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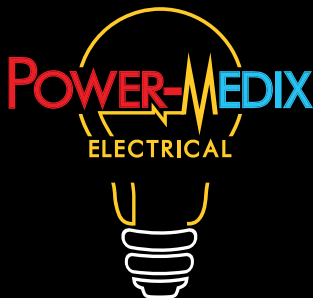
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EDITORIAL

We do hope that you like and have actually seen for yourselves, the beautiful display of roses up near the church pictured on this month's cover. Thank you, to Terry Maidstone for his expert pruning that helps them bloom until at least November. Thanks are also due to Chris and Hazel Hazell who carefully tend Jimmy's Garden down near The King's Head, opposite the shop.

We were saddened to learn that there had been a theft from the donations box in church. It must have been premeditated, not just a spur of the moment impulse. We are one of the few churches around that keeps open every day. It would be so disheartening to lock the church during day as we have so many visitors.

Congratulations to the successful Fete Team who raised the incredible amount of £9,000 in one afternoon. Don't be fooled though, it is not easy to do this but is the result of long and careful planning and hard work, so well done everyone.

Just a quick reminder that the large gate into the Millennium Wood from Church Lane, is locked and access for wheelchairs, pushchairs is from Boar's Hill. If you have recently walked in the Millennium Wood, did you notice the lovely wild flowers that were planted by volunteers. See the photographs on page 18.

STOP PRESS: Just as we were going to press on 19th June, a postcard from Broadland Housing dropped through Meg's door. Have you had yours? No one else on the Editorial Team received one.

The card, which is in addition to the Housing Needs Survey recently distributed, advises of a public consultation event being held by Broadland Housing Association on Wednesday 1st July, from 3.00–7.00pm at the Pavilion. Broadland Housing Association are proposing two residential housing developments in North Elmham: one on Back Lane (different from the site previously consulted on) and one on Station Road.

We have scanned the postcard received and reproduced it on page 50. Please note that the deadline for submitting online feedback is also Wednesday 1st July – the same day as the consultation event – giving residents a very limited opportunity to consider the proposals and respond. We hope your copy of Elmham News reaches you in time!

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NEXT DEADLINE: 14TH JULY

We welcome contributions from everyone in the village. Please share your stories, events, club activities and heartfelt tributes to loved ones with us. Your participation is crucial in making the Elmham News a true reflection of our village. Please email your article to each of the Editors.

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NORTH ELMHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY 2026

The following information is taken from the Draft 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 they have been approved.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors present were: Mr. P. Grainger (Chairman), Mr. M. Phillips (Vice Chairman), Miss A. Ferris, Mr. T. Fitzalan Howard, Mr. B. Gee, Mr. F. Gillespie, Mr. N. Markwell, Mr. M. Rayner and Mr. J. Sowinski.

Also in attendance: Mr. K. Webb (Clerk) and two parishioners, one leaving after the Public Participation section of the meeting.

Election of Chairman

One nomination as follows:

Mr. P. Grainger (nominated by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Miss Ferris). All in favour.

Election of Vice Chairman

One nomination as follows: Mr. M. Phillips (nominated by Mr. Rayner and seconded by Mr. Fitzalan Howard). All in favour.

Apologies for Absence

Mrs. A. Keeble, Mr. C. Smith and Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor).

Public Participation

A parishioner stated that an offer had been made to purchase land at Cathedral Meadows. It had previously been firmly stated by the Parish Council that the land was not for sale. There followed a request to rent the land for cattle to occupy at a price above the current rental. It was explained that the stewardship agreement with Natural England required the land to

be grazed by sheep. As such, the offer to rent for cattle could not be entertained.

A complaint by the same person was made that a recent planning application to build five custom and self-build dwellings on land to the east of Pump Street had been rejected. It was explained that all planning matters are the responsibility of Breckland Council and that the Parish council has no power in this area of operations. Therefore, the applicant should hold any discussions with the District Council.

Finally, some personal verbal attacks on certain members of the Parish Council were made, following which the parishioner left the meeting.

UPDATED INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING

Update from North Elmham Living Sustainably (NELS) Group

Mr. Fitzalan Howard and Mr. Sowinski are to have another meeting with Mr. Earle.

Land Management Matters

Village Green: Slabs are to be put down for the seats, and the camel will need a concrete base.

Cathedral Ruins: We have been informed that the wall on the right side of the pathway entering the site has been inspected by a structural engineer from Historic England and has been monitored since 2018. We are advised by English Heritage that the wall exhibits significant seasonal movements but there is no evidence of progressive deterioration. Removing loose masonry from the gap between the walls would reduce seasonal "ratcheting". Mr. Sowinski agreed to carefully undertake this task. It has been confirmed that English Heritage has overall responsibility for all health and safety matters at the site with the Parish Council required to notify them of any identified matters causing concern.

NORTH ELMHAM GARDENING CLUB

ANNUAL SHOW

SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST

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Staging of exhibits 9.00am-10.45am

Judging commences 11.15am

Public entry for viewing 2.00pm

Winners presentations 3.00pm

Auction/sale of exhibits 3.30pm

Gardening Club members free entry, non members 20p per exhibit. Under 16's free.

Show schedules and entry forms available to download from:

www.elmham.org.uk/whats-on/clubs-groups/gardening-club/

or view on our facebook page search for North Elmham Gardening Club



Millennium Wood (and Jubilee Wood):

A new seat has been fitted. A deer was caught in the wood, probably caused by a gate being left open. Mr. Sowinski set it free. A sign is to be put up advising that the large gate is to be kept lock with access available via the entrance from Boars Hill.

Bridleway on disused railway line and other railway linked matters:

Norfolk County Council had previously stated that the path from the County School to the buffers was permissive. It is not. Mr. Rayner has received an acknowledgement from NCC stating that all the points previously raised are part of an active case and they will respond in due course.

Prince William Wood: It was confirmed that work in the wood will be commenced in September, i.e. after the nesting season for birds.

Allotments

One allotment is available for letting.

Street Lights

An invoice for the work carried out on the property in Holt Road has not yet been received. A light at the Eastgate Centre needs to be repaired.

