothe bites and stings
(13)
- 24 Often recommended for menopausal women (7-8-3)
- 25 A star in the Canes Venatici constellation (2-7)
- 26 Footnote star (9)
- 27 Northernmost geographical region of the Indian subcontinent
(7)
- 28 This actor played Jack O'Neill in SG1 series (7-4-8)
- 29 Ancient Aztec language (7)
- 30 The study of language (11)
- 31 Decipherer (6)

This month's Word Trail solution is on page 72.

ART FOR PLEASURE

Every Thursday 10.30 am – 12.30pm. £3 per session at
Weeting Village Hall.

Contact Beryl Pountney, Secretary, for details on
01842 828750

The kettle is always on.

SPARE WOOL NEEDED

If anyone has any wool to spare please consider donating it
to the Food Pantry where some of our members will turn it
into clothing for the Seamen's Mission and Hats and
blankets for Premature babies.

Balls of wool can be left in St Mary's Church
near the Pantry cupboards.

Thank You.



MISSED APPOINTMENTS @ THE SURGERY 2024

January—118 February—55 March—60 April—61
May—63 June—72

*Every GP appointment costs an average of £30. These appointments
could have gone to someone else in need.*

If you cannot attend your appointment, please cancel it.



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.

***FELTWELL
METHODIST CHURCH,
COMMUNITY HALL &
GARDEN***



God's

**Community Garden
& Picnic Area
OPEN 24/7**

Enjoy a wander through our wild garden, Meadow Snake Path, and lawn, then picnic at our tables around the garden. (*Open the table brolly if you need, but please fold it away after use to protect from summer breezes.*) It is a developing area, and you will see changes frequently around the garden. See how many animals you can find in different shapes and sizes and in different materials. We have goldfinches on our thistledown, eating the seeds, bees in the poppies, foxgloves and hollyhocks, collecting nectar, different butterflies and moths amongst the nettles and brambles and blackbirds nesting in the shrubbery and picking the blackberries.

Walking on Air

07596157826

D.T.Byrne MCFHP MAFHP

Walking on Air, Unit 4, Harvey Adams Enterprise Centre, Wimbledon Avenue, Brandon, Suffolk, IP27 0NZ

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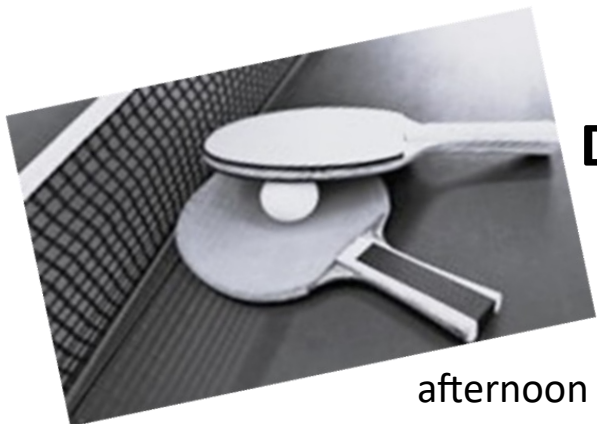
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Table-Tennis Mondays 7.00pm (during spring & summer)

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NOW with pool



Any skill level or none.
Just come along for an

afternoon of fun. It's a load o'

laughs, which is good for the heart, and the physical exercise loosens those stiff joints. All ages welcome. Refreshments available.

Steve Wellington is the organiser.

SUMMER HOLIDAY sessions FREE FOR STUDENTS, with a tournament on Tuesday 27th August.

Thursdays 6:00pm— 1st Feltwell Brownies

Thursdays – Feltwellians meet at **Feltwellbeings 10 til 12** for a chat over light refreshments in a warm environment. Activities available and optional.

Friday is now Forage day. Yes, foraging for weeds, dead heading, planting new plants and foraging for a space to plant our community vegetables, runner beans etc. We are making changes and developing new borders. YOU are welcome to join us. You might even get a cuppa!!

