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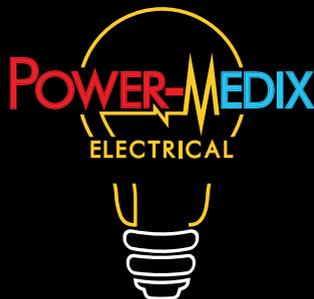
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EDITORIAL

Despite the miserable weather we were able to enjoy the photos taken at the recent panto and relive some of the funnier moments. Hope you like them too. Laughter is good for you.

As Theresa's review shows, a great many people were involved in the production which made it a real community event and another huge event will be calling for help with the Elmham Garden Fete on May 17th. So don't put off volunteering, it's fun and worthwhile, and you will feel better for being involved.

The Countrysiders continue to grow and enjoy the fun. We wish we were younger and could join in! Don't forget if you are older, you could join the Young Farmers, they have fun too!

Our Guides and the Memorial Hall are organising Spring Fairs to raise money and hopefully tempt us to buy Easter gifts for family and friends. Why not pop along and see what's there. Tea and cake are sure to be on offer!

Thanks to the surgery for their Newsletter and we hope that it goes some way to understanding the complications of their work. Have you talked to Andi yet?

We must say goodbye to Dr Simon Carroll who is retiring after 30 years from the surgery at the end of March. The editors are of an age to have known him for all of those 30! We wish him good health and a happy retirement, finding time to relax and do all the things he ever wanted to do but didn't have the time.

Finally, we end as we started with the Pantomime, we would like to express our grateful thanks to their generous donation towards the Elmham News.



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NEXT DEADLINE: 14TH MARCH

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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KNIT AND NATTER

Due to illness, some of us didn't attend the February meeting. However, those that did had to curtail the meeting as half the heating was not working and sitting knitting wearing hats, scarves and coats isn't the most pleasant way to spend the whole two hours. Hopefully the heating will be rectified by the time of the next meeting.

On a more cheerful note, the Valentine Day hearts, as shown in the photo, were delivered on time to the Bilney Hall Care Home. They were pleased to accept them and to thank me for our donation which we gave them before Christmas. They spent it on jigsaws with extra large pieces, suitable for their guests.

At the February meeting, it was decided that the Easter Fair was too soon for us, but we will definitely be booking tables for the Garden Fete to held on 17th May.

Well done to our members who stuck it out through at least half of our last meeting. The next one will be on 3rd March 2 til 4 in the Pavilion, when hopefully the weather will be a little warmer.

Eileen Cotterill 01362 668380

NORTH ELMHAM THROUGH THE YEARS

If you are new to the village or just want to know how it all looked 50 or 100 years ago, come to the Memorial Hall during the weekend of 11th and 12th April to see a collection from the North Elmham Archive.
More details next month



COUNTRYSIDERS

Fakenham Rugby Club kindly hosted us at their ground for a lively taster session. Despite it being a very cold and crisp evening, 16 Countrysiders gave it their all and thoroughly enjoyed the session. A massive thank you to Alan for giving up his time to support us. We're pleased to say that another session is already in the pipeline for next term.

On 1st February, we took part in our YFC Sports Day at Neatherd School in Dereham. A variety of sports were played, and we were delighted to achieve placings across several events.

This week, we also marked Children's Mental Health Week. We enjoyed a range of board games and the Countrysiders shared their thoughts on the Colour Ladder activity. It was a relaxed and fun evening, enjoyed by all.

Our next session will be Pancake Fun at the Memorial Hall on 9th March – we're looking forward to seeing everyone there!

We currently have 27 Full Members. The club is going from strength to strength.

Dates for your Diary

9th March - Pancake Fun

23rd March - Easter Fun

Break for Easter 30th March returning 13th April.

Our group is open to all aged 10–16. You don't have to be a farmer to be a Countrysider Young Farmer!

For more information, please find us on Facebook or email us at:

north_elmham_cs@norfolkyfc.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

GARDENING CLUB

Our January AGM proceeded smoothly with Ray being unanimously elected as Chairman and the committee were all happy to serve again.

Ray gave a resume of our meetings and outings for 2025 and promised a similar approach to 2026.

The Treasurer gave a flawless set of accounts (thanks to Jo's patience in helping check the figures) and it shows that we have a healthy bank balance despite the purchase of several trophies and new equipment.

A new calendar was introduced for 2026 which was a good mix of talks and visits. One in particular was greeted with great enthusiasm – a visit to Black Schuck in July to test out their newest range of cocktails! Happy gardeners.

The Annual Dinner was on 27th February at The Teapost and menus were available.

Arthur Smith, a recent dear departed member had enjoyed painting and his family had sent beautiful, framed paintings that he and his wife Jane had done, to be given to any members of the club who would like to have a keepsake. These were very well received by members.