Highway Matters

The suction lorry is due to visit in the near future to attend to the drains on Church Hill. Potholes between North Elmham and Guist are to be repaired. One of the drains on Church Hill is broken and jammed into position. Highways have undertaken to replace the damaged drain and have confirmed that the suction vehicle will empty all the drains in that area. Highways have also indicated that the road from North Elmham to Broom Green has been identified as being in need of proper repair. A plan to carry out this work is being considered for it to be done in this year's school summer holiday.

Pavilion and Playing Field

The County Election is to take place tomorrow (7th May) with the Pavilion again being a Polling Station. Five CCTV cameras are positioned outside the building. The Chairman will contact the Tennis Club regarding a number of people recently seen trespassing on the courts. Mention has been made that the entrance/exit to the field is sometimes blocked by vehicles. A sign will be installed stating "keep clear, emergency access". The annual fire inspection has been carried out.

Boars Hill Update

The Chairman reported that the discussions between the manufacturers of the electric charging system are continuing with ElectRoad, (Andy Drinkell, Technical Director), who are the appointed contractors of Norfolk County Council.

Concerns expressed by a number of parishioners regarding the Parish Council land at Boars Hill had been received. This involves the wildflower meadow and saplings which had been planted by the developers, Orchard Homes, on the steep bank behind the bungalows. There is a suspicion that weedkiller has been applied as all vegetation has been destroyed with the area turning brown. It is felt that a real danger to wildlife exists from the action that has been taken. The members agreed that an appropriate response needs to follow to rectify the current position. Mr. Fitzalan Howard is to draft a letter which when approved by members will be forwarded to all residents in this area of the estate.

**Risk Management
Considerations and Updates**

All Parish Council policies will be reviewed and, where necessary, amended on the website.



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Defibrillators

The Community Heartbeat Trust has offered a sum of £288.00, including VAT, in respect of the two batteries returned, and this amount is still awaited.

New Village Hall

Further consideration is to be given to the best way forward. Discussions will need to include the Football Club and the junior teams. The Chairman is to meet with Messrs Phillips, Gillespie and Sowinski.

Digital and Data Compliance

AGAR Assertion 10

It was agreed by all that a free gov. uk address and domain would be obtained from Parish Online and detailed instructions have now been received. This will enable a new e-mail address to be provided for the Clerk and action to enable this to happen will be taken.

Report from District and County Councillors

A report had been received from Mr. Bambridge and this had been circulated to all members. It can be read by visiting the website. www.elmham.org.uk

Accounts for Payment and Schedule of Income

a) Resolved to approve the following Accounts for payment

Drax (electricity for street lights 01/03/26 to 22/03/26) – (d/d) £226.35
Drax (electricity for street lights 23/03/26 to 31/03/26) - (d/d) £89.38
E-on Next (Pavilion from 01/03/26 to 31/03/26) – (d/d) £281.66
E-on Next (electricity for Boars Hill– 01/02/26 to 31/03/26)–(d/d) £18.58
D. Tyson (Pavilion cleaning for April) £152.52
K. Webb (Clerk's pay for April) £900.87
HMRC (Tax and N.I. on Clerk's pay) £331.33
Anglian Water (Pavilion from 20/01/26 to 19/04/26) £68.35

Anglian Water (playing field – from 20/01/26 to 19/04/26) £220.88

Ace Fire Ltd (annual fire inspection) £60.42

Brown and Co. (environmental consultancy re stewardship) £204.00

Rooted Hosting Ltd (router in pavilion) £125.00

P. Grainger (cameras and leads in pavilion) £205.64

Environment Agency (general drainage charges) £110.75

K. Webb (quarterly computer allowance) £20.00

GDM Plumbing & Heating (checking water running-pavilion) £45.60

Joe Sowinski (slabs for seats) £50.69

Expenditure approved by all members.

b) Schedule of Income: -

North Elmham F.C. (monthly facilities) £75.00

D. Fish (Church Lane Tenancy Rent – 12 months) £250.00

Breckland Council (Precept – 6 months) £21,527.00

Foxburrow Farm (A.M. Smith – half yearly rent) £2,344.50

Balances (at 05/05/26)

Current a/c £84,030.42

Business Premium a/c £50,813.83

Cambridge Building Society £84,092.62

To Consider Planning Applications and Determinations

Applications

i) Demolition of rear conservatory and erection of a single storey extension to the sides and rear, and erection of a front porch – 23 Holt Road - PL/2026/0513/ OHOU (no comments)

Determinations

The erection of 5 custom and self-build dwellings – land to the east of Pump

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Brisley & North Elmham Cricket Club
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North Elmham Netball Trailblazers
Reading Group
Royal British Legion
Sewing for Pleasure
SINE (Help)
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Street – PL/2026/0214/OMIN – refused (contrary to a number of Breckland Local Plan policies)

Any Other Matters (For information only)

- i) A wooden box has appeared in Jubilee Wood. Mr. Fitzalan Howard is to investigate.
- ii) The Village Fete is to be held on 17th May

TEA@2

Change of Phone Number

Please note that Jo Fitzalan Howard no longer has a landline. Her mobile number is 07796493495

ABLE COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

Question

In simple terms could you explain exactly what the DPA (Data Protection Act) is?

Answer

The Data Protection Act is a UK law that controls how organisations and businesses collect, store, and use your personal information.

Think of it as a set of rules that anyone handling your data must follow to protect your privacy. When a company holds information about you — your name, address, email, medical records, etc. — the DPA gives you rights and puts obligations on them.

Your rights include:

- Seeing what data they hold on you
- Having wrong information corrected
- In some cases, having your data deleted
- Knowing why they are using your data
- Their obligations include:
- Only collecting data they actually need
- Keeping it secure

- Not holding it longer than necessary
- Not sharing it without good reason

In a nutshell -It's essentially the law that stops companies doing whatever they like with your personal information, and gives you control over how it's used.

Question

What is Home from Hospital Support? I have an older relative who is due for discharge but will need some short-term care for a few weeks at home?

Answer

If a person is ready to leave hospital but will need some support when returning to their home there are systems in place to make sure that appropriate care support is there.

