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# **EDITORIAL**

The Jubilee Celebrations went down really well and everyone who attended had a good time. Well done to the Parish Council for organising the event. We hope you enjoy some of the numerous photographs that were taken and included in this edition.

This Jubilee weekend saw an incredible amount of money raised for charity, either for the Disasters Emergency Committee for Ukraine and also for the Dereham Ukraine Aid Centre in Dereham, which is doing such good work. Earlier in the month, the lovely Soup for Ukraine lunch also raised a splendid amount for the DEC. Thank you everyone for your generosity in supporting such a worthwhile but necessary cause.

This month sees the annual Flower Festival burst forth with "All that's Royal" when

tributes will be paid in flowers. Do try and spare a little time to visit the church which will be full of colour and perfume and interesting photos from the Archive Group.

You will read of the recent fire in Eastgate Street and hopefully look at the Fire Officer's advice. Fortunately, no one was hurt. Talking among ourselves, the Editors posed the question of what to do if there is a fire downstairs and you are upstairs, and the front door is locked? Take your keys to bed with you and then you could throw them out of the window for someone else to open the door? Check you have a linked Fire Alarm System so that you can hear it wherever you are.

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# NORTH ELMHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

#### **WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2020**

The following information is taken from the Draft PC minutes and may be expanded where the Editors feel more explanation is necessary. The full official minutes can be viewed in the Post Office and on the Community website, once approved.

**Councillors Present Were:** Mrs. J. Borgnis (Chairman), Mr. M. Phillips, Miss A. Ferris, Mr. T. Fitzalan Howard, Mr. B. Gee, Mr. P. Grainger, Mrs. A. Keeble, Mr. M. Rayner and Mr. C. Smith

**Also in Attendance:** Mr. K. Webb (Clerk) and two parishioners

**Apologies for absence:** Mr. J. Labouchere and Mr. N. Markwell

#### **Public Participation**

It was asked if a photographer could be provided for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. There was no objection to this suggestion but it was felt by all that the photographs should be made available in a digital format to facilitate easy accessibility.

# **Update on Affordable Housing Scheme**

A public information session is to be held in the Pavilion on 6th July between 3.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. This will be advertised in the Elmham News and on both the website and Facebook page.

## **Land Management Matters**

**Village Green:** Mr. Gee was thanked for all his work on the signs and entrance gates. It was noted that a resident of Cedar Close has cut the hedge and the area next to the hedge which is on Parish Council land. The Chairman will forward a letter to residents in the locality reminding them of requirements.

Cathedral Ruins: Hardy Landscape have cut the banks using the remotely controlled mower. One of the horse chestnut trees has fungi. English Heritage has confirmed that it is being monitored.

**Broom Green:** The grass has been cut. There is an issue with potholes. A resident has caused some problems with parking.

**Millennium Wood (and Jubilee Wood):**Messrs Brown and Duffield are proceeding with work on the two new seats.

# Bridleway on Disused Railway Line and Other Railway Linked Matters

A copy of the notes/minutes of the meeting from Breckland Council has been obtained. The following points have been reproduced from the notes:-

- 1. The variation was agreed subject to Mid Norfolk Railway not registering the land as a permissive footpath. Trustees of Mid Norfolk Railway will need to agree to this.
- 2. Mid Norfolk Railway representatives at the meeting had no issue with the footpath remaining open and they were happy to remove signage, they just need flexibility on the covenant to close the footpath occasionally to safely undertake works. North Elmham Parish Council was happy with this.
- 3. Look at whether it as possible to remove the clause regarding 'horseback'.

#### **Highway Matters**

Mr. Grainger reported that Westcotec had advised that the old cameras are too old to convert. It is possible, however, to purchase an enhanced battery incorporating solar charging for about £50.

# **Pavilion and Playing Field**

Mr. Smith reported that the Football Club officials are content with the proposed fees as previously advised. The barrier and basketball hoop are being repaired.

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#### **Eastgate Centre**

A lunch for Ukraine had raised over £700.

# Risk Management Considerations and Updates

The Parish Council policies are to be reviewed with the aim of them being renewed at the next meeting.

# Village Green Board Displaying Names of Contributors to the Fund Raising

Mr Gee was thanked for his work on this.

# Improvements to the Frontage of North Elmham School

The bill of £200 to make gate access in the railings at the front of the school has been paid by both the Parish Council and the school. Mr. Winterbourn is to make a refund of £200 to the school.

#### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022

Arrangements, as previously advised, are proceeding.

# Approval of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

Mr. Phillips and the Clerk had attended a meeting with the Internal Auditor, Mr. George Murray, at which he presented the Annual Internal Audit Report for 2021/2022. Copies of this document were subsequently circulated to all members.

- (a) The Annual Governance Statement for 2021/2022 was submitted for consideration. All agreed to approve this document. (Proposed by Mr. Fitzalan Howard and seconded by Mr. Smith)
- (b) The Accounting Statements for 2021/2022 were also accepted by all. (Proposed by Mrs. Keeble and seconded by Mr. Fitzalan Howard).

The above documents, together with required additional reports, will be forwarded to the External Auditors.

It was decided to withhold payment to the CGM Group until the contracted work is

satisfactorily carried out. A site meeting is to be requested to confirm the grounds maintenance requirements. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Mr. Gee, Mr. Smith and the Clerk will attend.

# Planning Applications and Determinations

#### **Applications**

Erection of single-storey, oak-framed orangery to rear – 3PL/2022/0613/HOU – 4 Spring Meadow – no objections.

#### **Determinations**

- (i) Proposed installation of 14 solar panels (rear roof elevation) Certificate of Lawfulness Grey Gables, Pump Street approved.
- (ii) Non material amendment to 3PL/2019/0874/F Brookside Farm, 74 Holt Road approved.