Another recently departed member, Bob Gilbert's daughter had asked if the club would like to have the contents of his garden sheds and Karen and Ray had emptied four carloads. The equipment was taken to school who were delighted to receive them.

The ANNUAL SHOW will be on Saturday 8th August 2026, as there is to be a wedding reception on 1st August. Schedules will be discussed and printed and distributed soon. If any non members would like one please contact Ray 667226,



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If anyone would care to join us, once a month on the third Thursday, we would be delighted to see you. You could just come along to see how things are before deciding to join. The annual fee is £10.

Be warned, we are gardeners yes, we love being interested in gardening and associated topics but we do enjoy each other's company too and a sense of humour is a splendid thing to have.

90? IT'S ONLY A NUMBER

It was one of those moments when everything seemed to stop – no sound- no movements.

A snapshot of a once in a lifetime – events – in this case my 90th birthday celebration at the King's Head in our village.

My thanks go to my family for helping to organise the event, to Stephen and the staff at the King's Head, both in the bar and the kitchen.

Thanks to everyone who delivered birthday cards and flowers and who donated to the Cats Protection League at Longham in lieu of gifts.

Today is a grey day, but the garden beckons with snowdrops and hellebores doing their thing. Soon the weather will warm up and the Spring will come creeping along.

What a thought! Also my 91st birthday – well why not?

Let's have another party!

Eileen

Ed's note: Thank you, Eileen, for a lovely evening, time to greet everyone and reminisce. You were a true star with your stary head dress and incredible energy.

NORTH ELMHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 7th January, 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 one approved.

Councillors Present Were: Mr. P. Grainger (Chairman), Mr. M. Phillips (Vice Chairman), Miss A. Ferris, Mr. F. Gillespie, Mrs.A. Keeble, Mr. N. Markwell, Mr. M. Rayner and Mr. J. Sowinski.

Also in Attendance: Mr. K. Webb (Clerk) and Mr. Borrett (County and District Councillor) who left after giving his report.

Apologies for absence:Mr. T. Fitzalan Howard, Mr. B. Gee, Mr. C. Smith and Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor)

Report from District and/or County Councillors

Mr. Borrett reported the following matters:-

1) Breckland District Council is undertaking a district wide review of it's land assets to ensure they continue to be protected, managed and used for the benefit of the communities they serve. All Parish Councils are to be given the opportunity to take ownership of BDC owned land within their parish boundaries and are asked to consider any sites which may be of interest.

2) Mr. Borrett is to ask the County Council's view on item 1) and if there are any intentions to do something similar.

3) Consultation regarding the local elections due in May, 2026 finishes on 11th January. A decision on whether the elections will be held is due to be announced by 15th January.

Ed's Note: The full report is on the community website, it is worth a read especially if you want to know about "mitten crabs"!

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Art 4 All Norfolk
Bowls - Institute
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Snooker Wed
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UPDATED INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING

Update from North Elmham Living Sustainably (NELS) Group

The timescale for the project has been extended. Further information is awaited from Mr. Earle.

Land Management Matters

Village Green: Rubbish is being cleared at the entrance from Eastgate Street.

Cathedral Ruins: Alison Naylor with her colleague, Blake Galloway, from English Heritage visited on the 17th December. Present were Mrs. Keeble, Messrs Phillips and Sowinski, and the Clerk. Mr. Julian Duffield also was in attendance for the second part of the meeting. All aspects of the site were discussed. There is a problem with the wall on the right side of the pathway after entering the site. Photographs were taken by the English Heritage staff. No feedback has yet been received so Mrs. Keeble will chase.

Cathedral Meadows: The replacement fencing is to be installed. A payment of £4,344.19 has been received from the Rural Payments Agency but this is £229.04 less than anticipated by Brown and Co. They will be asked to check with the Agency that the amount is correct.

Bridleway on disused railway line and other railway linked matters: Mr. Rayner reported that Mr. Robinson is no longer our Railway Liaison contact and has forwarded our queries to the new Liaison Trustee. No response has yet been received.

Allotments

Mr. Phillips reported that there is one plot remaining to be let.

Street Lights

Mr. Markwell had investigated the possibility of changing the street lights to a LED solar powered version. The cost

would be £2K per light, (£212K in total). This was regarded as an unrealistic option. The Clerk had continued to discuss the prospect of a new contract with Drax for the provision of electricity. It was estimated that the usage for the year would be 10,256.4 units which would result in an annual charge of about £2,900 (before VAT), or £250 per month. It was stressed that the monthly cost would be higher in winter with lower figures being seen in the summer months. The VAT applied would be 5% for usages of less than 1,000 units per month and 20% if the monthly usage exceeds 1,000 units.

