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Editorial

Our first editorial meeting, socially distancing of course, was in Janet's garden where we sat and chatted and caught up on the past 21 weeks!

As we sat there in the balmy twilight, we suddenly realised that we had not discussed an editorial. One of our main topics was obviously coronavirus and how lucky we were in this area. However, thinking of the north Norfolk coast, it appears that visitors seem to be flouting the rules and whilst we often say, "Rules were meant to be broken", perhaps in these times, they are not. Social distancing, wearing masks and taking care and not congregating in numbers are really simple ways to help combat the spread of the virus. We appreciate that no one has all the answers, if indeed there are answers, as the news seems to change daily, but we can all do our bit to help.

Did anyone notice that there is now a section thanking our list of photographers? No, well check it out at the back of this issue.

We are struggling to keep the News alive as we all realise at the moment there is not a lot happening in the village, so please if you have anything, a ditty, poem, memory or just a suggestion or comment, we would love to hear from you.

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North Elmham Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 5th August, 2020 via Zoom

The following information is taken from the official Draft PC minutes which are issued by the Clerk once ratified by councillors at the subsequent meeting. The full official minutes can be viewed in the Post Office and on the Community website, once approved.

Those Councillors present were: Mrs. J. Borgnis (Chairman), Mr. M. Phillips, Miss A. Ferris, Mr. T. Fitzalan Howard, Mr. P. Grainger, Mr. J. Labouchere, Mr. M. Rayner and Mr. C. Smith

Also in Attendance: Mr. K. Webb (Clerk) and Mr. C. Hill (Elmham News)

Apologies for absence: Dr. P. Wade-Martins who has advised members of his intention to leave the Parish Council on 4th September, 2020 after many years of dedicated service.

Land Management Matters

Village Green: Two quotations for the work needed on the large tree on the edge of the Green have been obtained. The lower figure of £900 is to be accepted with the Parish Council paying half. Agreed by all. Similar problems have been notified with a tree near Cedar Close and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Cathedral Ruins: The property all looks in good order following the last site inspection with Julian Duffield on 30th July. Julian is aware of his responsibilities, but he will find it helpful to have a regular accompanied walk around every six weeks or so. It will be necessary to order the Hardy Landscapes Lynex remote-controlled cutter for this year's second cut of the steep slopes in October. English Heritage normally carries out an annual inspection in the autumn, although their current land agent is retiring. We

are aware that Julian does not like to use weed killers and prefers salt as an alternative. There is a signed contract with English Heritage.

Cathedral Meadows: The task of modifying all ten of the kissing gates to make them child buggy friendly will be undertaken by Ben Darby by the end of September. In the winter, parish council may wish to decide to seek bids from potential graziers for next year or to continue as at present. It is important to remember, though, that as the years go by without any fertiliser the grass becomes less productive and more wildflower-rich, so the fee the parish council will be able to charge for grazing may well decline. This decline in growth has become obvious during this year.

The Countryside Stewardship Scheme has two more years to run before it is due for renewal. Mr. Fitzalan Howard has a copy of the guidance notes which are issued each year to the sheep grazier to ensure he complies with the Stewardship conditions. There is also an original 10-year contract we have signed with Natural England.

Millennium Wood (and Jubilee Wood): The heavy metal gate to the Millennium Wood has been adjusted again.

Bridleway on the Disused Railway Line and Other Railway Linked Matters:

Mr. Rayner and Mrs. Borgnis have had a meeting with a representative of the Railway Company. They have plans to re-lay the track at Elmham Station in the future and to improve the level crossing in the shorter term which will have the effect of raising the level of the road. It is the intention to install a path when the track goes in from the buffers to the level crossing. That stretch of track is subject to a Transport and Works Order which means that the Railway Company cannot officially give permission for walkers to access it. However, they are content to allow people to continue to do so until a

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new footpath is constructed. The Railway Company has received advice from its solicitor regarding the interpretation of the wording of the transfer in respect of the status of the footpath from County School to the buffers. The Parish Council has asked for further clarification, but all parties agree that members of the public are allowed to walk freely along that stretch of the track bed. The footbridge at Church Lane is in a poor state and various access options are being considered. Mr. Rayner is to ask the Railway Company for a realistic timescale for the planned work on the crossing.

Prince William Wood: A wasp's nest has been reported and subsequently inspected by Mr. Fitzalan Howard. It is in a potentially dangerous position so a pest controller has been asked to remove it. A sign has appeared in the wood which says "pedestrians only, no cyclists". It was suggested that this should be replaced by a new sign with wording such as "Cyclists, please give way to pedestrians and proceed with caution"

Other Matters: Mr. Smith reported that a resident in Holt Road had requested the Parish Council to cut the verge near her house. This is not a service that the Parish Council can provide. Mr. Smith has offered to trim the area in question but it was agreed that he would simply advise the parishioner that alternative arrangements will need to be made in future. Mr. Fitzalan Howard reported that a response is awaited from the Trustees of the Eastgate Centre to a request for the car park being made available to vehicles whilst the new parking area in Eastgate Street is being undertaken.

Allotments

The taps have not yet been fixed but it is anticipated that they will be within the next week. The roadway has ruts and needs to be skimmed. Mr. Phillips will inspect in two weeks' time. Mr. Labouchere suggested a

contractor (Alec Crisp) who would be able to carry out this work.

Highway Matters (from PWM)

2019/20 Parish Partnership Scheme:

The start of the Eastgate Street parking scheme was postponed as the virus lockdown closed everything down. The immediate residents have been kept informed, and all is now on course to start on 24th August. The street will be closed to traffic during the construction period, and the local residents will be asked to avoid parking in that section of the street while work is in progress. Alternative long-term parking arrangements have been made for the two vans which have parked here in the past.

2020/21 Parish Partnership Schemes: The three new schemes have been agreed in outline and paid for, but my successor will need to guide them forward in conjunction with the NCC Highways engineers. It should be emphasised that while the schemes have been agreed, they are only in outline and the full details will still need to be discussed with Highways.