The NHS now uses a process called "discharge to assess". This just means:

- A patient will go home as soon as medically well enough and any ongoing care or support needed will be arranged at home, not in the hospital

For a short period after discharge, help such as:

- Someone coming in to help with washing, dressing, or meals
- Help picking up shopping or medication
- Equipment in the home (like rails or a commode if needed)
- Someone checking a person is safe and coping
- This short-term support is often called re-ablement and is usually free for a few weeks.

The hospital team, as part of the discharge, should:

- Talk to the patient and family before discharge
- Arrange any immediate support needed at home
- Contact the local council if longer-term care might be needed

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- Sometimes charities like Age UK or British Red Cross also provide extra “home from hospital” help and private care agencies often provide this support on a fee-paying basis.

What families should expect:

Before their relative leaves hospital, they should:

- Be told what support is being put in place
- Know who to contact if there are problems
- Feel confident your family member will be safe at home

In summary:

A patient shouldn’t be discharged without a plan — short-term help should be arranged to support them safely at home.

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BOARS HILL WILDLIFE AREA

We have received further correspondence following the letters published last month regarding the wildlife area on the Boars Hill development.

We understand the matter was discussed at the June Parish Council meeting. This, and any further correspondence received by Elmham News on this matter, will be passed to the Parish Council Clerk so that councillors remain aware of residents’ views.

ELMHAM NEWS THE FUTURE ?

Last month’s magazine included a feature reflecting on our 50th anniversary in 2027, and also an honest look at what the future of the magazine might be beyond that milestone.

As mentioned in the article, the current volunteer team remains committed to seeing Elmham News reach its golden anniversary before handing over to a new team — if people are willing to come forward and take it on in whatever form suits modern village life. Otherwise, we will bow out with a special celebration edition.

We are, therefore, keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in forming a new team.

We are also looking to collect stories, memories and photographs from across the decades as part of our 50th anniversary celebrations.

If you missed the article in last month’s edition, you can find it on page 5. If you would like to know more, please do get in touch.



COUNTRYSIDERS

We have had a brilliant month at North Elmham Countrysiders!

We started the month by helping at the Elmham Fete. Some of our leaders and Countrysiders ran the Wellie Wanging and Bowling for the Pig activities, while Leader Ella helped with Toss the Bale. A great day was had by all.

The Bank Holiday weekend saw us enjoying our Countrysider Campout. The Countrysiders made bat boxes, bird boxes and owl boxes, built bridges and dens, and generally had a fantastic weekend outdoors.

Our annual crab-off with the Seniors took place on 1st June at Wells Quay. It was another fun-filled meeting and, unlike last year when we all ended up with wet feet after forgetting to check the tide times, we had perfect conditions! We caught so many crabs that the Countrysiders were constantly emptying their buckets. Unfortunately, we didn't manage to get a full count, but one child reported counting over 400 crabs between three groups of Countrysiders. We estimate that well over 1,000 crabs were caught altogether, along with a few small fish and plenty of shrimps.

With the end of our YFC year fast approaching, we still have plenty to look forward to. We are currently creating our show build for the Royal Norfolk Show, and preparations are underway for our final competitions of the year at Rally on 4th July.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

4th July – Rally Competitions, Royal Norfolk Showground

10th July – Countrysiders End of Year Social

13th July – West Raynham Veterans Centre visit

If you have a child aged 10–16 who is interested in meeting new people and

learning more about the countryside and farming, we'd love to hear from you.

The first two sessions are free to try. After that, there is an annual administration fee (which includes insurance for meetings and events) plus £4 subs per session.

Email: north_elmham_cs@norfolkyfc.co.uk

You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram by searching North Elmham Countrysiders.

BRECKLAND ARTISTS OPEN STUDIOS

11–19 July 2026

10.00 am–4.00 pm

Breckland Open Studios invites you to step inside the places where art comes to life. This inspiring artists' co-operative brings together 10 talented artists and makers, showcasing the rich creativity of this vibrant part of the county.

During Open Studios, local artists and makers throw open their studio doors and welcome visitors to explore their creative worlds. Discover how ideas take shape, see works in progress, and at some venues even have a go at different art techniques yourself.

Entry is free, and there's absolutely no pressure to buy— simply come along, enjoy the experience, and be inspired. From beautiful greeting cards to original artwork for your home or garden, there's plenty to tempt you. With painting, sculpture, printmaking, textiles, jewellery, ceramics and more on show, there's something to delight every visitor and a rare chance to meet the artists behind the work.

Many of the artists also offer events and workshops throughout the year, so your visit could be just the beginning. See the

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Beth and Toby Winterbourn are part of this year's event so why not visit them?

Beth Morrison can be found at 97 Eastgate Street, North Elmham, NR20 5HE 07484752725. Beth produces illustrative ceramics depicting tiny worlds and the magical everyday.

Toby can be found at Park House Farm, NR20 5JX 07954 639720 and produces decorative metalwork inspired by organic forms for the home and garden. You may have seen examples of his work at Dove Farm in Dereham or East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens.

Neither site is accessible by wheelchairs.

BRISLEY AND NORTH ELMHAM CRICKET CLUB

All three sides gained their first victories this month although the Saturday 1sts are finding life in Division 1 challenging and are currently at the wrong end of the table. With two wins under their belt the Saturday 2s are mid table and continue to attract new players which makes selection a nice problem.

The Ladies with some new youngsters in the team have won one and lost one.

The weather has made pitch preparation tricky and extremely time-consuming and the club owes a massive debt to Adrian Cottey who in the absence of two members of the Grounds Team on extended holidays has devoted hours to ensuring that most games – League, friendlies and school – have been able to go ahead. Shout-outs also to Adam Mackay for his Friday night barbecues and Ollie Hall for taking on the Saturday 1st team captaincy.

Results

May 15th

Ladies v Snettisham (A) League Ladies 59-9 Snettisham 60-2 Lost by 8 wickets

A tough start for the Ladies as no batter got into double figures and the hosts made easy work of chasing down their target.