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

11am – Fellowship and Refreshments

Sunday Fellowship—Speakers for September

1 September Harvest Celebration followed by Ploughman's Lunch

FELTWELL VILLAGE MUSEUM

2024

Hi all, 😊 we're back open again 😊 MMXXIV

Every Last SATURDAY of the month, March - October

11AM - 3PM

See...

Feltwell's Wellington bomber crash remains & the story of its sole survivor.

Look...

Our Village Millenium photo books, see your house in the year 2000?

Read...

Paul Garlands 'Then & Now' books, all you need to know of who lived here before us!

& Kids, if you can make it... you can keep it...

a FREE Flying Bird!

Oak street Feltwell IP26 4DP

Enquiries call Graham

01842-828387

FREE ENTRY

😊 donations appreciated 😊

8 September

15 September

22 September

29 September

Speakers for these
dates not known at
time of going to press.

Give us a call or message us or one of our members.
Find us by scanning this QR code on your Android or
iPhone.



We can be contacted on Facebook, Messenger or
mobile 07712578721 or by email
mikegw15@gmail.com Mike & Brigitte Wilkinson 07799216693

HARVEST

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER - 11.00am

A Celebration of the "All things bright and beautiful"

Followed with a ploughman's family lunch

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TABLE SALE

Saturday 12 October – 10.00am

Hot Dogs & Bacon Butties

Cakes for sale

Contact us to book a table

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Saturday 14 December –

Christmas Cream Teas AND

The Tunnel of Light

Tickets on sale from 1 November

FELTWELL LODGE

RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

Lodge Road, Feltwell, Norfolk IP26 4DR



Feltwell Lodge is a comfortable Victorian property dating from 1860. It is a former hunting lodge set in 5 acres of beautiful landscaped gardens situated between Feltwell and Methwold.

The home is run by the proprietors, together with a fully experienced and caring staff providing a full 24 hour cover. The atmosphere is friendly, with no restrictions other than consideration for fellow guests.

Visitors are welcome and we encourage the maintenance of close links between residents and their families and friends.

**For Brochures please phone: Mr Paul Hanley RN
or Mrs Sandra Hanley RN**

01366 728282

Website: www.feltwelllodge.com

E-mail: feltwelllodge@hanleycarehomes.com



A response officer has sadly dealt with a pigeon trapped in a Fenn trap. Thankfully the bird was none the worse for the incident, but the trap had been set illegally. Fenn traps are legal if they are big enough and set in the correct manner targeting allowed species. However they must always be set with the trap in a tunnel/cover to stop untargeted species getting caught. If you spot a Fenn trap like this DO NOT TOUCH IT – instead, please take a photo and record the exact location (ideally using What3Words) and report it to the Police using our online form. Removing or touching the trap could ruin forensic opportunities.

We are also dealing with several reports of crows and pigeons being shot with air weapons in built up areas. It is an offence to kill any wild bird unless exempt under a licence. None of the general licences available will be applicable in these circumstances and therefore these birds have been shot and killed illegally. The latest incident occurred in Attleborough near Sainsbury's and we are appealing to anyone with any information to come forward. As a team we have carried out extra patrols in the area and handed out letters to highlight the issue.

We continue to receive a number of complaints around destruction of bird nests and disturbance offences. Although you may expect most nests to be done with by this time of year, it wouldn't be unusual to see them continue to be used well into September

An Evening of Mediumship



Sue Hind

MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

**Doors open 6.45pm for
7.30-9.30PM**

**TICKETS £12 07960080216 or
07561222452**

feltwellcommunitygroup@gmail.com

**FELTWELL ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
LONG LANE, FELTWELL. IP26 4BJ**

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(especially given the colder spring we had). So if you are planning on doing any work on hedges or similar, please do make the relevant checks first.