Blocked Drains and Poorly Swept Kerbs and Pavements: Dr. Wade-Martins has advised that, since he will be leaving, he has done nothing further about these matters, and his successor may wish to take these issues up with Breckland and NCC Highways (see details in the last minutes).

Flooding at the Railway Crossing:

Responsibility of the road surface at the railway crossing rests legally with the railway company, and it is disappointing that nothing has done to remove the build-up of silt from the sides of the crossing as reported last time. As a result, a pond forms at this point in heavy rain (photographs provided). The chairman of the railway company has been notified of the problem and is to remedy the situation in conjunction with Highways Department.

Speeding: It was agreed that Mr. Grainger should continue his dialogue with the



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Safer Neighbourhood Police Officer regarding the issue of speeding.

A road sign had previously been knocked over near the old Police House in Back Lane. This has not been replaced. In addition, two areas in Eastgate Street and Station Road have been dug up by Anglian Water and not restored to the original state. All these matters will be drawn to the attention of Highways Department.

Pavilion and Playing Field

The first junior football session is to be held shortly. The sum of £545.82, retained by the Parish Council since July, 2008 following the demise of the previous Club, will be transferred to the new Club when they open a Bank account. The pavilion is not yet available.

New Bin for Skate Ramp

A new bin is needed and the Clerk will order a similar one to that obtained from Glasdon for the area near the Cathedral Ruins in December 2019.

Reactivation of Anglian Water Accounts

Notification has been received from Anglian Water that, due to the current crisis, our two accounts have been paused. They have now asked for confirmation that the accounts can be reactivated and this has been given. Mr. Smith is to identify the precise location of the meter.

Youth Club Facilities

Mr. Fitzalan Howard said that the facilities for those under the age of thirteen years are good. However, there is not much available for older teenagers. He has spoken to some 15 and 16 year olds and they feel there is little to do. The following have been suggested – a basketball hoop with associated surface, a single "H" rugby post for kicking practice and a basic skate park. Mr. Fitzalan Howard is to carry out some initial research on availability and pricing. It is noted that there will be some funds available, at some stage, from the Brookside development.

Duties of Dr. Wade-Martins and Identification of New Members

Dr. Wade-Martins is to leave the Parish Council on 4th September. His duties will be re-distributed. In the meantime, the Chairman will act as go-between to facilitate the transfer of information. There are two people who have indicated an interest in joining the Parish Council.

Virtual Meetings with Housing Associations

All agreed to virtual meetings with the Housing Associations with hosting to be done by Breckland Council.

Provision of Facilities for Slimming World and Longham Football Club

The local Slimming World Consultant wishes to recommence her sessions in the Pavilion in September. We have been provided with a detailed blueprint for ensuring the safety of members together with a comprehensive Covid-19 risk assessment. The proposed start date is Thursday, 10th September.

Longham Football Club wishes to play their home games in the local Sunday League at North Elmham. This request has previously been agreed with a fee of £30 for each match. The Club has now asked if the charge can be reduced to £10 per game. An alternative figure of £20 per match was suggested. A vote resulted in three members in favour of £30, two in favour of £20 and two abstentions. It was generally felt that £30 is a very reasonable amount with a number of other parishes charging in the region of £50 for similar facilities. The Clerk will advise the Football Club of this decision.

Fire Service Youth Development Course With The Prince's Trust

A request has been received from the Fire Service enquiring whether the Parish Council would be prepared to consider involvement with the Prince's Trust personal development course for

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young people aged between 16 and 25 years. This would involve a community project with key factors such as design planning, fundraising and resourcing of materials through to ultimate completion. All members agreed in principle with the request and further details are to follow.

Planning Applications and Determinations

Applications

(i) Ivy Properties Ltd – Variation of Condition, changes to barns – Vicarage Farm, Church Lane (3PL/2020/0700/VAR) – no objections

(ii) Icon Architectural – new parking by with highway cross-over – 1 Pump Street (3PL/2020/0732/HOU) – no objections

(iii) Railway Arms – single storey dry store extension – The Railway Arms, 40 Station Road (3PL/2020/0678/F) – no objections

(iv) Garrod New Homes Ltd – additional room above garage to plot 1 – land off Eastgate Street, 1 Hay Meadow (3PL/2020/0785/F) – no objections

(v) Garrod Development Ltd – amended design for dwelling at Plot 3 – land rear of 36 Station Road (3PL/2020/0820/F) – no objections

Determinations

(i) Mrs. H. Hetherington – storage building and new extensions – Dale Farm, Great Heath Road Eastgate (3PL/2020/0560/HOU and 3PL/2020/0553/HOU) - approved

(ii) Mrs. Richmond – conversation of agricultural building to one dwelling – Park Farm, Heath Road (3PN/2020/0022/UC) - approved

(iii) Icon Architectural – side and rear extension and external refurbishment – Station House, Eastgate Street (3PL/2020/0497/HOU) – approved

A Family Connection

In the July Elmham News we wrote about a village postman who had been in the same job for many years and who had died in 1912. His surname was Hewett. We knew we would not have a great deal to write about this month as we are still in partial lockdown so I thought I would look in some scrapbooks from the 1980's and the first page that I looked at I found a newspaper photograph and text about another postman also with the same surname, who was retiring.

This was Ralph Hewett who just happened to be the son of Mr H.Hewett. Ralph was being presented with a certificate from the Dereham Postmaster, Mr Ron Potter for 25 years service with the Post Office.

The EDP went on to say 'Mr Hewett said he was looking forward to having a lie-in now that he was retiring. People used to set their clocks by me, he added, and I sometimes hooted my horn as an early morning call.'

Unlike his father, Ralph had a post van for his rounds. His father had to walk at the start of his career, later he had a pony and trap.

Janet Woodhouse

Letter to the Chairman of Parish Council and Elmham News

I was surprised to read in the records of the Parish Council Meeting in the August edition of Elmham News, that a decision was made, not to provide a picnic table in the Millennium Wood.

I believe this is a mistake. I would like to point out that the wood was developed as a village project where the individual trees were mostly planted by children and parents from our village.



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Given that the wood was developed in the community, wouldn't it be more appropriate if the village was asked their opinion about the provision of a picnic table and then a decision made upon the outcome?