Black Chuck PoM: Jess M for taking her first ever League wicket

May 16th

1sts v Felthorpe (A) League Felthorpe 150 B&NE 151-2. BNE won by 8 wickets

All 5 bowlers took wickets with 2 each for Hassan, Futter and Jaggard. An opening partnership of 112 between the aggressive Tuthill and the watchful Harvey who batted through for an unbeaten 41 enabled the visitors to ease home with 5 overs to spare for their first win of the season.

Black Chuck MoM: James Tuthill for his 71 including 9 fours and 3 sixes and a catch behind the stumps.

2nds v Aylsham 3 (H) League B&NE 71. Aylsham 54. B&NE won by 17 runs.

A first victory of the season for the seconds as well in a bowler dominated match. Only two home batters made more than 4 runs, both Damian Wheddon and Tom Mathers making 29. In reply only one visiting batter made double figures with Bridges taking 3 -5 in 10 overs.

Black Chuck MoM: Tom Mathers for his unbeaten 29

May 23rd

1sts v Snettisham (H) League B&NE 203-8 Snettisham 204-3. B&NE lost by 7 wickets

On a good batting strip, the hosts were 40 runs short of a decent target despite 6 batters getting into double figures against a very strong Snettisham second team featuring several players with first Oteam experience this season. Callum Futter picked



Have you been to the Millennium Wood recently and seen the wonderful display of wildflowers? The poppies, cornflowers, ox-eye daisies and corn-cockles have been a delight to see and are providing a valuable haven for bees, butterflies and other wildlife.

Thank you to the volunteers whose time, effort and foresight made this display possible. By sowing the seeds and helping to create this wildflower area, they have given us something beautiful to enjoy. Their hard work is much appreciated and is now quite literally blooming for all to see.



up a couple of wickets but his fellow bowlers struggled to make any breakthroughs.

Black Schuck MoM: Tom Chamberlain for his maiden club half century

2nds v Ashmanough and Barton Wanderers (A) League A&B 153 B&NE 157-3 B&NE won by 7 wickets

Wickets were shared between 6 bowlers with Adrian Cottey starring with 4-23 from 5 overs. Opener Damian Wheddon hit a half century before a match winning partnership between James Palmer (38) and Tom Thorpe (24) saw a second successive win for the seconds.

Black Schuck MoM: Tom Thorpe for his 48 runs.

May 29th

Ladies v Aylsham (H) League Aylsham 92-5 Ladies 94-1. Ladies won by 9 wickets

The Ladies comfortably won their first home match with co-captain Sophie Hall starring with bat and ball. There were also wickets for Tor George, Jess Fordham and Molly Burton. Evie Read made 10 before Alice Waters and Hall saw the hosts home with 8 overs to spare.

Black Schuck PoM: Sophie Hall for her 2-15 and 37 not out

May 30th

1sts v Malayees (A) League Malayees 290-9 B&NE 171. B&NE lost by 119 runs

The home side racked up a formidable total despite Bend's 3-24, a total that the visitors never really threatened. Although 5 batters got into double figures, no-one was able to convert into a significant score. The only consolation was the gaining of 8 bonus points.

2nds v Horsford (H) League Horsford 263-5 B&NE 221. B&NE 221. B&NE lost by 42 runs

A great effort against a strong visiting side sees the seconds remain in 3rd place in Division 4 NE.

Horsford were indebted to a century 6th wicket partnership to set a daunting target. However the seconds showed great spirit to top 200 with Billy Fordham smashing 77 well supported by openers Wheddon (30) and Thompson (23).

Black Schuck MoM: Taylor Bidewell for his wicket and unbeaten 26

June 6th

1sts v Castle Rising (H) League B&NE 133-8 Castle Rising 137-2. B&NE lost by 8 wickets

In a rain affected match played as a 30 over game, the hosts found the League Leaders too strong.

New skipper Ollie Hall battled for his 32 but in vain as a century partnership from the visitors' openers made light work of the target.

Black Schuck MoM: Ollie Hall for his 32 runs and 2 wickets.

2nds v Felthorpe (A) League Felthorpe 110-7 B&NE 100-9. B&NE lost by 10 runs

Rain also affected this game which became a T20 match. In the field B&NE were lead by Max Wiseman and Phil Bend with 2 wickets apiece and the visitors made a good start in chasing a gettable target but a mid-order collapse saw 5 wickets fall for 15 runs. A cameo from skipper Darren Wiseman almost saw the visitors home but they fell just 10 runs short.

Black Schuck MoM: Max Wiseman and Phil Bend.

July Home Fixtures

Saturday 4th, 1pm	Ists v Overstrand
Sunday 5th, 10.30am	Ladies v Heathersett
Friday 10th, 6pm	Ladies v Snettisham
Saturday 11th, 1pm	2nds v Martham
Saturday 18th, 1pm	1sts v Felthorpe 1
Saturday 25th, 1pm	2nds v Felthorpe 2





ELMHAM GARDEN FETE

Weather worries vanish for another super Elmham Garden Fete!

The Fete committee members were glued to their weather apps in the days leading up to this year's Elmham Garden Fete. But despite some dicey forecasts, the rain held off (for the most part), the sun shone through, and we enjoyed yet another spectacular afternoon.

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised a fantastic £9,000 for St Mary's Church! These vital funds will directly support the church and community projects, including our local food bank and the wonderful Tea@2 afternoons.

A massive thank you goes out to everyone who came along and made the day such a resounding success. We are equally grateful to our fabulous sponsors and our army of volunteers. Every cake baked, piece of bric-a-brac donated, game played, and pound spent truly added up to make a huge difference.

Alongside all our usual favourites, we enjoyed some brilliant new additions this year - including a highly popular gun dog demonstration that drew a wonderful crowd.

Special thanks go to Hillstock Services, Dempseys Plumbing and Heating, Power Medix, Foxborrow Farm Shop, Broadacre Gardens, BM Cleaning and Anglia Heating Training for their sponsorship. This means we didn't need to pay for toilets, a PA system, beer, Pimms and plants. Boosting our fundraising further.

And a special mention to Creative Chiro, Jo's Hypnotherapy and The Fairy Dogmother for their considerable raffle prize donations. It all adds up to boost ticket sales.