#### Correspondence

- 1) Biffa advice of rate increases with effect from 25/6/22 (visits £11.72, up from £10.92 and rental £1.05 per week, up from £0.84).
- 2) Acknowledgement from BHIB of renewal of insurance.
- 3) Request from 2nd Dereham (Toftwood) Scout Group to use Millennium Wood for a wide game on 1st July, 2022- agreed.

# Any Other Matters (For Information Only)

General concern was expressed regarding an anonymous complaint in Elmham News, which was acknowledged as an excellent publication. It was felt that the criticism was unfair and inaccurate. It was disappointing that the Parish Council had not been given the opportunity to comment.

A request had been received from a parishioner to plant a tree in memory of a resident who had passed away. It was agreed to ask for further information, e.g. the type of tree.



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#### Agenda items for next meeting

Annual review of policies.

#### Next Meeting

Wednesday, 6th July 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

# **DONATIONS IN MEMORY**

It's not too late if you would like to give a donation in memory of loved ones. The Book of Remembrance will be on show over the Flower Festival Weekend and the money will go towards the cost of the flowers.

Any amount is most acceptable and if the donation can be placed in an envelope with all the details and given to Meg White, 2 Cathedral Drive, 668302, we would be most grateful.

# **EACH DONATION**

On Friday the 27 May 2022 a cheque for £750 was presented to the Dereham branch of the East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH). This was a share of the money raised by the Plant and Produce stall opposite the church last year. So, thank you to all the people who contributed to the fund raising effort ,the money was very much appreciated.

Jean Mayne, Tish Moore and Jo Fitzalan Howard.

# **JULY DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tue 5th	Knit and Natter	Pavilion	2.00 pm
Wed 6th	Broadland Affordable Housing Presentation	Pavilion	3.00–7.00 pm
	Parish Council	Pavilion	7.30 pm
Wed 13	Tea @ Two	Memorial Hall	2.00 pm
Thu 14th	Wives+All visit to Yarmouth	Starts Cathedral Drive	4.45 pm
Sun 24th	Visit to Cambridge Botanic Gardens		ТВА
Sat 30th	Flower Festival Car Boot Church open Refreshments Tower Open	Opposite Church Memorial Hall	10.00 am 10.00–5.00 pm 10.00–4.00 pm 11.00–3.00 pm
Sun 31st	Flower Festival Church open Refreshments Tower Open Free Vintage Bus Rides	Memorial Hall Round village	10.00–4.00 pm 10.00–4.00 pm 11.00–3.00 pm See timetables

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Walking Group	Jenny Cunningham 01362 668224
Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society	Sue Gale publicity@wvbs.gmail.com
Wives + All	Gill King 01362 668530
Young Farmers	Steven Britton 07810 897792

The whole event was witnessed by a small crowd, and amazingly some close neighbours slept through the blue flashing lights, fire fighters rolling out hoses, spraying water and athletically running around jumping fences.

Thirty minutes later all was under control and dowsed down. Fire fighters thoroughly checked the house for residual high temperatures and fumes before letting the Ford family return to their beds to catch up on lost sleep, if they could!

As you can see from the photos the destruction was extensive and caused thousands of pounds worth of damage, but thankfully because of quick thinking and action no one was hurt. The fire officer in attendance said that had the call to them been five minutes later, the house would have caught fire, with serious consequences.

#### **ADVICE from the Fire Service**

- → Have an emergency escape plan from your home in the event of fire
- → Install and use smoke detectors that can be heard in any room in your home
- Ensure ready access to door and window keys to aid escape
- Close internal doors at night and when leaving your home to stop fire spreading
- If you discover a fire, leave the house immediately. It is surprising how quickly flames can spread

This was the second major fire in the village in the last 18 months. It was caused by an overloaded extension lead. Electrical fires are the most common types of fires, followed by candle use and then smoking.

Through this article, Jo, Stuart and the village as a whole, wish to express their thanks to the fire fighters of Dereham.

Chris Hill

# OPEN GARDENS AT ELMHAM HOUSE

I just thought you would like to know how much we managed to raise for Ukraine on the Jubilee weekend

Thank you so much for all your amazing help.

I am going to look into who to donate the money to. I thought local would be good. I will investigate the Dereham Ukraine Aid Centre in Wright's Walk near the library that I have heard is doing a good job.

We raised...

Books: £73.93, Bric a Brac: £156.07, Plants: £302.46, Teas: £758.00 a magnificent total of £1290.46

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Jo Fitzalan Howard



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which has been sent to the D.E.C. Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Grateful thanks to all those who gave their time as well as generous donations to this urgent appeal.

Jenny Cunningham

Ed's note: Well done everyone.

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We are hoping that the weather will be kind to us this summer, especially the last weekend in July, the 30th and 31st.

There will be a Flower Festival in the church with decorations having a Royal theme. Each time there is an occasion like this, we think we'll never get enough arrangers to come and produce these wonderful floral arrangements... and we always do!

If you are young and sprightly there will be trips up the Tower for fantastic views around the village. If you have a hip or knee problem – take your time!

There will be various stalls, Bric-Brac, Plants, Raffle, Books etc and if you fancy a cup of tea and a homemade cake the Memorial Hall will be the place to head to.

On Saturday 30th from 10 am there will be a Car Boot sale opposite the church with car parking over the cattle grid. Let's hope someone finds something of great value there! Wouldn't that be wonderful.

As well as the flowers in the main part of the church, there will be many photographs on display in the St John's Room. Last year it was interesting to be a fly on the wall and listen discreetly to what was being said....."Do you remember when, what was his name, where was that and so on. Perhaps if you had children here in the past you might discover some of the things they got up to!!! If you or someone you know has lived here a

long time and has photographs we can copy, the Archive Group will be delighted to receive them.

There will be music in church playing in the background. We have some talented musicians in the village who will gladly play for us to add to the atmosphere.