For my own part, I often walk in the wood and have been pleased to engage with a number of parents, picnicking with their children. I have seen little, if any sign of litter being left behind. Surely in these difficult times, we need to facilitate and encourage families to make the most of this peaceful place.

I look forward to hearing your comments

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With the growth of housing in the village, we are going to have to increase our number of printed copies so we are always delighted to receive donations, however modest and your deliverer will be happy to take them if you like.

Bonfires

There are no laws against having a bonfire, but there are laws for the nuisance they can cause. You cannot get rid of household waste if it will cause pollution or harm to people's health.

It has been brought to our attention that recent bonfires in Eastgate Street have been very unpleasant. The weather being extremely hot, and the air still, meant that smoke lingered for a long time.

We would just like to remind people if having a bonfire to consider neighbours. Lots of washing on lines and open windows resulted in very smelly houses and a need to re-laundry washing!

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History of The Pound

My apologies for this history lesson before I write about the Pound but it is tied up with things going on during and after the Napoleonic Wars which is roundabout the time we think the Pound was built.

In the early 1800's the country needed more food. The population had dramatically increased and there was peace after years of unease. People were leaving the countryside and going to work in the industrial parts of the country further North and farmers weren't growing enough food to feed the population. This led to the Enclosure Acts. Enclosure meant hedges could be planted to contain animals or mark out fields on 'waste' or common land. Open fields and wastes were closed for use by the peasantry – wastes were supposed to be unproductive areas of land. Owners of cottages in the village had the right to make use of a certain amount of land on the heath and had to make a claim proving they had been using the land.

The Heath Road as we know it today was a track leading to the heath, a large uncultivated area of land. Parliament wanted to bring most of this land under cultivation. Large estates and farms wanted to enlarge their holdings (this was a time when agriculture was undergoing huge changes and farmers were being actively encouraged to change their thinking and farming ways. This was the time for new ideas of cultivation).

This whole period of time must have been deeply upsetting for the villagers desperately trying to grow a small crop or rear a few animals on the heath.

It would have been an intensely busy time for Parliament to have commissioners going around the country looking at heaths, moors, waste lands and ascertaining if they could be used for cropping and ultimately food for the population. If your village was part of an estate with wealthy owners, you can imagine that they would have been falling over themselves to ingratiate themselves with commissioners!

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This was a very complicated time in our rural history but the Sondes estate grew at that time, not that they did anything illegal but they had access to land agents etc to fight their corner and allow their farming land to grow.

Here is a little ditty written about this time in our history and it sums up the feeling of that time.

*"They hang the man, and flog the woman,
That steals the goose from off the common,
But let the greater villain loose
That steals the common from the goose".*

We don't have many pounds here in Norfolk, but in counties where animals especially sheep, are reared and are free to roam there are still umpteen pounds, Yorkshire and Lancashire are two counties where there are long lists of such enclosures. Sometimes they are called pinfolds. The two words, pounds and pinfolds come from the Saxon language.

Pounds and Pinfolds had been built in other parts of the country for many years before ours was built. No one seems to know just when our pound was built. It is certainly depicted on maps dating from 1833 and the Tithe Map of 1839. However, it may have been built long before those dates. The Pound is in a prominent position for the Heath, though some way away from it. The field immediately behind the Pound is called 'Pound Piece'.

Pounds were where stray livestock were impounded until claimed by their owners. A pound keeper was employed for feeding and watering any livestock kept in the pound. The owner would have to pay a fine in order to collect his animal. If the animal was not claimed in three weeks it was driven to market and sold – proceeds going to the impounder who found the animal on his land, and the pound keeper. I can imagine the angst there must have been if a poor cottager had no money and couldn't pay his fine... bad luck for him.

Our pound has walls just over 22 feet long, all round, and is built with a mixture of Flemish Bond and English Bond bricks and is just over 6 feet tall with coping stones on the top. I imagine there was a very sturdy padlock on the gate to prevent any poor soul trying to retrieve his animal. Animals which are used to being able to roam freely don't take too kindly to being confined so I imagine the noise must have been troublesome!

There was a brickyard which must have belonged to the Sondes estate, as it was on their land alongside the Brisley Road but so far I have been unable to find anything out about it. I am supposing that all our local buildings were made from these bricks. I checked all the Census returns from 1841 – 1911 looking for brickmakers and could only find two men who said that was their trade, they were Christopher Wilby and James Smith who said they were 'journeyman brickmakers'. I did find a number of bricklayers which

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makes sense as there was a lot of new building in the village at this time. Many of the older cottages in the village were demolished and rebuilt by the estate.

The pound is a Grade 2 listed building. This means it is of special architectural and historic interest. So the parish has to look after it and keep it in good repair.

During the 1840's, the Elmham estate had the Dovecote and Venison House built, both very attractive buildings, made to enhance the views across the parkland. The wall alongside our present road up towards the church was also built then as the old original road was closed (it went up through the park and came out in front of Nelson House.)

Was this when the Pound was built, an attractive building close to where the heath had been. I can't help wondering if the Pound predates the Enclosure Acts, before 1800 say. The siting of the building is on the edge of the parkland and easily seen.....did the Sondes family or their Land Agent say to visitors 'look what we have done for the village'.

On the other hand, it might have been built at the same time as the Dovecote. You decide.

It wasn't till I started writing this piece, that I realised I didn't have much knowledge about the Enclosure Acts so I bothered a number of folk for help. They were, John Labouchere, Tom Fitzalan Howard, David Yaxley, the Norfolk Record Office, Peter Wade Martins, Cornelia Bidewell and Andrew Macnair.

My grateful thanks to you all.

Janet Woodhouse

PS Dereham Times October 2003. Parish Council notes.

A letter was read from English Heritage stating its intention to schedule 'The Pound' as a Grade 2 listed monument.

The council welcomed this and hoped that this would mean future maintenance being taken over by English Heritage.



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Gardening Club

Hope you are all enjoying the summer as we head into autumn cannot believe it will be September when you receive this edition.

So this month I have taken a few photos from my garden, the first of a buddleia attracting butterflies and insects, a shrub that's easy to grow and needs little looking after but gives a lovely show of flowers available in different colours.