Our planning for next year officially kicks off in January, and we already can't wait to welcome you all back.

If you enjoyed the fete, please think about helping out next year, more volunteers are always needed. Just an hour of your time makes a big difference and ensures the fete can continue to run for many more years.

Thank you, North Elmham!

From the Fete Committee

Ed's note: Congratulations everyone for your sterling effort and commitment, as past committee members we all appreciate your hard work and applaud your success.



HORSE BRASSES

My family and I lived at Foxburrow Farm at the end of the Second World War and on into the 1950's. My father was a cowman, but as soon as milking was finished, he was another pair of hands working with those great big horses which were used for the heavy jobs around the farm just, before mechanisation really took off. It was where those great big shires came into their own. They pulled the ploughs and sowed the corn, they pulled the binder to cut the corn and then they carted the shocks of corn to wherever a haystack was going to be built.



My brother and I adored those huge horses. Mother used to tell me to keep away from their feet which always looked so huge to me. But you know what youngsters are like, you only have to be told not to do something... and you do it.

One day my mother was looking for my brother and couldn't find him then her final port of call was the big barn. She listened as she went in because she heard my brother saying "Tiddly widdly" so she crept in as she knew two of the horses were about to be fed. Her heart stood still as she saw what he was doing... he was standing almost under one if those great animals and he was tickling the horse's tummy. Mother knew a kick from those animals could be fatal, so she very quietly said to him to come away, she always said how frightened she had been. Not to be outdone, she came looking for me one day and found me clutching the leg of one of the cart horses and trying to sing to it! Give the horse its due, she said it didn't seem to mind all the fuss being made.

Horses on farms were used for pulling farm equipment, and depending on the soil, different horses were used. Their popularity faded in the early twentieth



century as more machines became popular and could do the work more easily and cheaply.

One of my earliest memories of my father sitting on an upturned bucket was watching him clean the brasses the horses wore. The brasses were adornment for the working horses. Those brasses as the name suggests, were usually made of brass. The use of these brasses had come from France in the mid 1850s and in Victorian times were seen on the harness of our beautiful heavy horses. The brasses reflected local customs and used heraldic symbols quite often. These brass symbols were used on farms but again declined as mechanisation came in.

Popularity faded as motor vehicles superseded the horses. They had had their time working on the land.

I hate to think of what happened to those horses when they were no longer fit for purpose.

Ed's note: When they were no longer able to work, they were often given to the local hunt as fresh meat for the fox hounds.

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DATES TO REMEMBER: JULY

Wed 1st	Broadland Housing Consultation Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion Pavillion	3.00–7.00pm 7.30pm
Sat 4th	Countrysiders Rally Comps	Norfolk Show Ground	
Tue 7th	Knit and Natter Royal British Legion	Pavilion Kings Head	2.00pm 8.00pm
Wed 8th	Tea at Two	Memorial Hall	2.00pm
Thu 9th	Wives + all	Elmham House Gardens	5.45 for 6.00pm
Fri 10th	Countrysiders Social		
Sat 11th	Singing Workshop	St. Mary's Church	2.30–4.00pm
Sat 11th– Sun 19th	Open Studios	See article	10.00am–4.00pm
Mon 13th	Countrysiders	Visit West Raynham	
Wed 15th	Mobile Library visits	The Heath–Wensum Drive	1.15 –4.40pm
Thu 23rd	Gardening Club	Visit to Black Shuck	Arrive for 6.30pm

ADVANCE NOTICE: Gardening Club Annual Show in the Memorial Hall, Staging of exhibits 9.00–10.25am, Public viewing 2.00pm. Anyone can enter see page 6 for details.

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GARDENING CLUB

The visit to Norfolk Herbs at Dillington proved to be a great success and was a most enjoyable evening for the many members who went.

We were shown round the extensive growing beds, where the soil is imported from Germany, as it is the most suitable for growing the wide range of reasonably priced herbs, salvias, scented geraniums, bay trees etc.

Some of us were very taken with the new Cherry Chocolate Cosmos which is rose pink with a chocolate eye and smells divine.

They have an online mail order business which keeps them very busy and most members went home with a goodly haul of plants!





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Even the coffee from a machine was deemed excellent, so a good time was had by all, and a visit is to be highly recommended.

We will have been to Fuller's Mill on Thursday 25th June.

Don't forget our next meeting will be a visit to the Black Shuck Distillery at Hindolveston on Thursday 23rd July. Please arrange to be there by 6.30 pm. There will be a talk and a light Ploughman's to help the cocktails go down!

The Annual Garden Show on Saturday 8th August, is drawing near, hope you have all got your schedules and are nurturing your entries despite the odd weather.

Show schedules can be downloaded from the community website:

www.elmham.org.uk/whats-on/clubs-groups/gardening-club/

and viewed in the photo section on our Facebook page.

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For up-to-date information on all our walks, please check our website www.derehamwaw.org.uk, email Ken Hawkins: ken-hawkins@tiscali.co.uk or call him on 07505 426750.



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ELMHAM WILDLIFE



In the past I've tried to use only photos that I've taken in North Elmham to illustrate my articles but there are a few topics that I would like to write about for which I have taken much better photos elsewhere than I've ever managed to do in the parish, so I hope you won't mind me including a few pics from further afield.



As I was working at my desk recently I was vaguely aware that there was a bird calling incessantly pretty close. It was a short squeaky call, not at all what you would probably describe as a beautiful bird song. Birds have a very varied repertoire of songs and calls and in most cases it is possible to identify the species of bird from the sound it is making, but there are several common garden birds in which the begging young all make a very similar nondescript squeaky call which even the best birder would struggle to identify without seeing the bird making the call. At first I passed off this rather boring squeak as being one such youngster, but gradually it dawned on me that it wasn't quite the same.



Reminiscent of a squeaky gate, this call had a subtle lilt to it – it reminded me of a Spotted Flycatcher. Now Spotted Flycatcher was once a familiar sight in North Elmham, and although they are less common than they used to be, it's still possible to see them occasionally. They used to breed behind the chapel ruins and I've often seen them along the railway, but they're becoming much scarcer now, and I had never seen one in my garden. Leaning closer to my study window I





looked up at the telegraph wire that comes into my house. There on the wire, just a few feet from where I was sitting, was a Spotted Flycatcher.