If you live in the village and fancy a ride on a vintage bus for Free there will be one running on the Sunday only. It will be doing a circuit going through the village and on to County School Station. See the timteable overleaf and there will be timetables posted around the village nearer the time. Younger children love it.

There will be a 'Songs of Praise' to finish the weekend starting at 4.30pm on Sunday 31st July.

If you enjoy baking, the Memorial Hall will be the place to take any cakes, buns, tarts, whatever you enjoy making to help fill plates there. We always put out pleas for things to sell and are always delighted to receive plants, Bric a Brac, books, spare produce, jams, pickles etc and in fact anything you would like to give! Just bring them along on the day.

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Shouting 'wobble' when the spinning plates slowed down confirmed that Marty and Grandma had us hooked.

How lovely too, to see all the little children bouncing about and shouting at the tops of their voices when the clown did something silly.

There is nothing to beat live theatre in whatever form it appears. For youngsters to experience entertainment other than that provided by a device is encouraging to see

I am sorry the magic of the Circus has gone, and look forward to it all coming back next year.

Ed's note: Don't we all!

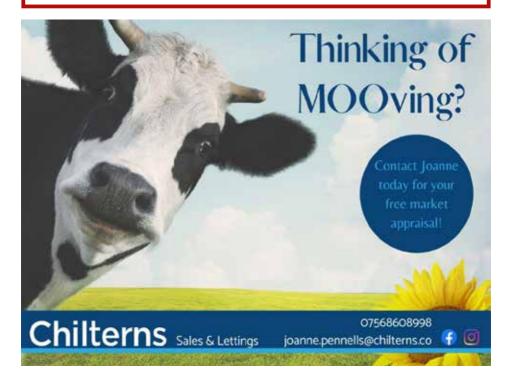




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We were overwhelmed by the response to a request for donations, well over 100 bottles, and to the wonderful folk who turned out on a rather cold drizzly day to buy tickets or give cash donations.

Because of all this amazing support, £800 was raised and sent off to the National Appeal for Ukraine.

Sue and Caroline

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# **GARDENING CLUB**

We welcomed Derek Edwards, the founder of the Norfolk Air Photo Library in 1974 who together with the Norfolk Archaeological Unit have amassed over 100,00 images of our county documenting the changing face from the air to talk about the Aerial Archaeology of Norfolk.

Quite what we were expecting we were not sure, but we were soon being given a fascinating overview of how Norfolk has played a significant part in the development of aerial photography. Two large screens displayed old photographs ranging from the Montgolfier brothers with their paper balloon in 1782, to the first one from Norwich in 1784 which sank 10 miles out from Lowestoft! On then to the development of taking photos from the air, a very tricky manoeuvre with the photographer leaning out of the plane to take their shots. Did you know that the parachute was developed in WW1 to retrieve cameras?

Norwich and many of its leading citizens played an important part in the development of aerial reconnaissance photos and Derek regaled us with the growth and use of photos.

Jimmy Crampton who established Air Anglia being one of them. The first airport was on the site of the Norwich Showground in the 1960's. I apologise if I'm wrong, but it was rather dark to take notes!

There were wonderful aerial photos of King's Lynn, Wood henge, and the Caister St Edmunds Roman fort which our own Peter Wade Martins played a significant role. The terrible floods of 1953 were captured showing how brutal the sea can be and the devastation it caused.

All in all, a step back in time and a promise of more to come about sights

from the air, if we were interested. The general consensus appeared to be "Yes". So, book him again Ray!

Jeannette won the Flower of the Month, a large and very elegant clematis which was chosen by Derek.

We will have visited the gardens at West Barsham Hall at the end of June.

On Sunday 24th July we are visiting the Botanic Gardens in Cambridge, details to follow.

Reminder: The Annual Gardening Show is on Saturday, 6th August. Ring Ann or George Keeble 668216 if you haven't already got a schedule.

# **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

Not much to report on this month from the local branch, The Queen's Jubilee went very well in the village, and it was with regret we did not participate mainly due to the fact that members where otherwise engaged in other matters.

The New Union Jack which was kindly donated by Mr Gerald Marsh, was raised at the Memorial Hall before the celebrations started.

As I have said many times before, we always need new members, If anyone is interested, please contact

Mike Aston Branch Sec Tel: 668959

# **KNIT AND NATTER**

Our Knit and Natter stall held at the Elmham House Open Garden on the Jubilee Saturday afternoon, proved to be very popular. Every name on our "Name the Doll" board was sold, and that alone brought in £30. The winning name was Charlotte, with the second prize, another



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doll whose name was Alice. The North Elmham lady who won Charlotte, was very surprised and delighted when she was informed, and told me that she had never won anything else in her whole life. Clearly, Charlotte was going to be much loved in her new home. Thanks go to everyone who took part. The "Pick out a Pin" game was also a hit with the children. Thanks to Eileen Bent and friends, many red, white and blue teddies were being lovingly cuddled as the families walked around the gardens, or sat in the sunshine, having their tea and cake.

We, on the stall, had a great time seeing everyone once again, perhaps things are returning to normal. We were able to give a donation to the Ukrainian Centre in Dereham, and we are now looking forward to taking part in the "All that's Royal" Flower Festival taking place on Saturday 30th and Sun 31st July. We intend to have a selection of garments

for sale, most sizes and shapes catered for, plus many interesting knitted animals. So please come and support us and our charities once again.

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The Parish Council would like to extend its sincere thanks to all those who made the weekend festivities such a success. It was wonderful to see so many people at the barbeque, beacon lighting and fireworks on the 2nd June. Though the weather was disappointing on Sunday, we think that everyone had a great time, and the music provided by Anto Morra, the Fried Pirates and Back Pages was terrific. Thankfully the weather was kind for the Fete at Elmham House on Saturday, and many thanks as ever to Jo and Tom Fitzalan Howard for once again letting us enjoy their lovely garden.