Several months ago our club had a talk from a fuchsia grower of which it was a plant I never had an interest in, but having purchased one that evening it was named Swanley Beauty a trailing single flower bush variety note the white tube white sepals and bright rose corolla one of the original dating back to 1875 by a grower named James Lye who was noted for growing fuchsia in a pyramid shape to a height of 8 to 10 feet and showing them at various shows no mean feat in those days. From that single flowered fuchsia, we now have many double and multi-coloured plants of which I have grown this year in pots and hanging baskets which have given a vibrant array of colour.

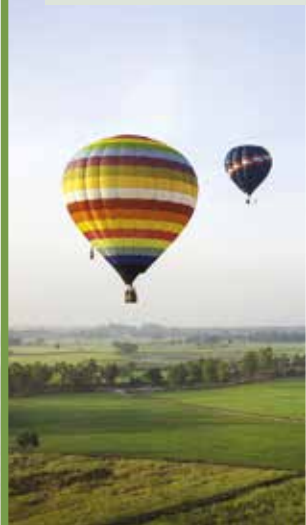
Tips for September

- Pot up some mint and parsley for the kitchen windowsill for fresh herbs though the winter
- Raise pumpkins and squashes off the ground to prevent rotting place them on wood or slate
- Pot up strawberry runners to make extra plants for next year
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- It is not too early to plant spring bulbs
- Prune climbing and rambling roses once they finish flowering

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Thank You for Your Kind Words

Last month I wrote about my mother and her lifetime love of gardening. A number of people contacted me saying that mother had shown them round her garden or that she had given them cuttings to be grown on. She always took cuttings to the doctor when an appointment was called for. I hope he took great care of them!

What very few people would have known about her was that she was not a Norfolk woman. She was always scruffy never caring a jot about what she looked like, with an acerbic tongue when she thought it was called for. She was never averse to telling you what she thought of someone who had upset her.

My mother was born in Singapore, her older sister was born in London. They had a Scottish mother and Australian father who was the manager of a rubber plantation in Malaya but he had itchy feet and wanted to go to the USA, my grandmother would not entertain the idea so they split up after a few years,

When my grandparents marriage broke down, my grandmother took my aunt to Australia and left her to be brought up by the Australian grandparents... not a happy childhood for my aunt. Then she came back to England with my mother with no means of support so they went to live with an aunt of my grandmother who liked travelling. They travelled all over the continent and here in the UK, my grandmother could drive so they went where the fancy took them.

My poor mother was put into the nearest convent school to wherever they were staying, never long in one place. So she could never stay long enough to make friends – her childhood was as unhappy as her sister's was. Thankfully she learned

to read at an early age and all her life she devoured books.

Now my grandmother never hung on to material things, new books always had their dust covers taken off and burned and mother always said all official papers went the same way. Many years later I asked mother where her birth certificate was. She said she had never seen it so we guessed it had been thrown away too. She said she had never seen her mother's birth certificate either. We could not get a replacement for it as Singapore was home to the Japanese army during WWII and many official buildings were destroyed, and really would it have made a difference years later.

Actually it did. When my grandmother died, she left my mother some jewellery and a legacy from her father who had died in 1932 and it wasn't until a fortnight before my grandmother died in 1964 that the Salvation Army contacted her to tell her about this legacy... she signed all the official papers and died quite suddenly a few days later. However, this was where my mother needed her birth certificate for identification. She couldn't have the legacy until she proved who she was. She had to go to a solicitor with someone who had known her for years, and both had to swear she was who she said she was!

I hope she was right

The moral of this story is... hang on to your birth certificate. Thankfully living in Britain we know so long as a birth is registered a copy can always be obtained. Wonder what happens to immigrants who arrive in the back of a lorry or in a dinghy across the Channel. They must be given something which proves they are who they say they are.

Janet Woodhouse

The background of the poster is a photograph of the North Elmham Kings Head Hotel. The building is a large, multi-story structure with a prominent chimney. In the foreground, there is an outdoor seating area with several tables and chairs, some of which are covered with white cloths. There are also several large, light-colored umbrellas providing shade. The overall scene is set in a lush, green environment with trees and a clear sky.

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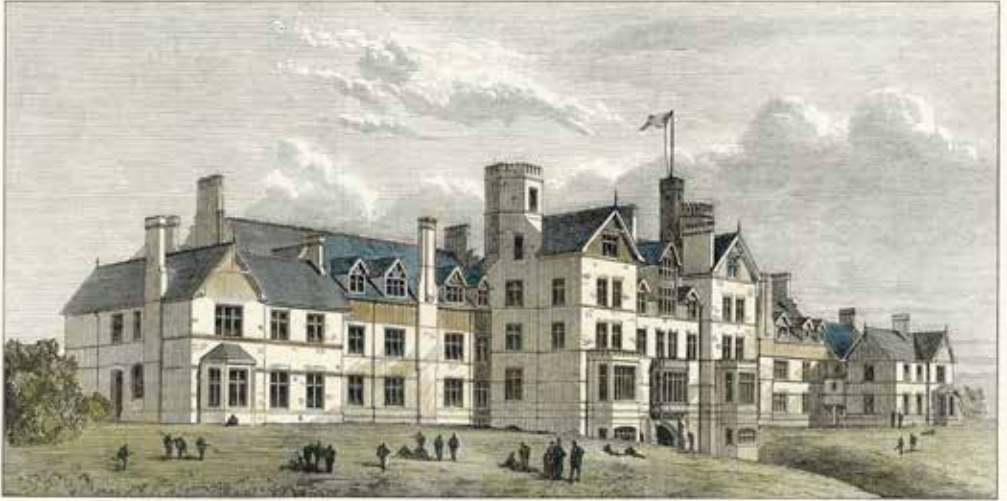
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The Log of the Wensum Norfolk Hero: Part One

The attached story comes from an in-house journal called , The Elmham School Times, from the boys school at County School, published in February 1877. The school was originally designed to cater for the sons of Gentlemen Farmers but was taken over by Barnardo's at the turn of the century as the Watts Naval Training School. The account provides a fascinating insight into the social fabric of life at the time and the ways that teenage boys were being prepared for life in the outside world.