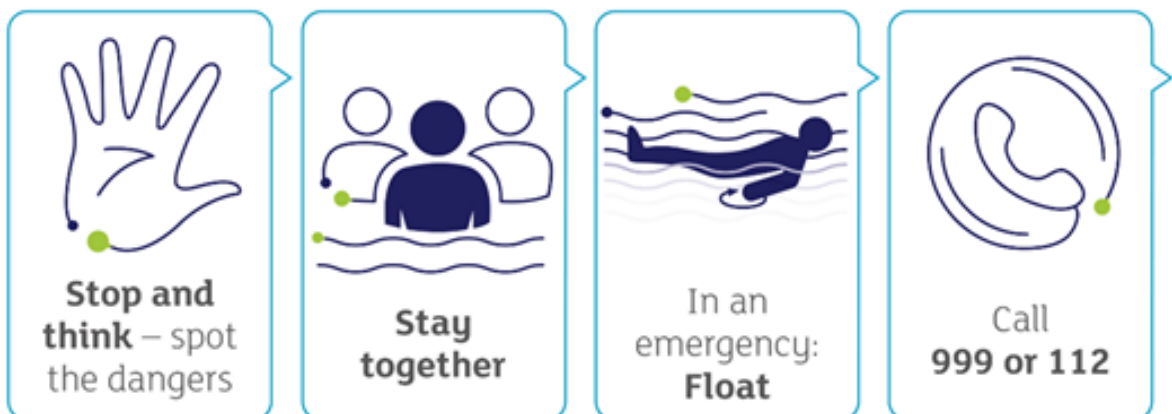
RURAL ROAD SAFETY

Rural roads disproportionately account for the number of serious collisions our Roads and Armed Policing Team deals with. Since Norfolk has no motorways, many of our roads are considered rural and with harvests under way we can expect more slow-moving vehicles on them.

Getting stuck behind a tractor pulling several tonnes of grain for a couple of miles is not much different to sitting at a red light for 2 minutes. However some people take unnecessary risks when overtaking slow moving tractors, putting themselves and other users in harm's way. All motorists are advised to pass farm machinery slowly, to give them space and to remember these vehicles are legally entitled to use the road.

One final thing to mention around rural roads is the speed limits. The national speed limit often applies but that does not mean you have to do 60mph. You should always drive according to conditions. You never know what might be around the corner and the question to ask yourself is could you stop if you needed to if you encountered another vehicle or a child on a bike or a family out on a walk?

WATER SAFETY CODE BY ROPSA



METHWOLD SPIRITUALIST CHURCH SPIRITUALIST SERVICES

Friday Meetings 2024, Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start.

**6th September—Poppy Bowling
20th September—John Ennis**

**The 21 Room, St. George's Hall Complex,
16 High Street, Methwold, Norfolk IP26 4NT.**

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

BIRTHDAY PARTY LOGISTICAL SOLUTION

Melanie	Medieval	Village Hall	16 Gifts
Chloe	Jungle	At Home	14 Gifts
Serena	Beach	Church Hall	15 Gifts
Patricia	Carnival	Social Club	13 Gifts

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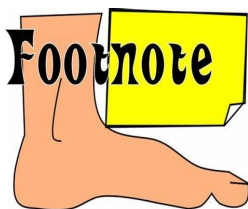
MUTTERINGS FROM THE FARMYARD

As I write this during the first week of August we have already completed about 70% of our cereal harvest which is very early for us. We have had a warm, dry break which has been ideal for combining and now a damp afternoon in which to fix a very annoying electronic fault in the machine and time to type these notes. Yields have been surprisingly good so far as we had thought that the wet summer was causing significant disease problems.

The wet winter and spring caused several of the Paulownia trees to die from surplus water around the roots. These have now been replaced and the remaining areas of the fields have been planted with new saplings. These and the young native trees seem to have enjoyed the summer so far but the young plants are receiving trickle irrigation on a daily basis.

The vineyard continues to thrive. When we planted the tiny, grafted vines last year they were like little babies that required plenty of tender loving care. The idea is that they should concentrate all their energies in establishing a good rooting system down into the chalk subsoil where the ground water is. This they seem to have done and the plants can now best be described as unruly teenagers. They have grown like crazy over the last few months. Many are over 8 feet tall and require almost constant tucking into the wire trellising for us to be able to get our tractor and machinery up and down the rows. They are developing woody stems which will be pruned back this winter to create the trunks that will be the basis of their structure for the years to come.