Special thanks are due to those who helped erect and dismantle the circus big top, and to everyone who organised and ran stalls throughout the weekend. Thank you, too, to Andy Barrett of Power-Medix who supplied the PA and other equipment at short notice. And finally, we would like to thank Dawn and her military bodyguards for stepping in so majestically for the Queen.

We hope you all had a great time. Thank you one and all.







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# NORTH ELMHAM TENNIS CLUB NEWS

North Elmham Tennis Club celebrated being named 2022 Norfolk Tennis Club of the Year on 11 June with free junior and adult coaching, a fun tournament, plenty of cake, a delicious barbecue and two award presentations. More than 80 people took part, almost 20 years to the day that the community facility opened on 23 June 2002.

Mike Walker, Norfolk LTA President, and Heather Bottomley, LTA Councillor for Norfolk, presented Club treasurer Andrew Parsons, who has helped so much over the past 14 years, with the Club of the Year award. North Elmham tennis chairman James Buddell praised Andrew and other committee members – Sandra Henderson, Ros Condon, and four of the original project fundraisers Lynda Denmead, Linda Smith, Geraldine Leeder and Jim Biggie – for all their hard work and dedication.

The Club, which has more than 150 members, has undergone £45,000 of facility upgrades in the past 12 months and recently re-opened following the resurfacing of the two tar-macadam courts for the first time in 20 years. To date, this summer, the Club is unbeaten in 17 matches across four leagues.

Ros Condon, the Club's membership secretary, was also presented with the Most Improved Adult Player of the Year trophy for her all-round improvement, growing confidence and net play.

If you'd like to learn more information about the Club and membership, which costs £70 per annum for adults and is free for children aged 11 and under, please visit: https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/NorthElmhamTennisClub

North Elmham today boasts one of the best village tennis clubs in Norfolk, but it was a very different story in 1987 when it was forced to close. Below is a brief history of how a group of tennis enthusiasts and local residents in the 1990s set about fundraising £130,000 to restore the community facility.

Two grass tennis courts were established opposite Greenfield Cottage on Holt Road. The Playing Field, always known as the 'Green Field' had been in the ownership of the Sondes Family until the beginning of the 1900s.

The Club had stalwart members, including Betty and Eddie Bidewell, Bryan Winterbone and Hugh Cockerton (Captain). Bryan, a teacher at Bawdeswell Primary School, took the lead in respect of tennis coaching. Even in those days, Club players were travelling and playing teams across the county — Watton to Wells.

By 1987, the 50-year anniversary, the Club was on its knees and lacking sufficient volunteers to maintain the grass courts. Then, for a short time, home matches were contested on the Reepham courts, before the Club folded (with a balance of £120.79). Almost eight years passed, and it wasn't until May 1995 when North Elmham Parish Council clerk Diana Dann approached Lynda Denmead to see if she'd be interested in resurrecting the tennis club. Diana, who had played for the Club in the 1970s, and Lynda could see that not only adults, but children in the village would benefit greatly.

Following an announcement in 'Elmham News' calling for people interested in resurrecting the Tennis Club a meeting was held, and masterplan was hatched for all year-round play. With great enthusiasm from District Councillor George Kerrison, Diana's father, a committee consisting of Jim Biggie, who'd previously cut and lined the grass courts, Lynda Denmead, Geraldine Leeder, Angela Gowing and Linda Smith was formed. Linda Smith had a brilliant reputation for raising funds for the newly erected sports pavilion on



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'Green Field'. Thus started seven years of dedicated fundraising for the tennis club.

Local resident Margaret Pledger, at the time a shopkeeper in Eastgate Street, offered to write to local businesses. The letters were so good, that very few, if any, refused her requests! Brenda and Bryan Tidnam were ever helpful, with Brenda supplying cakes and her legendary scones for fundraising cake stalls and Bryan was an excellent liaison with the Parish Council and its then chairman Colin Groom, who always readily helped the Club.

In February 1997, after much work by George Kerrison, the Club was granted permission for a new area of land, donated by the estate of a local resident, Dr. Earle, the late village GP who lived in Rackham House, to be used for recreational purposes. A few months later, a grass-court was cut and fundraising efforts quickly centred on social events promoted to 14 villages within a five-mile radius. It led to £2,000 being raised within the first 11 months and awareness was further increased through Jim Biggie coaching at North Elmham Primary School between 1998 and 2001.

Before learning that the Club was successful in its National Lottery bid (£93,535), £10,000 needed to be raised and that was one of the biggest challenges. Grant aid from Sport England and Breckland Council (£14,000) between 1998 and 2000, led by project administrator John Carrick from Swanton Morley, Jim Biggie (Treasurer), Lynda Denmead (Chairperson), Geraldine Leeder (Secretary), Margaret Pledger and Linda Smith ensured that the project well and truly got off the ground! The land, close to the site of swings and a slide in years past, was made available to the Club on a 50-year lease from North Elmham Parish Council. The project went from strength to strength, ably supported by long-time President Bob Bidewell and his wife, Ali, from Grange Farm in North

Elmham, and long-time members Judy Biggie, Les and Gloria Digby, Vic Leeder and Catherine Newey.

Following a two-year debate over the proposed removal of an ash tree near to the planned site, a 106-name petition and backing from the Parish Council, planning permission was granted on 6th November 2000. Work began in March 2001 on the construction of a brick-built pavilion including a kitchen and changing/toilet facilities - and two all-weather floodlit courts at a cost of £130,000. Although play was possible by April 2002 on the new courts, located adjacent to the Institute & Broom Green Bowls Club. the Club was officially re-opened on 23 June 2002 by original member and North Elmham resident Vere Thompson (née King), who had played in the Wimbledon singles between 1936 and 1938.

Learn more about the tennis club's history at: https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/NorthElmhamTennisClub/Membership/OurHistory

## **WHAT'S ON LOCALLY**

#### **Dereham Walkers are Welcome**

Our Jubilee themed walk was a delight; warm sunshine after the rain and as we finished, we were able to gather for drinks and delicious cakes and enjoy a chat sitting down!