"During the greater part of last year, the good boat Wensum Hero was a familiar object upon our river to those who read these pages. To see her was to wish to be in her; to be in her was a pleasure. She was some fifteen feet long by four feet broad. In four inches of water she floated easily, and enthusiasts declared her to be as light as a feather. She was withal a

safe boat. There was no need of carefully parting your hair in the middle to avoid destroying her balance. Her owner (E. Hudson) had for a time placed her at the disposal of two gentlemen who in the following narrative figure as the skipper and the chief officer.

It had often been debated whether our river was navigable for such a boat to Norwich. Local authorities doubted. Weirs, waterfalls, shallows and mill dams were known to exist pretty plentifully, but after much discussion it was determined to try , and a start was made on Tuesday, July 25th. Beneath one of the seats a square hamper containing the ships stores was placed, and in the stern reposed a large-bellied stone jar, which might have contained water – but didn't. The duty of supplying the stores devolved upon the chief officer, and he was not a good Templar.

Our complement was remarkable in its composition, though not quite so remarkable of a militia regiment in America, where it is popularly supposed to be a colonel, a major and eighteen other

officers to command one weak-kneed private. When we mustered on board we were found to be the skipper, the chief officer, and one somewhat diminutive individual who was forthwith dubbed "the crew".

A little crowd assembled on the banks to wish us "bon voyage", and at 2.30pm we dropped down the stream with a full stream and a fair wind. The course was known as far as Norton's Mill; there the difficulties of the expedition began. Mast, oars and stores were landed, the boat was dragged ashore and by the help of rollers was carried across a grassy peninsula to the nearest point below the mill where it was possible to float her. Equality was the order of the day, and skipper, chief officer and crew all tugged alike all with might and main. The miller's man not only turned out to assist, but requisitioned also the help of another individual of antique build, who soon made known his nautical qualifications by assuring us that in his early days he had sailed the seas, - "Not a ditch like this, sir; but blue water. Aye, I've seen something, I have, I can tell you. Have I ever been in a storm? I should think I have. Waves? Pooh, as high as Elmham Tower, - mountains high." Before embarking the stone jar was produced, and our friend the mariner was in his element. His tongue was loosened, and his adventures grew marvellous. The last we saw of him was when we were shooting Billingsford bridge. He stood on the brink, waved his arms, and bawled after us: "Mountains High".

Soon afterwards we had considerable difficulty in overcoming the floating weeds which in the narrower bends collected and choked the river. For a mile or so it was necessary to land and tow the boat over these recurring obstructions, - a work of no little labour. But ere long we were rewarded by a fine stretch of clear sailing water, which wound round and gave us pleasant views of Bylaugh Park. Some swans bore us company,

and now and then an alarmed water hen would scurry across the river, leaving for a moment a furrow upon the otherwise glass-like surface. Near Swanton there is a waterfall, marking the placewhere until some twenty years since stood a paper mill. This compelled us to lighten the ship once more, and haul the boat over land for some fifty yards. The banks being rather high, we were for some time at a loss how to proceed, until a gentleman living near came to our aid and very courteously helped us over our difficulty. Hoisting the sail, we skimmed on our way merrily, driving before us a pair of swans, who were evidently somewhat astonished at such an unusual intrusion on their domains. A troupe of youngsters ceased bathing, and, rushing to the bank, testified their good will by giving us an exhibition of their saltatory powers. How they whooped and yelled. A band of native Australians celebrating their national dance might perhaps equal them in voice and grimaces, to surpass them would be impossible. A large egg was seen floating down the stream. The chief officer suggested it was a swan's egg; the skipper doubted; but, as the crew seemed especially interested, efforts were made to secure the prize. Alas! It was the egg of a goose! And rotten! Faugh! Life is full of disappointments. As the sail was down, we piped to dinner, and we question whether the Lord Mayor and his aldermen to boot ever enjoyed a repast as much as we did ours. At 6.45 we started again, and soon reached Elsing, where a double difficulty awaited us. For some sixty yards, weeds a foot thick lay in our way, forming a miniature Sargasso Sea, and at the end of this stood a mill, which necessitated another landing. No miller's man appeared here, though a few shouts brought down a whole army of native infantry whose united efforts bore the boat safely across the portage. A sixpence and a few coppers sent them away rejoicing, to revel, no doubt, in the wild dissipation afforded by the village

shop. The setting sun warned us to lose no time, and, as the wind has fallen, we settled to our oars and tugged away steadily till we came to Ling.

Here an ovation awaited us. The population turned out to meet us en masse. The number of babies was astonishing. Advice as to where to land and how to land was freely given, and, selecting a quiet spot near the ford, we prevailed upon an old lady to allow us to moor our craft under the shelter of her garden wall. On enquiring about the hostel accommodation of the place, we were rather damped on finding that beds were limited. But needs must sometimes; so putting a good face upon the matter, we accepted what we could with good grace, and calling for porters, prepared to seek our inn. One sturdy individual seized a portmanteau, another the mast, a third the rudder, a fourth the square hamper, whilst a fifth hugged affectionately the