Spotted Flycatchers are masters at catching flies. They often perch in a prominent position looking out for flies and then dash out and catch a fly in flight before returning to the same or another perch. Although their perches can be out in the open making them easy to spot (photo 1), they're more often beneath the canopy of trees so they aren't quite as easy to pick out (photo 2).

In some ways they are quite plain, greyish brown birds, but as well as the indistinct streaking across their breasts they have fine dark streaks on their crown which sets them apart from other species (photos 3 & 4). They also have very long wings (photo 5) which is characteristic of long-distance migrants. It's a good rule of thumb with song birds, that the longer their wings the further they migrate. For example Chiffchaffs, which migrate no further than North Africa and often not as far as that, have shorter wings than the otherwise very similar Willow Warbler which migrates to sub-Saharan Africa. Most of our Spotted Flycatchers overwinter along the West African coast between Gambia and Nigeria though some travel even further, as far south as Angola. There's even been a recovery of a bird ringed in Wales that migrated all the way to South Africa.

Like many other insect-eating long-distance migrants, Spotted Flycatchers are declining fast. Between 1967 and 2024 numbers dropped by an astonishing 92% in the UK – in other words for every ten pairs of Spotted Flycatcher that could be found around the time I was born, only one pair can still be found today. And in fact these national



statistics mask how bad the decline has been locally because, like other species where the decline is linked to climate change, numbers have dropped far more in the south and midlands than in the north. Spotted Flycatcher continues to thrive in much of Scotland, so a large proportion of the remaining 8% are in Scotland.

So against the backdrop of such a severe decline, it's especially satisfying to find one, if bittersweet with the knowledge that if the current trend continues we will lose them from Norfolk altogether before very long. The bird in my garden stuck around for a few days. It was very vocal, calling from the trees in my neighbours' gardens and sometimes from the big birch tree in my front garden. And then it went silent. I feared that it had failed to find a mate and moved on, but hoped that it was paired and quietly breeding in my neighbours' trees – that's possible as they do tend to become less vocal and harder to detect when they're busy breeding. I can't yet confirm that it is indeed breeding, but I am pleased to report that after a few days of not seeing or hearing it, just now as I am writing this it has started calling once again.

Nesting Spotted Flycatchers can use artificial nest boxes (typically open-fronted ones) but naturally they like to nest in holes in trees, either in the side of a trunk, perhaps where a branch has come off, or in the top of a stump (photo 6).

What about you? Have you seen Spotted Flycatchers in North Elmham recently? I'd love to hear from you if you have, or if you used to see them but they've now disappeared. It's been good to hear from some of you this month about the interesting things you've seen. A couple of you have reported more Hummingbird



Hawk-moths and it was great to meet a new resident who has already been seeing a great variety of wildlife in and behind his garden.

One person sent me a photo of a beautiful moth that she didn't recognise, but she wasn't quite so enamoured after I told her that it was a Box-tree Moth, the caterpillars of which had decimated her garden Box trees! Box-tree Moths are a non-native Asian species that has recently colonised thanks to accidental imports via the horticultural trade. Their spread has probably been facilitated by climate change, so if you're annoyed at the moths for ruining your hedges, maybe we should instead be blaming our own species for importing non-native plants and being unwilling to take man-made climate change seriously. Adults Box-tree Moths come in two forms, a black-and-white one (photo 7) and a dark one (photo 8). In some populations the dark form comprises up to a third of individuals, but so far all the Box-tree Moths I've seen in North Elmham have been the black-and-white form. If you see adults regularly I'd be interested to know if you see both forms or just the black-and-white one.

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We are so sad that this is the decision that the Knitters and Stitchers organisation has had to take, but we have no choice. We would like to sincerely thank you all for your support in the past and would like to add that over 13 years we have given away over £7,000 to local groups, care homes and activities, all due to the games you played at our stalls. We have





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been informed that we can still donate to charities and organisations where no money is involved. So, on we go knitting but we shall so miss our fun and games.

Next meeting at the Pavilion 7th July 2-00 til 4-00 PM.

Eileen Cotterill
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Eds Note: Eileen and the Knitters have brought so much enjoyment to local events over the years. We would like to thank them for all their hard work, generosity and support, and we know many readers will share their disappointment at seeing these much-loved games come to an end.

ELECTRICAL RECYCLING IN NORFOLK

Unfortunately, we are still unable to accept some electrical items at our Recycling Centres. Please continue to store waste electrical items at home but remember that batteries and electrical items should not be put in your household bins, as they can start fires.

However, washing machines, tumble driers, dishwashers, cookers and TV and lap tops can still be taken to Recycling Centres.

We will keep you informed as soon as we can find new contractors.

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THEFT FROM OUR CHURCH

On the Monday or Tuesday after the Fete (18th or 19th May), the donations box in the church was broken open and the contents removed except for 20p left on the floor. We do not know how much was in it. The box could not have been easy to open because it was secured by two massive padlocks and a bolt which went right through the box. The iron filings lying on the box and the table suggest that it had been opened with a hacksaw or, more likely, an angle grinder which is noisy. The thieves also went off with the bolt and the two padlocks. It is interesting that they didn't think of unbolting the box from the table which would have been a quieter way.

Rather than feeling angry, one can only feel sorry for the thieves who must have been desperate for a few pounds.

Peter Wade-Martins





NORTH ELMHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

Whole School News

KS1 Sports Day

Our Woodland Room and Acorns class came together to enjoy Sports Day. All of our children participated with great excitement and enthusiasm. They took part in a variety of races. Thank you to all parents and carers who supported the event and staff who made it possible. It was a wonderful afternoon enjoyed by everyone.

KS2 Federation Sports Day

Stibbard All Saints joined North Elmham for our very first Flourish Federation Sports Day and it was so lovely to welcome in parents of KS2 children across both schools. The children took part in a number of different competitive races and it was wonderful seeing so many smiling faces whether they won or not. Better still, the weather was on our side this time and the temperature was just right for all of our athletes. The staff and parent helpers across both schools worked really hard to make it a lovely afternoon for children, their parents and grandparents to enjoy.