We are a not for profit organisation and meet on the first Friday of each month to complete a short walk of up to four miles.

There is also a programme of longer walks and three town walks planned for later in the year.

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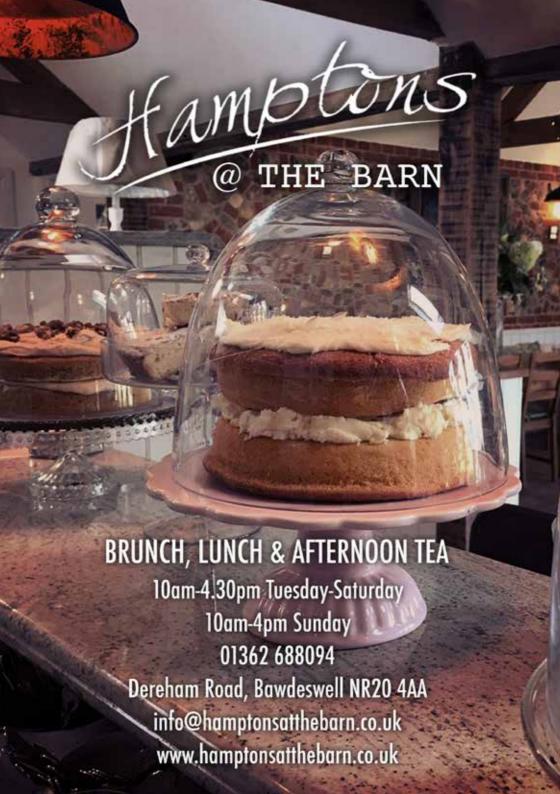
The North Elmham Walking Football club was set up in August 2021, with over 20 members already, has emulated the success of its younger team-mates by reaching the regional final of the WFA National Cup over 50s age group. This despite having several squad players aged over 65. The regional final will be held late July.

The oldest club member is Ted aged 83 and the teenage sons of our younger members have also enjoyed occasional sessions.

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Broadland Housing undertook a local housing need survey in 2021 that identified a need in North Elmham for approximately 15 new homes.

The February edition of the Elmham News invited Landowners to come forward with potential land for development, immediately adjacent to the Village settlement boundary. Three parcels of land were proposed which were reviewed by a planning consultant, architect and civil engineer. One site was discounted due to inadequate Highway safety.

Broadland Housing now wishes to consult with members of the community on which of the two remaining sites is preferred for development:

- Back Lane
- Spencers Close

A drop-in event is being held in the Pavilion on Wednesday 6th July from 3:00pm – 7:00pm, when it will be possible to review the proposals, meet with representatives from Broadland Housing and feedback any comments.

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People in housing need who have a local connection will get first priority for the affordable rent homes. Shared ownership and market homes will initially be marketed to the local community.

#### **THANK YOU**

We would like to thank you all for your flowers, cards and messages of sympathy following the loss of my Mother, Mary Howarth who was aged 104.

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## **NORTH ELMHAM WILDLIFE**

By late May most of the spring bird migration has come to an end and my attention tends to shift more to the insects. Insects fly throughout the year but the range of different species that can be found increases steadily from the winter through to the height of summer before tailing off again for another year. By June some groups of insects are peaking in abundance and diversity, as are the wildflowers that many of them depend on, and so for me the insects tend to steal the show in June and July.

Although insects are declining at a catastrophic rate overall, there's always something that's having a better-thanusual year. A couple of examples this year include the Alder Moth (photo 1) and the Alder Kitten, both striking moths whose caterpillars feed on Alder leaves. Both species can be numerous where Alder grows, but here in my garden neither species turn up regularly. Indeed Alder Moth had never turned up in my garden trap before, but so far this year I've caught four. In the previous seven years I'd only caught two Alder Kittens in total - I've now caught more than that in just the last week. Alder Kitten is one of those moths that is immediately striking, a white moth with patches of black lined with orange, but when you look more closely you start to see even more colourful detail (photo 2). The black central band has a generous dusting of orange speckles scattered throughout, the black patch on the head has slightly bigger orange spots spread through it. In fact the black of the head isn't really black - it's metallic dark blue, glistening in the light of my headtorch (or camera flash). Even what at first look like black legs are in fact covered in shining metallic blue scales.

The Clearwings are a peculiar family of moths that don't have any scales on big patches of their wings so that you can see through them. Unlike many moths they

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These are quite large moths, but some of the tiniest ones are just as interesting and equally striking – even if you need a decent hand lens to see their colours and patterns. The Midgets are a family of tiny leaf-mining moths that are typically bright orange with a pattern of glistening white lines and patches, often bordered in black. When they first encounter one most people imagine that the pattern is so striking it must be an easy moth to identify, but when they look into it further, they discover that there are lots of extremely similar species,









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many of which can only be identified by looking at their genitalia under a microscope. Consequently, they're often ignored, which seems a shame for such magnificent little creatures – but I like a challenge so try to put a name to them if I possibly can. One such moth I found recently for the first time was the Sallow Midget – not the most strongly patterned example (photo 4) but only the 12th record for Norfolk.

A striking moth that doesn't come to light but can be quite easy to find during the day is the Yellow-barred Longhorn (photo 5). It has a distinctive yellow bar down its wings as well as finer yellow streaks going along the wings but perhaps its most surprising feature is the length of its antennae – more than three times longer than the rest of the moth

Dragonflies are quite noticeable at the moment, especially the smaller damselflies. Banded Demoiselles (photo 6) are particularly abundant along the railway between County School Station and the Cathedral Meadows, and also on the river such as at Bintree Mill (where if you're lucky you might spot Red-eyed Damselfies on the water lilies). I haven't seen many of the larger dragonflies yet, but a Four-spotted Chaser posed nicely for me (photo 7).