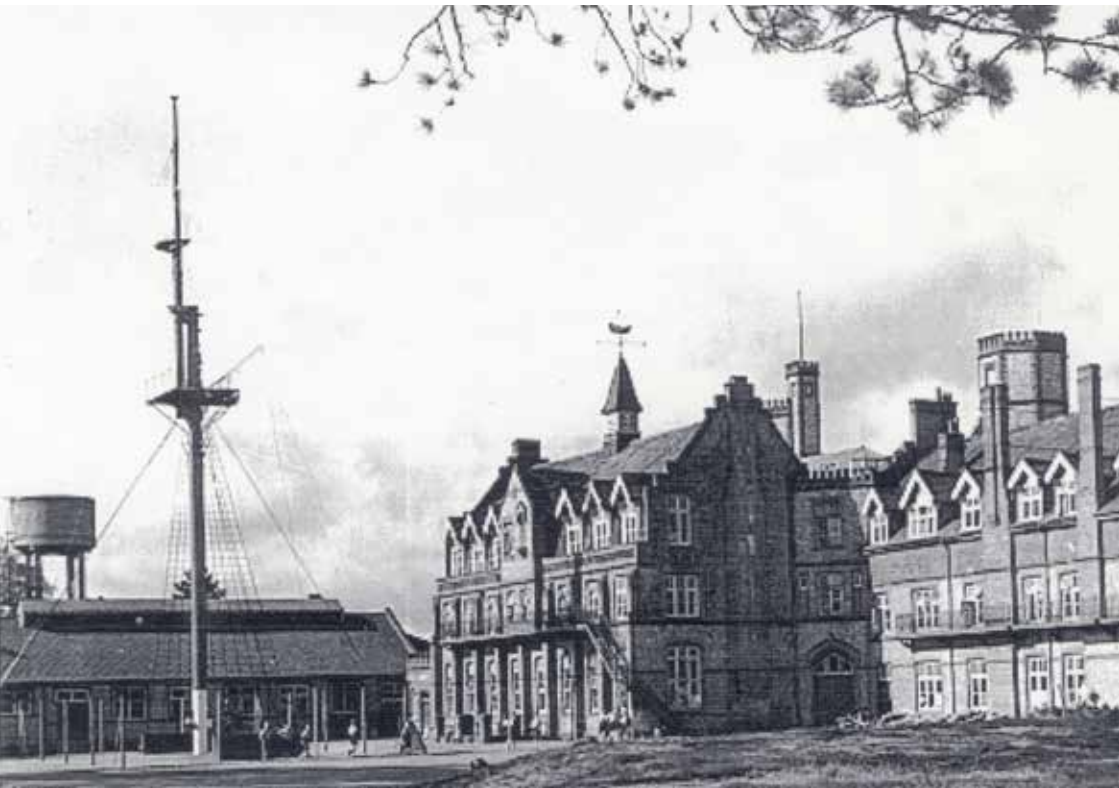
stone jar. Gently shaking it, he sighed, for it was empty. Thus attended, and respectfully followed by a regiment of women and children, we gained the King's Head (august appellation for a very humble abode), and disappearing to view, left the landlord to discharge the debt due to our zealous camp followers. That night we slept the sleep of the weary.

Notes: Elmham Mill was known as Norton's Mill in the 1800s when owned by generations of the Norton family.

Some place names differ in their spelling to those in current use.

In Part Two, our intrepid heroes continue their quest. Will they succeed? Will the crew become mutinous? Will the boat spring a leak? Find out in the next exciting instalment.

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Wildlife at the Cathedral Meadows



We've now recorded well over 1,000 different species of insect at the meadows since the wildlife survey began in April 2018. That's just scraping the surface – some of the most species-rich insect groups, like several families of flies and wasps, are very difficult to identify and haven't yet received much attention. I've tried a bit harder with other groups, like bugs and beetles, each with well over 100 species identified so far, but I'm finding new ones all the time and there must be hundreds more still to be discovered at the meadows. Even with moths, the insects I know best and have looked hardest for, the 520 species I've identified here so far is less than half the number that I'm sure could be found there given a more dedicated effort over a few years.

The latest addition to the moth list is a nationally scarce moth called a Marsh Pug (photo 1), unusual among pugs as it flies in the daytime. The pugs are renowned as being challenging to identify as they're mostly brown and quite weakly marked. Marsh Pugs can be relatively distinctive but this one was quite a dark and plain individual so took a bit more effort to determine. Some recent night-time sessions with lights have produced a good array of moth species ranging



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from large furry mammal-like ones like the Drinker (photo 2), through colourful ones like the Cream-bordered Green Pea (photo 3) and Rosy Footman to intricately patterned examples like the Beautiful China-mark (photo 4). Until two years ago the Saltmarsh Knot-horn was only known in Norfolk as a rare migrant visitor to our coasts, but it now seems to be colonising – not just in saltmarshes – and we had the first record for this part of the county at the meadows recently.



One family of flies that I've been learning about recently is the family of Picture-winged Flies. As their name suggests, some of these have remarkable patterns on their wings and a good example is the Four-banded Knapweed Gall Fly (photo 5). This species causes a fruit of a Knapweed flower to swell, accommodating the fly's larva until it's ready to pupate and emerge as an adult fly. Such swellings and other distortions in plants that house insect larvae (or in some cases mites or fungi) are known as galls. Other galls that are very prolific at the moment can be found on the underside of Oak leaves. They are disc-like galls called Spangle Galls and based on the number per leaf and the number of affected leaves I could see in a small section of one tree, I estimated there must have been over 100,000 living on just that tree. At least two species were involved, Common Spangle Galls and Silk Button Galls (photo 6), and each gall would have contained a single larva of a tiny wasp (don't worry – not the type that might sting you).



I've focussed entirely on insects this month so let me finish with something else – snails. There are a few different types of snail at the meadows but one I've seen more than ever before this year is the distinctively-shaped Amber Snail (photo 7). They like the damp uncut area in the north-east corner of the meadows and are recognised by the base of the shell being very much larger than the little coils at the tip of the shell.

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Please could you take the time to complete the survey which will ask you about your understanding of the screen. (An understanding of the screen is not needed to complete the survey, and all answers are anonymous.)

This research will be presented at a conference in December which looks at the 'Uses of the Past'.

The survey can be found here and is comprised of four questions: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VQ5XJ8L>

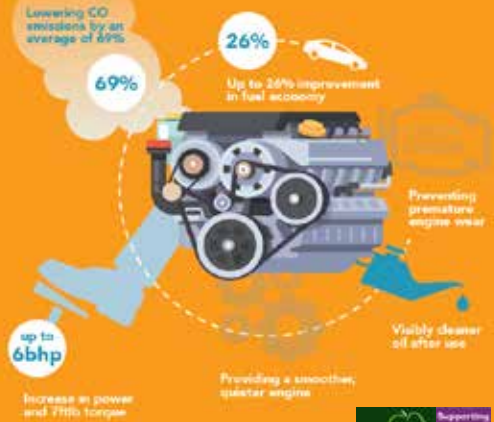
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N.B. You do not need to know what a rood screen is to complete the survey, but you are welcome to look it up beforehand if you want to. The best place for a quick look would be here: <http://www.norfolkchurches.co.uk/northelmham/northelmham.htm>

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A large number of Elmham lads had enlisted in the Norfolk Regiment and early in the war they were on their way to India. They stopped off in South Africa, presumably for provisions and set sail again, but were diverted to Singapore. No one could imagine what would happen to these lads, what barbaric and atrocious things were in store for them. After some cruel fighting they were taken prisoners on February 15th 1942 when Singapore was taken by the Japanese.