School Ambassadors

A child from each school within our Federation was invited to attend the Bishop of Norwich School Ambassadors Lunch on Tuesday 9th June held at his home in Cathedral Close. They were selected for fully embodying our values. It was a lovely occasion and the attendees were fabulous representatives of the Flourish Federation.

Tea at 2

Oak class were invited to attend Tea at 2, enjoying some brilliant handbell-ringing and spending time with members of our community. Thank you for inviting us!

Purcell School Visit

We were delighted to welcome visitors from the Purcell School for young musicians. The children enjoyed an inspiring musical performance. It was a wonderful experience for our children to enjoy. A huge thank you to Jenny for organising a special school event!

Norwich Cathedral Visit

Over the course of the year, Oak class have been participating in an event that unpicks the life of a monk at Norwich cathedral. The children have spent the year learning about their lives and how we share lots of similarities in our own day to day life.

Community Day

Saturday 4th July - 9:15 am

F.O.N.E.S have secured two grants to develop a sensory garden and a wildlife garden on our school grounds. We would like to invite you to join us for a morning of planting, building, and environmental care at our Community Gardening Day!

From planting flowers and vegetables to decorating garden spaces, we need your support to help bring our vision to life for our pupils, staff, and wider community.

Whether you can lend a hand with gardening, building, decorating, or simply come along to support the project, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to support us, please contact the school office to register your interest. Refreshments will be provided.

Class News

Woodland Room Nursery:

It has been a wonderfully busy few weeks in our Woodland Room, with the children exploring creativity, nature and early learning through a wide range of playful experiences.

The children have enjoyed making beautiful suncatchers and creating colourful jellyfish crafts as part of our

celebrations for World Ocean Day. This sparked thoughtful conversations about plastic pollution and how we can help protect our oceans and sea creatures.

Our learning has also taken us back in time as the children explored the story of Noah's Ark. They loved painting their own arks and talking about the animals who might climb aboard.

In maths, the children have been busy using magnetic shapes to build, sort and explore early geometry. Alongside this, they have been developing their early writing skills through mark making, giving meaning to the marks and drawings they create.

Outdoors, the children have been practising for Sports Day, building confidence and teamwork.

They have also been exploring the school grounds on bikes and on foot, discovering nature along the way. A particular highlight has been visiting the frogs and learning how to care for local wildlife.

Play has been full of joy and imagination, with games of hide and seek, shared adventures and plenty of opportunities to practise sharing and turn taking with friends.

Our Woodland Room continues to be a place of curiosity, creativity and community, where every day brings new discoveries.

Acorns:

Acorn Class have had a busy few weeks, packed with exciting learning across the curriculum! In History, the children completed their topic on the Great Fire of London, impressing us with their knowledge of key events and significant figures. They are now geographers, comparing the coastal resort of Cromer with the village of North Elmham. Using aerial photographs, maps and discussions, they have been learning to identify and classify human and physical features,

developing their understanding of the world around them.

In English, the children have worked hard to write the middle and ending of their story based on The Friendship Bench, demonstrating excellent imagination and storytelling skills. They are now turning their attention to instruction writing and fairy tales. One of the highlights was directing Miss Scarlett to make a jam sandwich! The children quickly discovered that instructions need to be clear, detailed and precise, especially when things start to get a little messy! This fun and memorable activity helped them understand the importance of giving accurate instructions.

In Maths, Acorn Class have been developing their understanding of fractions, including recognising and finding quarters, as well as building confidence in telling the time to o'clock, half past and beyond. The children have shown great perseverance and enthusiasm as they tackle new challenges.

Our budding scientists have been exploring plants and investigating what they need to grow and stay healthy. The children have enjoyed conducting their own experiments, making predictions and observing changes over time like real scientists.

We are incredibly proud of Acorn Class for their enthusiasm, curiosity and hard work. They continue to impress us every day with their creativity, resilience and love of learning!

Oak:

It has been another successful term for Oak Class, with pupils demonstrating enthusiasm, creativity and determination across the curriculum. In English, the children have been digging deep into the world of grammar, exploring the many different word classes and learning how authors carefully select language

to create meaning. From powerful verbs and adventurous adjectives to precise conjunctions and ambitious adverbs, pupils have been applying their knowledge across a wide range of genres. Their latest writing project has taken them on a fascinating journey beneath our feet, where they have been creating engaging information texts about the hidden world underground. Through clever word choices, playful language and carefully crafted descriptions, the children have learned how writers can manipulate tone to make facts sound mysterious, exciting or even humorous. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they experiment with language and develop their own unique writing styles. Meanwhile, in mathematics, Oak Class has been exploring the world of geometry. Pupils have investigated angles, shapes, coordinates and position while making meaningful links to real-life situations. Whether designing structures, interpreting maps or solving practical problems, the children have shown excellent reasoning skills and an increasing understanding of how mathematics helps us make sense of the world around us. Their ability to explain their thinking and apply their learning to unfamiliar contexts has been particularly impressive.

The excitement surrounding the upcoming World Cup has also inspired learning across the wider curriculum. In geography, pupils have been developing their map-reading and geographical enquiry skills while exploring the countries, landscapes and cultures of North and South America. They have examined physical and human features, compared regions and investigated how geography can influence sport and daily life. Alongside this, history lessons have encouraged children to consider how major sporting events have evolved over time and the impact they have had

on different societies. The enthusiasm shown by Oak Class has been infectious, with pupils eagerly making connections between their classroom learning and the global celebration of football. It has been a fantastic term filled with curiosity, hard work and achievement, and Oak Class should be extremely proud of all they have accomplished.

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WIVES PLUS ALL

At June's meeting here at North Elmham in the Memorial Hall, our members travelled back in time because a very important person dressed in a Long Black Mourning Dress with a small White Widow's Cap adorning her head came to visit - Queen Victoria!