Scorpionflies are neither scorpions nor flies but you can often find them along hedgerows at this time of year. They have a variable pattern of black spotting on their wings, long beaks pointing down from their heads and a red tip to their abdomen. On females (photo 8) this tapers to a point but males have a more impressive piece of kit at the end of their abdomens held bent back over their body like a scorpion (but harmless to us). They are not a very diverse group of insects with just three species in the UK, two of which are very common (including the German Scorpionfly featured in the photo here).

People use the word 'bug' to mean any small insect or spider but it also has a

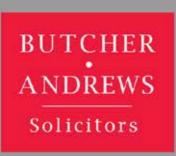




more specific meaning relating to one particular group of insects. Bugs are a diverse with hundreds of different species some of which can be fiendishly difficult to identify while others are extremely distinctive. One example of the latter, Streaked Plant Bug, is a species I have long wanted to see, and I finally found it by Ling Plantation this month (photo 9).

I have often found small numbers of Common Spotted Orchids at the Cathedral Meadows and last year I found a Bee Orchid nearby. I was about to go and look to see if that was still there when a couple of friends messaged me about some Bee Orchids along a verge elsewhere in the parish. These proved easy to find (photo 10) and there was also a Southern Marsh Orchid growing there and some Common Spotted Orchids. It's a good job this verge hadn't been mowed.

Bee Orchids aren't common but they sometimes seem to appear at new sites, perhaps just for a year or two. Some



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There's always plenty of interesting wildlife to see around the village. Do get in touch if you have anything interesting to share (email appleton. dave@googlemail.com, phone 668431 or message me via Twitter at @ ElmhamMeadows).

Dave Appleton

## **WIVES PLUS ALL**

On the evening of Thursday 9th June, Wives Plus All visited North Elmham County School Station, where we were met by Station Master Richard Cullen who lives in the County School Station Cottage. He told us of the history of this Heritage Station.

Built by Great Eastern Railway the line was opened in 1849 as an extension of Norfolk's Railways from Dereham to Fakenham. Its original planned site was to be in Broom Green. However, County School Station was opened in 1886 and was operational for nearly a century. It served the County Boarding School, in

North Elmham thus its name County School Station. The County Boarding School was succeeded in 1903 by the Watts Naval School, a Dr Barnardo's home for boys, which no longer exists.

We also met Gordon Ford of the North Norfolk Model Engineering Club which is now based at the County School Station. Gordon told us of the work in progress Club Members and volunteers are doing, installing a miniature passenger line at the Station. As well as walking around the site and seeing this work in progress of the miniature line which now extends North of the Station, we saw one of the engines that will operate on it in the future, and plans are afoot for the current stretch of line to be open for passengers at the end of July this year. Momentarily this quaint Heritage Station, which was once the passenger line to Dereham, Wells, Wroxham and Norwich, today is a quiet place of reflection where visitors can visit the Station Museum and the Tea Rooms (which are open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays), while they wait for trains to return.

Thank you, Richard and Gordon for very interesting and informative presentations.

The NEXT MEETING of Wives Plus All is on THURSDAY 14th JULY 2022 which is a trip out to the GREAT YARMOUTH HIPPODROME SUMMER SPECTACULAR Evening Show by coach.

The coach will be DEPARTING at 4.45pm from CATHEDRAL DRIVE and thereafter onwards down through EASTGATE STREET picking up at our usual pickup points, so we will see you then and there.

Ann Ferris





## **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

We had such a lovely day celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. The children looked fantastic in their red, white and blue outfits! They thoroughly enjoyed decorating their classrooms, making crowns and decorating their own cupcakes. A big thank you to FONES for donating the cupcakes, icing and edible glitter and well done to School Parliament for organising the day!

#### After School Clubs

We have launched our Football and Drama after school club for this half term. The children have enjoyed them so far, they have shown great teamwork and supported each other, particularly with a range of age groups attending.

#### **Sports Day**

We are so excited to be able to hold our Sports Day event again this year. We will hold round-robin team activities in the morning and mixed and flat races in the afternoon. We will be working hard to score points for our school teams, whilst showing lots of teamwork and perseverance!

#### **Building work is nearly finished!**

In the next couple of weeks the children will be able to enjoy the new mezzanine 'snug' created in the main body of

the teaching block. This will provide a relaxing area for group work and reading, receiving natural light from the glass atrium. The remodelling of the Sheep Classroom will also be completed with new toilets accessible from the classroom whilst new doors will lead directly onto the outside area.

#### Class News

Sheep: Sheep class have had a very summery start to the Summer term! We have been learning how to write rhyming poems about summer, thinking about using metaphors in our writing and lots of fantastic imagery. We will soon be writing our own poems about the beach, ahead of our class trip to Cromer beach! We have been learning all about the geography of Cromer in preparation for the trip, and we will be finding out about the history of Henry Blogg, a Cromer RNLI hero, in our history lessons in the second part of the term. We have also been studying the seascape watercolours of Turner, and have been learning how to use washes of colour to create the effects seen in his paintings. We're looking forward to creating a gallery of our finished masterpieces!

Whales: Whales class have had a super return after half term. We have been busy getting to know our new poem in English, we learnt the 'shapes' of the poem, added

actions and performed to our class. We have already learnt new vocabulary such as 'vexed' 'nomad' and 'hoarder'. In Computing, we have started to create our own E-book, we created our front covers by inserting a picture of ourselves in a 'Going for Gold' pose! In History, we have continued our learning about the Royals, we recently learnt about Henry VIII and his 6 wives. We had lots of fun acting this out to help us remember the rhyme! During our Science, we have been completing many mini investigations to explore how water changes state. We are really looking forward to our class trip to Cromer, where we will be revisiting our knowledge all about Mary Anning and Fossils.