I see in the press that the French farmers are so disappointed in their yields of wheat that they are applying to Brussels for some



I am a single woman living in a downstairs flat and would you please do something about the noise made by the man I have on top of me every night.

Extracts from letters written by council tenants

form of state aid from the European Union. I know that we now have a Government of a different hue but I don't think that there is any prospect, or requirement, for state aid of that nature for British farmers. What we need from the DEFRA team is stability and a long term plan that we can all work to. The new team is quite urban based but by all accounts seem very willing to listen. During my time we have had two Secretaries of State for agriculture in this constituency and both have been very happy to listen to our concerns but not necessarily ready to act on them.

The Paulownia trees are provided by Carbon Plantations Ltd.

From their website: "To achieve our goals and contribute to the UK Government's Net Zero Strategy, we have identified a fast-growing hardwood tree called Phoenix One®, a sterile (and therefore non-invasive) hybrid of Paulownia, which produces



strong yet unusually light timber with attractive insulation properties.

The fast-growing nature of Phoenix One® makes it particularly effective at carbon sequestration, and also provides a regular supply of exceptional, locally grown timber with a wide range of uses. This makes such plantations commercially viable undertakings with many environmental benefits and in line with the UK Governments Net Zero goals."

In 2022, they established their first project at Euston Estate in Suffolk. They now have four sites in Norfolk. Trees at Euston grew over 4 metres in 2023! They produce enormous leaves as can be seen in the photograph.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

The word "organ" comes from an old Greek word, *organon*, which means "tool" or "instrument."



WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

This month our word search is on **GARDENING ITEMS**. 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.

A	F	D	G	T	O	P	R	E	W	O	L	F	D	W	AUGER
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*The solution is on
page 73*

SEED SOWER, SHOVEL, SOIL SCOOP
SPRINKLER, TROWEL, TWINE
WATER HOSE, WHEEL BARROW



St Mary's Feltwell

The Aisle is open for everyone to use.
For information and bookings contact
grimshoebeneficeoffice@gmail.com
There is no hiring fee, but a donation will
be suggested.

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RSPB Lakenheath Fen

CAN YOU RACE FOR WILDLIFE THIS AUTUMN

On Sunday 20 October we will be holding our annual Race for Wildlife, where our nature-loving supporters are encouraged to join us to run or jog either a 5k or 10k route across the reserve. We set both routes to take in a wide variety of different habitats and terrain, so you'll pass through not just the fen and reedbed for which we are well known, but also firmer woodland paths and the beautiful riverbank which follows the Little Ouse past our northern boundary.

There is a fantastic atmosphere on the day of the event, largely generated by our small army of wonderful volunteers. They will be dotted around the reserve in their hi-vis jackets, as marshals, water station helpers, first aiders and general encouragers of runners! For those familiar with the reserve, both groups of runners will start at the same point south of East Wood, and head towards New Fen. There, the 10k runners will continue down the track south of Trial Wood, through the grasslands of New Fen South and the reedy paradise of Shepherd's Fen, an area not normally open for public access. We are able to use this extended route only at specific times of year, such as October, for occasional events- when all of the birds have finished breeding and we can be sure we won't be disturbing any nests. Eventually, the 10k runners will reach the riverbank at Botany Bay, the furthest reaches of the reserve, before turning east and following the river to the Washland Viewpoint. Along the way, they will be combine with the 5k runners who join the riverbank at Joist Fen. Running together along the riverbank for around 2km, all runners will then drop down from the viewpoint to wind through the woods of Brandon Fen towards the finish line.

We will number each runner and time them carefully (this is usually my job!) and once every runner has crossed the finish line, I will



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

Fridays 27 Sept, 25 Oct, 29 Nov (10am to 11am).

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

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

Guided Pond Dipping

Saturday 7 September (12-1:30pm)

Why not borrow a pond-dipping kit and a knowledgeable guide to see what beautiful and strange creatures live below the water?

RSPB members £6 (£3 for Under 18's);
non-RSPB members £7 (£4 for Under 18's).