All members respectively rose on her entrance and took their seats again after Her Majesty took hers on her golden throne on the Memorial Hall stage. During her talk to her subjects it was interesting to see how Britain changed in her reign such as:

- the coming of the train network in June 1842 and Victoria at 23 years of age was the first British Monarch to ride on a train when she hopped on a steam train at Slough Station and rode the 25 minutes journey to London Paddington.
- the Industrious Victorians then took transportation underground - The London Underground came into existence
- the next great feat was by father and son Mark and Isambard Kingdom Brunel who were responsible for the World's first tunnel under water - the Thames Tunnel which opened in 1843.
- canals for goods transportation sprung up in the countryside.
- Britain became urbanised as cities expanded, there was the Industrial Revolution, factories were built whose owners became rich as cheap labour existed, but this unfortunately brought poor living conditions, overcrowding, poverty and disease such as Typhoid.
- Queen Victoria said she saw many protests and much unrest during her reign. In 1832 The Reform Act gave middle class men the right to vote which then encouraged the working classes to fight for suffrage leading in the 1860s to the beginning of the long struggle for women's rights to vote.

- There were radical changes in British politics and Queen Victoria had 10 Prime Ministers serve her during her reign of 64 years. She found herself between the famous tussle of power between the Liberals William Gladstone and the Conservatives Benjamin Disraeli, the latter who was said to be her favourite Prime Minister.

Over two centuries ago, Alexandra Victoria was born at Kensington Palace, London on 24th May 1819 and she was 5th in line to the Throne. However, at the age of 18 in 1837 she found herself crowned Queen Victoria and ruled over Britain and the Empire for 64 years. She died at Osborne House on the Isle of Wight on the 22nd January 1901. Prince Albert, Victoria's husband died aged 42 in 1861 and from that day she continually wore mourning black until her death. Together she and Albert had 9 children.

Thanks go to Georgette Vale for presenting an enjoyable evening in the presence of Queen Victoria.

The next monthly meeting of Wives Plus All will be a visit to the Gardens of Elmham House here in North Elmham (by kind permission of Jo and Tom). Meet at Elmham House 5.45pm for 6pm.

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The branch's next meeting is July 7th at 8pm at the Kings Head.

Mike Aston branch Sec

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The Clerk to the School House & Land Charity, Mrs Julia Hardwick, Flint Cottage, 87, Eastgate Street, North Elmham NR20 5HE by 31st July. Unfortunately, the Trustees are unable to consider applications after this date.

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WOODPECKERS

A lovely sight on our bird feeder one morning – a female Great Spotted Woodpecker feeding a juvenile.

Peter Wade-Martins

Ed's Note: Moments like these are a wonderful reminder of the rich bird life in our village and gardens. We love to receive photos of your bird visitors.

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As anyone with a connection to children, parent or grandparent, will know the middle of July sees the beginning of the school holidays. Then during the next few weeks many of us will be taking an extended period on vacation or holiday as it's commonly known. These breaks of perhaps two weeks are a reasonably modern thing for those who are in work. But how did these come to be known by this word "holiday".

If we go back to medieval days or beyond, the first days of rest were associated with religious observance " holy days". Special days such as Christmas and Easter and Saints days were times when people were exempted from labour. Sundays were also set aside in the Christian church as days when people could rest from their labours to attend services.

This reflects the story of creation in the bible. For six days God laboured to create the earth, plants, animals and finally humans. Then on the seventh day, God rested, blessing the seventh day and declaring it holy. Of course, for the Jewish faith the Sabbath is Saturday, but the Christian faith holds Sunday as the holy day of each week and this our day of rest.

As time moved on parliamentary laws in the 19th century gave legal opportunity for workers time off allowing for day trips to the seaside. Then in the 20th century increased economic prosperity transformed the concept of a holiday from a local day trip to extended vacations.

However, in this day and age many people seem unable to take a proper "holiday". I recall walking on the sea front in West Bay, Dorset and seeing a woman with a very exasperated look on her face as she sat next to her husband who was checking emails on his laptop. Obviously, work was too important to be left behind.

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WORTHING NEWS

George Eve, may he rest in peace.

It was with much sadness that many people in Worthing Village learnt of the death of George who died peacefully at his home in Docking on the 21 st April and laid to rest in St Margaret's on the 21 st May 2026.

George, together with his wife Belinda and three children moved to Worthing in 1978 from Hockering on the purchase of The Old Tannery House and surrounding land.

Born and raised in Essex and following National Service with the Essex Regiment, George began employment with Savills, a global estate advisor, as a surveyor and where his father already held a senior position. Most of his working life was spent with Savills in various senior management positions both in Essex and Norfolk before taking up a position with Norwich City Council working on the preservation of historic buildings within the City Centre.

Away from his professional life, George took a great interest in local parish work and in declaring and furthering his Christian faith becoming a Licensed Lay Reader for St Margaret's Church in Worthing and other churches within the North Elmham Group of Churches.

Idiosyncratic by nature, George was a man of firm views and strong personality. His contribution to local affairs and conviviality towards his fellow parishioners will be sorely missed. *Ted Sansom*

Sunday Church Services

July 5th starting at 9am Holy Communion led by our Team Rector, The Rev'd Sally Kimmis and July 19 th at 10.30am Iona family service led by Licensed Lay Minister Norman Johnson. Both services offer refreshments and a chance to catch up with some local banter. We hope you are able to join us.

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Back Lane & Station Road North Elmham

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Broadland Housing Association's completed scheme in Northrepps

Broadland Housing Association are proposing to develop two residential housing schemes in North Elmham.

Proposals have been prepared to develop land on Back Lane (41 dwellings) and Station Road (23 dwellings), comprising a mix of 1-4 bedroom houses and bungalows.

Members of the community will be able to view and comment on the proposals.

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10.30am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10.30am	Stibbard	Holy Communion
10.30am	Bawdeswell	Word and Praise

12th July : Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am	North Elmham	Iona Holy Communion
10.30am	Bawdeswell	Holy Communion
10.30am	Foulsham	Holy Communion

19th July : Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10.30am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
10.30am	Worthing	Iona Morning Praise
10.30am	Bawdeswell	The 10.30
11.00am	Billingham	Morning Praise
6.00pm	Foulsham	Said Evensong

26th July : Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am	Guist	Holy Communion
10.30am	North Elmham	Morning Praise
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