Lions: Lions have been working hard this term. Like Sheep and Whales class we have also been writing poetry in English. We have written a Rap based on Thinker's Rap and written nonsense poems based on Lewis Carroll and The Jabberwocky. In maths we have been working on the properties of shapes, multiplication and division (particularly looking at long division). We finished our science (living things and microorganisms) unit with an experiment to see how bacteria grows on bread in light and dark. We are now looking at the Properties and Changes of Materials. In geography we are doing a comparison of a local study and

Hathersage in Derbyshire. In Art, we are learning about light and dark shading, linked to a science unit on animals and humans. We are developing our Athletics and cricket skills in PE. The children are getting very excited about the residential course. I'm sure they will come back packed with memories!

#### How can you keep in touch?

Check out our website for the latest updates www.northelmhamschool.com

Do you have Facebook? If you search and like the page 'North Elmham Primary School' the latest class posts from the website are uploaded directly to our school page!

## Looking for a place for your child in September?

If you have any questions or would like to see more of what our wonderful school has to offer, please contact the school office on 01362 668318 to arrange a visit!

**Ed's Note:** The Elmham News Team would like to thank Kelly for her commitment to being the school's representative for Elmham News. We understand congratulations are in order as Kelly is starting her maternity leave at the beginning of July. We expect you to send a photo and all the details!





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## **70 YEARS OF SITTING DOWN**

Now the Jubilee and its wonderful festivities are over, I wonder if you might like this for the Elmham News?

As a sixteen year old would-be joinery apprentice I put in for the school carpentry prize in summer 1953 - and won it - with this 8' 0" seat for up to six people, to be placed on the 'Green' just outside the churchyard at Sculthorpe, where we then lived, in memory of the Coronation. With minor repairs after a vandal action, it is still there for all to see and sit upon!

It is constructed of Burma Teak. The timber is no more available from Burma since the Myanmar Government banned all exports. Teak wood has a leather-like smell when it is freshly sawn and is particularly valued for its durability and water resistance. The wood is used for boat building, exterior construction, veneer, furniture, carving, turnings, and other long-lasting projects. The three boards I received at school cost £18.00



in 1953 (over £500 in today's money). The school had just one small circular saw driven by a 1 hp motor, which I used for the seat and back slats. Otherwise all the sawing, planing and joints were undertaken and mortised with hand tools and took much of the summer term 'time-out' to complete. There are no metal fastenings - only teak dowels.

This is not meant as an exercise in backpatting, but I am so pleased the seat has lasted and is still used 70 years later.

John Labouchere



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## NORTH ELMHAM CRICKET CLUB

North Elmham CC has enjoyed an excellent few weeks and remain unbeaten in both League and T20 games. The highlight was a victory over the other early pace-setters Aylsham St Giles which took them to the top of the Division and very much on course for a second successive promotion. Disappointingly however NECC only progressed to the T20 Plate competition despite winning the only game played as Thornham won their other game with a better run rate and the match between NECC and Thornham was abandoned with Elmham in a good position.

May 14th v Overstrand (A) League NECC 336-2 Overstrand 114. NECC won by 222 runs.

An opening partnership of over 250 runs between Josh Hall (107 no) and Jack Wells(149) effectively ended this contest, both batters claiming centuries. Dan Hall chipped in with a half century. The home team quickly subsided to Ollie Hall (5-33) and Marcus Webb (3-24) who shared 8 wickets.

J&L Stoves MoM: Jack Wells for his 149.

May 18th v Beeston (H) T20 Beeston 149-8 NECC 150-3 16.4 overs. NECC w by 6 wickets

A convincing victory over local rivals Beeston whose first team play a Division above Elmham. Wickets shared between Biily Fordham (3-17) Callum Futter (2-14) and Olly Hall (2-17). Ollie Hall led the run chase with an unbeaten 42, ably supported by Josh Hall (32no) and Charlie Kinsey (26)

May 21st v Bircham (H) League Bircham 128 NECC 132-4. NECC won by 6 wickets

Ollie Hall (4-36) again lead the bowling attack supported by Callum Futter and Phil Bend with 2 wickets apiece as the

visitors lost their last 7 wicketsfor 25 runs. Ollie's partnership with brother Josh(48) laid the foundation for a successful run chase finished off by Billy Fordham (21) and Callum Futter (16no).

J&L Stoves MoM: OLlie Hall for his 5 wickets and unbeaten 35 runs

May 26th v Thornham (A) T20 Match abandoned NECC 110-3 (15 overs)

Elmham had put on a good showing against a club whose first team play in Division 1 with Charlie Kinsey unbeaten on 43 when rain put an end to the second pool game.

May 28th v Dersingham and Sandringham (A) League D&S 105-6 NECC 107-1. NECC won by 9 wickets.

A very convincing win but NECC were disappointed with their bowling and fielding which cost them bonus points as they failed to bowl out a stubborn home team with 2 of the 6 wickets taken being run-outs. Josh hall (47 not out) and Dan Hall (38 not out) guided Elmham to victory with 24 overs to spare.

J&L Stoves MoM Shared between Callum Futter for his bowling and catch and Josh Hall for his unbeaten 47

June 4th v Aylsham St Giles (H) League NECC 184-9 Aylsham 148. NECC won by 36 runs.

In this first encounter between the 2 leading sides in Division 3, both unbeaten, it was Elmham who emerged victorious in a tight game that ebbed and flowed throughout. The key factor was Ollie Hall's unbeaten 80 with only Jack Wells (37) offering any real support. The visitors rallied after losing early wickets and were well placed at 132-5 until Marcus Webb (4-14) returned to the attack and removed the late middle order.

J&L Stoves MoM Ollie Hall for his unbeaten 80



## Swanton Morley Primary!

We are running several sessions for everyone over the summer holidays! A warm 30-degree pool based at,



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, THE MAY SINGERS



We are pleased to report that the May Singers have reached a notable milestone as we have just celebrated our 10th Birthday. We started with the idea of creating a community singing group open to everyone and we are happy to say that we feel we have achieved this.