Race for Wildlife 2024 at RSPB Lakenheath Fen

Sunday 20 October (11am-2pm)

Join us as dozens of other runners come together to raise money to support wildlife. Choose from 5k or 10 k routes through RSPB Lakenheath Fen reserve. All profits from ticket sales supports conservation work by the RSPB.

Adults £20 (Under 18's £12.50)



Runners at
the very start
of the 2023
race

*Photo by Site
Manager Dave
Rogers*

publish the results on the RSPB Community website, in a blog, for all our runners to see. This event is by far the largest in our yearly calendar and we really appreciate every single runner who comes along to take part. To us, it doesn't matter how quickly the race is run- we have people of all ages and abilities taking part, and the profit from each ticket sold helps to fund conservation work at this reserve- so whether you finish first or 99th, it means just as much to us! As a token of our appreciation, each runner will receive a medal as a keepsake for taking part. Whilst the race is underway, some more of our volunteers will be busy preparing our wonderful homemade cake stall back at the Visitor Centre- which is loved by both runners and their supporters! It helps us to raise valuable extra funds and all of the cakes are lovingly baked by the reserve team.

If you would like to find out more, or book tickets for this years' Race, please visit <https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/56788> . Adult tickets are £20 and Under 18's £12.50. On the day, there will be free parking, secure baggage storage and runners are welcome to bring along family and friends to support them, free of charge. If you can't join us, please spread the word about our unique event, so we can reach more people who can race for their local wildlife this autumn.

As always, if you have any questions about the reserve, or our Race for Wildlife, do get in touch on 01842 863400 (answered 9am-5pm daily), pop in and see us or e-mail us at lakenheath@rspb.org.uk.

By Heidi Jones (Visitor Experience Officer, RSPB Lakenheath Fen).

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



Sun 1 st Sept	Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Feltwell Weeting
Sun 8 th Sept	Benefice Eucharist	10am	Feltwell
Sun 15 th Sept	Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Feltwell Weeting
Sun 22 nd Sept	Eucharist	9.15am 11am	Hockwold Northwold
Sun 29 th Sept	Benefice Eucharist with	10am	Feltwell
The Ven Richard Harlow - Archdeacon of Huntingdon			

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

For Zoom log in contact grimshoebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

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



Coffee, Cake and Chat

From 9am every Weds morning.
We have a loo and baby change facility.

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

Family Support and other *Borough Services* also available.

Breckland Branch



Did you know that cats and dogs can be blood donors to other cats and dogs? For cats the criteria to be a blood donor is that the cat must be between 1 year and 8 years old, and weigh at least 4kg. They should preferably be an indoor cat, otherwise they must be Feline Leukaemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus negative, be up to date with their vaccines and flea and worm treatment. They must never have been outside the UK and not be on any medication. They must be of good temperament and be easy to handle.

They will undergo health checks for heart murmurs and haematology and biochemistry blood samples will be taken for analysis to make sure they are completely healthy.

In cats there are 3 different blood groups – A, B and AB. Most domestic cats are group A, along with all Siamese cats. Pedigree cats are predominately group B.



To take the blood, the cat will be sedated and the blood will be taken from a vein in the neck. About 55ml of blood is taken, and then exactly the same amount of electrolyte solution

will be administered to the cat, to protect its blood pressure.

For dogs the same criteria as for cats apply for them to become blood donors. 1 – 8 years old, weigh more than 25kg, be up to date with their vaccinations and flea and worm treatment, not be on any medication and never to have been outside the UK.

There are 2 blood groups in dogs - DEA1 Negative and DEA 1 Positive. 30% of dogs are negative so they are the universal donor as negative blood can be given to positive dogs, but not the other

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The reason a cat or dog may need a transfusion are numerous. Some of the more common needs for a transfusion are, anaemia, ruptured spleen, surgery when there is a large blood loss, rat poisoning, as this causes internal bleeding, trauma, such as road traffic accidents, sepsis, cancer, kidney disease, infections and auto immune problems.