Charlie Frost was awarded the Military Medal for his bravery, fighting in a Chinese cemetery before being taken prisoner. I asked Charlie how he managed to keep his sanity when all around was wanton

cruelty and he told me that country boys fared better than city boys. Country lads were fitter than the city boys. He also said that when he came home no one wanted to know much about what they had been through so he kept quiet. Charlie also said that the Korean guards were some of the cruellest he could remember.

I asked Bill Garrod if he still had nightmares about being a prisoner. He said he did. In his dreams he remembered the screams from friends who had ulcers on their legs. With no medication nor medical equipment the men had to be held down by their friends whilst someone else had to scrape the ulcer out with a spoon. No doctors or medics to help. Then they had to work the next day.

We cannot imagine how ghastly it was.

It seems trite to blithely say we must not forget them, but as time marches on, other wars have to be fought and the cycle goes on. Why don't we ever learn?

Janet Woodhouse

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Funny Story

I went to the cemetery the other day to do some gardening and lay flowers. When I arrived, I noticed six grave diggers walking around with a coffin on their shoulders.

When I left three hours later, they were still walking, and I thought to myself...

These guys have lost the plot!

Poker

I started playing poker last year, having not played for many years and then it was just with family and close friends playing with pennies. I had been looking to play again, but didn't want to play online — as a friend said the other day, it's the Devil's game!!! So I looked on line to see if any local pubs or clubs played poker.

It looks as if there are about thirty pubs and clubs in Norfolk that play poker, two in Dereham, so I decided to try the Gemini as it is on my side of town. I went along and joined their group as they have two tables of eight or nine on each table. We all put in small amounts of money and it's shared out to the first three on the night. They are a good bunch of chaps, heavy drinkers and smokers, just glad they have to go outside to smoke!

They have three seasons in a year, in my first season I finished fifth, pleased with that as I had missed the first few weeks, The first three or four players qualify for the regional finals at Luton, the player who finished first couldn't find his passport for ID at the casino, so I qualified in his place. It was quite an experience, twenty tables with about 190 players. I came 119th, was playing for two and a half hours, the others from the Gemini came 28th and 61st.

The second season I came 3rd, so off to Luton again, this time there were 220 people, all from the East and South East

of the country. We started at midday, and as players were knocked out it came up on the giant screen. It was some time before it got to below 200 people as the casino could only hold 200. I was still in at the lunch break. Our top player was out after only about 20 minutes. As they say that's poker.

Next came the tea break, I was still in! Each time Rue came to my table my chips stake had gone up... she was hoping that I would soon be knocked out as she was not feeling very well. At this time there were about 30 players left. Then they announced the top 15 players would qualify for the National Finals to be played in March 2020! Then I made 15th, we had just two tables. I just missed the final table by one, finishing 11th out of 220 players, very pleased. I had been playing from midday to 7.30 pm . We are still waiting for the National Finals!!

They were thinking a few months back it would be in September 2020. These Finals will also be played at Luton. Fingers crossed if I do as well again there will be free tickets for Las Vegas!

In the lockdown Rue and I have been playing poker at home. Rue played in the last game before the lockdown at the Gemini, and she came third. This was her first game of poker in the club. Some of the men were a bit miffed, saying she must have been playing online!! When we get back to normal, if we ever do, we will be playing on Thursdays at 7.00 pm at the Gemini.

Rod Chapman

Eds note: Congratulations Rod, you must be feeling very pleased. Having to concentrate and remember all the time what your opponents are doing must be very stressful.

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When You First Learned To Read

Do you have a book that you learned to read when you were very young? When I was a youngster I read most of the classics and adored Enid Blyton which were always pure escapism. However at a very young age I fell in love with Alison Uttley and Little Grey Rabbit. One sentence Little Grey Rabbit uttered has stayed with me all my life and I am reminded of it every time I hang out the bed linen on the washing line. I know this is daft as I am in my mid 70's now but as I am putting the pegs in the sheets I hear myself saying "always put the sheets out to dry in the moonlight, the moon will bleach them". Stupid the things that stick in the mind!

A cautionary story. I taught mainly 6 and 7 year olds in primary schools and I always used to say to the children "it doesn't matter what you read so long as you are reading!"

I took a huge pile of my son's comics into school for the children to look at when it was too wet to go outside for playtime. I think they were Spiderman comics. One of the boys was mesmerised with these comics, so I told him if he liked he could take some home. He did. The next day his father came in, all 6'6" of him, and he told me in no uncertain terms never, ever let his son read such drivel! He was only to read proper books. Poor lad I hope he did sometimes read drivel for pure escapism.

Janet

I remember that during the war I loved a book called "Kokwa the Koala" which had a yellow cover and my grandad used to read it to me. Heaven forfend if he missed a word out as I always managed to pick him up. About five years ago, I'm not sure what triggered my memory of Kokwa, but I had discovered a website called "Abe Books" who seem to hold a nationwide catalogue of 100's of bookshops in the UK. I put in the name and waited to see if there was

anyone out there with a 75 year old book or was it just a made up memory.

They came up trumps and for the princely sum of £9.25, I am the proud owner of "Kokwa, a little Koala Bear" by Theresa Kalab, with a cute Koala in a tree on a yellow background!

Meg

My early memories of books are sitting with my mum after lunch every day and she would read me stories. There was no particular book that I had a preference for, I just loved being with my mum and being read stories. I could read when I started school and I can remember the series of books we had in Mrs. Bales' class. They were about a farmer called Old Lob and his wife and children!