Our aim is to provide the opportunity for people to get together in a friendly, sociable environment to share the enjoyment of singing together. We learn songs by ear and there is no need to be able to read music so it is accessible to everyone.

We employ trained teachers who help us sing songs in harmony and rounds. Our regular teacher is Natasha Hood who creates a lovely atmosphere and brings the best out of us.

We sing traditional songs from around the world and contemporary material written for groups like ours. We enjoy doing seasonal songs which for instance welcome the Spring or the arrival of the cuckoo.

We normally meet at the Eastgate Centre on the 4th Monday of the month but during the summer months we do meet in different places. Occasionally in friend's gardens or at Worthing Church where we can enjoy the lovely acoustics and atmosphere.

We would encourage you come and join us for an enjoyable evening. Cost is £6 per session, £10 for couples. If you are new to

us, please contact us so we can add you to our mailing list and provide updates on our monthly activity.

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#### ST MARY'S CHURCH

What a glorious start to June we had, with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events and two weddings in our parishes. So much to celebrate and enjoy. We might ask 'how do you follow that?' Picnics with ma'amalade sandwiches, perhaps?

In our churches, we follow it with more weddings in July and August – I always get that tingle of excitement as I stand on the pavement waiting for the bride to arrive. That moment, when she pledges, as did our beloved Queen, to give her whole life to another. The only – and significant - difference is that the groom also makes this pledge, so that the couple begin married life with this balance of commitment to one-another.

Thinking of the wedding rings, there's a sense of eternity, as the band has no beginning and no end. A life-long commitment, which will go beyond the bounds of time. There's a point in the wedding ceremony when the priest pronounces the couple 'husband and wife' and wraps his/her stole around their hands to 'tie the knot': "Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder".

I think that one thing that the Platinum Jubilee celebrations taught us is that we all do better when we work together; when we look beyond our own boundaries and think about how we can each contribute our 'bit' to make our communities work. I see this all the time

in our villages: from cake-baking to giving lifts; from phoning someone who is on their own or popping in for a cup of tea.

I was in North Elmham School last month, leading an Assembly on "The Marvellous Picnic", or the Feeding of the 5,000, as some of us will know it. Not ma'malade sandwiches, but a couple of fish and five loaves of bread (John 6:1-14). At the end of a long day, listening to Jesus' teaching, the people were tired and hungry. The packed-lunch of a small boy was transformed by God's blessing to provide a picnic to fill everyone's bellies.

In this time of fuel-poverty and the struggle to put food on the table for some, please support our Food-Banks and initiatives such as the Church Larder at St Mary's North Elmham. Thank you.

Yours, in Christ,

Revd Sally

## **WORTHING NEWS**

As we truly get into summer and the holiday period – school holidays beginning on the 25th July till 5th September, you may, hopefully not, begin to panic! Panic Not! A long stretch it is for our younger members of the family and possibly Mum's and Dad's also, but hopefully we shall all try to avoid boredom creeping in or tantrums.

At St Margaret's Church, we hope to give you all a helping hand and a break for a couple of hours. Our plan is simple:

With the help of BEAR GRYLLS, young people between the age of 10 to 13 years are invited to come along to the church and whilst sitting under the Holy Tree, hear about the adventurer BEAR GRYLLS.

As a trial, beginning Mon–Fri 25th July till 29th July, starting at 2pm BEAR GRYLLS story "Soul Fuel for Young Explorers" will be shared to all those interested. Squash and biscuits provided.

More dates to follow. Free booking although small donations would be welcomed, thank you.

#### Church Services

St Margaret's Church Services each month are normally the 2nd & 4th however, for July only, this has been reduced because a planned Group Service at Foulsham on the 24th has been scheduled. So please try and come along to Worthing's Service on Sunday 10th July at 10.30am Holy Communion, and weather permitting, an outdoor occasion with refreshments to follow.

Please double check the church notice board or Heart of Norfolk Churches website for any changes to these dates. We hope you will be able to join us.

## OPEN CHURCHES WEEK 1st-7th August 2022

St Margaret's Church - Worthing will be open from 9.30am–4.30pm each and every day

Although St Margaret's Church – Worthing is open to all visitors daily throughout the year, we hope to extend our usual warm welcome to everyone, especially during Open Churches Week, the first full week in August.

This offers another chance for all sketchers, painters, photographers and those just appreciating the historical aspects of this building to visit and appreciate the surroundings, flora and tranquillity that this little church in particular has to offer. Information leaflet available. No booking necessary, why not stop by and open the door, you will be enchanted!

For fuller details on any of the above items, please contact:

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## **Heart of Norfolk Group Services in June**

## 3rd July - Thomas the Apostle

9.30 am	Wood Norton	Morning Praise
10.30 am	Bawdeswell + Zoom	Holy Communion
10.30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Stibbard	Holy Communion
5.00 pm	Foxley	Evening Prayer (informal)

## 10th July - 4th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am	Bawdeswell + Zoom	'The 10.30'
10.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Stibbard	Morning Praise
10.30 am	Worthing	Holy Communion

## 17th July - 5th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am	Bawdeswell + Zoom	All-Age Communion
10.30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
4.00 pm	Foulsham	Sung Evensong

## 24th July - 6th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am	Foulsham	Group Holy Communion
		& Pastoral Visitation

## 31st July - 7th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Bawdeswell + Zoom	Morning Praise
4.30 pm	North Elmham	Songs of Praise (Flower Festival)

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Meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of the month and take place in the 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 email the Editors (see front of magazine for contact details) and let us know, we are always on the lookout for new contributors.

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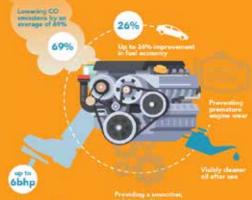
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