The red cells of blood cannot be stored for longer than 35 days, and then in a temperature-controlled fridge. However, the plasma part of the blood can be taken off and stored in a deep freeze for up to a year. The plasma contains all the clotting factors and is used for animals who have a problem with their blood clotting. There are few transfusion centres in the UK for animals, so most vets keep a list of dog or cat donors, and call on them when there is an emergency. As in humans, dogs and cats can give blood every 3-4 months. If you would consider your dog or cat to be a blood donor, speak to your vet.

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

DO HEADLINE WRITERS READ WHAT THEY WRITE?

Starvation can lead to health hazards

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My weight is totally over the top. I am 5 feet 7 inches tall and weigh close to 300 pounds. I was average weight in high school, but now I am

difficult to meet daily protein, vitamin and mineral requirements.

Get to a dietitian for diet advice that provides for essential nutrients while paring down calorie intake sensibly. Your local hospital should be able to put you on the track of one. Combine



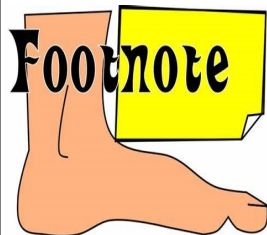
The answer to this question is, not always, as witnessed by this headline.

Thanks to Colin Clement who sent it, along with several others.

More next month if space allows.

WORD TRAIL No. 44 SOLUTION

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“The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this, we were unaware of many things that would have made our holiday more fun.”

Actual complaint received by Thomas Cook

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WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

Next month's
Word Search will
feature
**CHILDHOOD
ILLNESSES**

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ravens hidden somewhere inside
this issue.



SUDOKU SOLUTION

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A Parish Council Meeting was held on Monday the 12th of AUGUST 2024 in the British Legion, Long Lane. Nine Councillors attended and two members of the public.

Mr Storey gave an update on the Queen Elizabeth Hospital project and following the change in Government said the leader of Norfolk County Council will meet with new ministers and MP's to discuss priorities for Norfolk and ensure the QEH is still on plan for 2030. The Devolution Deal will also be discussed to ensure the best possible outcome is achieved for Norfolk's requirements. All Borough Council and Norfolk County Council news can be obtained via their websites.

The zip wire has been serviced, new junior swing seats installed and see-saw pods replaced with tyres. A new basketball unit has been purchased and will replace the existing in due course. Repairs to the concrete on the skate park have been undertaken, covered by the warranty. Areas under the zip wire, Viper swing, multiplay slide and junior swings will be resurfaced in rubber mulch after the school holidays. Weekly play equipment inspections continue to be carried out and the next quarterly inspection by Online Playgrounds is due in September.

Several people have been seen walking their dogs on the playing field. Dogs are NOT PERMITTED on the playing field although may be walked in car park area.

Changing Rooms electricity supply to be renewed with British Gas when the contract expires end September.

A Fire Risk Assessment has been carried out at the Changing Rooms and the Council are engaging with electricians to quote for work required.

The Council supported the Primary School's PTA's request to run a tuck shop from the Changing Rooms throughout the school summer holidays.

Residents are encouraged to deposit any glass waste into the bottle bank on the playing field as the Parish Council obtains recycling credits for every tonne collected.

A street light bracket outside 38 Long Lane will be replaced by K&M Lighting who will undertake a survey of all Council-owned street light brackets. They will also conduct electrical inspection, testing and certification of all Council-owned street lights.

Clerk to write to several properties around the village whose greenery overhangs pavements and roads. Residents are politely requested to trim back greenery to their boundaries, particularly if it is obstructing pedestrians on neighbouring footpaths.

Still no date from Flagship for work to recommence on the Long Lane development site.

Mrs Wilson thanked the Council for their donation towards this year's village fete which she said had been a success despite the awful weather. The 'Picnic in the Park' had also been well attended.

Please subscribe to the Council's website (<https://feltwellparishcouncil.gov.uk>) and Facebook page for latest news and notifications including RAF Feltwell demolition activities and road closures.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the British Legion on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7.30 pm. Everyone is 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.

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