I always read to my children and now my grandchildren and I use silly voices and accents for characters in books and like Meg with her grandad, if I do the wrong voice/accents I'm told in no uncertain terms, "It's not right nanny". Books are a great way to spend time together and when we are adults, we never forget those times.

Caroline

Learning to read for me was the usual Janet & John style approach. And like most boys of my age, I opted for comics to further my education ('Topper' and 'Beano' being my favourites - I couldn't wait for these to be delivered each Thursday). I then progressed onto 'Look In' as a young teenager (remember that?) and took a Saturday job in Castleford outdoor market on a comic and magazine stall which broadened my education even further!

It is very sad to say that the first proper book that I read was 'To Kill a Mocking Bird' for my English Literature O' Level. Harper Lee was my inspiration for more avid reading and a life-long passion for books which has passed onto my daughter.

Chris



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St Mary's Church

As summer slips into autumn, we can all reflect on probably the strangest spring and summer we have ever known. We have been 'lucky' here in Norfolk, in that the incidence of Covid-19 has been relatively low, and my prayer is that you and your loved-ones have remained safe and well.

We're not out of the woods yet, though, as we all know, and we face an uncertain future, until such time that the world can get the virus under control.

I turn to the Psalms. We tend to focus on those that praise God and give thanks. But there's a wonderful library in the book of Psalms that speak of lament, sorrow, grief and longing. From Psalm 13:

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for ever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

It's a powerful message of hope. Whatever we face, God, our God, is holding us in our torment and will carry us through to a brighter hope and better future.

Let us hold on to Him in that hope, and hold together as we reflect on the future of our communities as we open up – slowly, steadily and safely.

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St Marys News

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Since lockdown the fourteen churches of the Heart of Norfolk Benefice have been sharing services via Zoom. Until recently these have been taken from Sally's study, but the aim is to install wifi in our churches (currently Guestwick is the only one with wifi) so that services can be relayed to those unable to attend.

Some may have noticed that there has been work levelling in the new church yard. A layer of good topsoil has been put on top of sunken graves and grass seed sown. It all looks rather raw at the moment, but by the spring when the grass has grown it will look far tidier and possible to mow.

A word of warning: people have taken to parking outside the church on the blind bend to visit the ruins or walk in Millenium Wood and Cathedral Meadows when the small parking area outside the ruins is full. This is very dangerous and it would be far better to park on the other side below the park gates.

Don't forget the sponsored bike walk and drive ride on 13th September. Stop off at as many churches and chapels as you can to raise money for both your local church and the Norfolk Churches Trust. Sponsor forms are available online.

Susanna Wade Martins

Worthing News

Before we begin to share news for this month and for those who do not catch up using our Heart Of Norfolk Churches Facebook page... it is with enormous pleasure and delight to share with you that in August, Worthing wedding celebrations swept through the village for the first time this year.

When many couples would normally be arranging the reading of their banns, wedding ceremony and reception, of course this year with Covid-19, there were many challenges to overcome before the big day.

Starting with the help of Mum Angela Stewart (Gowing) and obtaining the Bishop's Licence through the Diocese Registrar – Stuart Jones, Peter Gowing and his wonderful bride Eirini with their dog Crackle (best man!) arrived safely in Worthing to begin their married life together.

It truly was a family working together when only the evening before, our lockdown measures changed which meant the reception venue was forced to cancel. However, with a little rearranging and sitting in Worthing's churchyard under the Oak Tree for shade, the family and our Team Rector Sally Kimmis arranged a picnic for the party of 20 to toast the happy couple with a glass of "bubbly" and nibbles.

May we all wish Peter & Eirini great joy and happiness together. Many, many congratulations.

Following a successful afternoon in August you are welcome to join us for our second...

**Open-Air Afternoon Visit at
St Margaret's Church – Worthing**

**Wednesday 9th September
3.00–4.00 pm**

To help ease everyone back into visting our wonderful churches, St Margaret's Church would like to invite you to an informal

open-air afternoon listening to a selection of music, traditional hymns and readings.

If you would like to take part and have a particular piece of music, hymn or reading to be included, please let me know.

For those who enjoy the Belgian Detective series created by Agatha Christie "Hercule Poirot," our much-loved David Suchet will be reading a sample of scriptures during the afternoon using his CDs.

Some seating and blankets will be provided however, please bring along your own refreshments. Pets welcomed

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The Norfolk Churches Trust

St Margaret's will be open on Saturday, 12th September from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm to meet and greet all enthusiasts taking part either on bike, walking or even travelling by car is now permitted.. This annual sponsored event is in aid of Norfolk Churches Trust and everyone is invited to join in and visit as many churches in the County.

If you wish to take part, it's not too late so please come out and support your local church.

Sunday Church Services Resume!

Our September Service Pattern is 13th September, Holy Communion and 27th September, Morning Praise, both starting at 9.30 am.

We hope you can join us.

Celia Daniels

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Heart of Norfolk Churches Provisional Sunday Service Plan for September 2020

6th September

9.30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Guestwick	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10.30 am	Bawdeswell	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Stibbard/ Wood Norton	Morning Prayer

13th September

9.30 am	Guist/Twyford/ Worthing	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Foulsham	Family Communion
9.30 am	North Elmham	Morning Prayer
10.30 am	Bawdeswell	'The 10.30'

20th September

9.30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Foulsham	Morning Prayer
10.30 am	Bawdeswell	All-Age Communion
11.00 am	Stibbard/ Wood Norton	Holy Communion

27th September

9.30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Bawdeswell	Word & Praise
11.00 am	Guist/Twyford/Worthing	Morning Prayer

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Meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Sports Pavilion, commencing at 7:30 pm. Parishioners are entitled to attend and are most welcome. Our County and District Councillor is also in attendance whenever possible. If, in between meetings, you wish to raise a specific matter for the attention of the Parish Council - please refer to the contact list above.

And finally...

Have you got something interesting you would like to say or think others might be interested in something you do - why not write to us (preferably by email) and let us know, we are always on the lookout for new contributors.

- just email the Editors, simple.

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