Highway Matters

The payment of 50% of the cost of the Village Gates (£3,113.33) is awaited from Norfolk County Council. Two blocked drains in Church Hill and Eastgate Street are to be reported. Two parish owned bins (at Cathedral Drive near the bridge and in Elm Close) are out of salt and are to be replenished.

Pavilion and Playing Field

Miss Ferris had chased the Football Club after the last meeting asking for the pool table to be moved from the building and the items on the Parish Council notice board to be reinstated. It was disappointing to note that no positive action had been taken to comply with this request. It was also apparent that four containers had been deposited in the room and some old goalposts still remained in the corner of the field. The Clerk is to send a further request to the Club asking for the appropriate action to be taken. Failure to comply will result in a fee being charged (£250 suggested) to cover the unnecessary extra work and inconvenience.

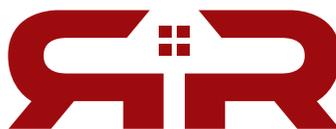
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Brookside Development Update

The aim was to have the electric charging system working on 7th January but there was a technical problem which prevented this from happening. The Clerk has continued discussions with E.on Next and the rates payable are to be confirmed.

Defibrillators

The status of the defibrillator at the surgery has been confirmed as inactive. Information regarding a new defibrillator is awaited. Miss Ferris is to chase.

Local Plan Update

Mr. Rayner said that a resident from Back Lane had expressed concern about the site near there being developed. Another consultation (Regulation 19) is to be held.

New Village Hall

A small working group is to be set up in January later this month. A representative from Pointens, Estate Agents of Holt is to visit on 13th January to view the Memorial Hall and Eastgate Centre.

Location of Skate Ramp and Associated Repairs

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Sowinski for facilitating the disposal of this facility which was no longer required.

Accounts for Payment and Schedule of Income

Payments

Drax (electricity for street lights – 1/11/25 to 30/11/25) – (d/d) £430.12 **
Biffa (wheelie bin service from 22/11/25 to 26/12/25) - (d/d) £101.70
E-on Next (pavilion from 1/11/25 to 30/11/25) – (d/d) £214.24
E-on Next (electricity for Boars Hill– 28/10/25 to 30/11/25)–(d/d) £10.71
D. Tyson (pavilion cleaning for December) £146.52
K. Webb (Clerk’s pay December) £900.67
HMRC (Tax & N.I. on Clerk’s pay) £331.53

T. H. Scott and Son (hedge cutting – Cathedral Meadows) £1,743.00

R.P. Environmental Services (wasp treatment – P.W.Wood) £50.00

R.P. Environmental Services (wasp treatment – Boars Hill) £50.00

Power-Medix Ltd (external socket with timer – Pavilion) £184.79

Society of Local Council Clerks (membership fee) £253.00

M. Phillips (Christmas gift to volunteers) £40.24

** This figure is suspect and is currently subject to discussions with Drax.

(Expenditure approved by all members)

Income

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

North Elmham F.C. (payment for referee’s room) £75.00

Barclays Bank interest from 8/9/25 to 7/12/25 £142.51

Rural Payments Agency (ELS/HLS agreement) £4,344.19

Bank Balances at 05/01/26

Current a/c - £70,652.47

Business Premium a/c - £49,688.02

Cambridge Building Society - £82,483.96

Budget

Mr. Phillips confirmed the budgeted figures for the coming year as income of £63,841 and expenditure of £64,232. The final budget will be circulated to members. The Clerk advised that the Precept requirement of £43,054 had been submitted to and acknowledged by Breckland Council.

Digital and Data Compliance – AGAR Assertion 10

The Annual Governance Statement, being part of AGAR, contains nine “Assertions”. Assertion 3 is being expanded and, as a result, a new Assertion is being created. This is to be known as Assertion 10 which

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The utilisation of emails containing “@gmail.com” and “@outlook.com” will not be permitted.

To Consider Planning Applications and Determinations

a) Applications

- i) Notification – tree work (conifer and sycamore) at The Paddock, 80 Holt Road –PL/2025/1897/TCA
- ii) Notification – tree work (beech) adjacent to Wellesley House, 61 Holt Road –PL/2025/1923/TCA

Correspondence

- 1) Grass cutting arrangement for 2026. (Current contractor to continue).
- 2) E-mail from Councillor Borrett regarding Government plans to cancel the elections due to take place in May.
- 3) Request from Breckland Council regarding the possibility of transferring any Breckland Council assets to Parish Council ownership. See Mr Borrett’s report above.

Any Other Matters

The Clerk advised that he would be away for the final three weeks of April, 2026. Arrangements regarding the forwarding of emails would be put in place during this period.

FEBRUARY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

There are no Parish Council minutes for the February meeting in this edition as they had not been received in time.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 4th March at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion. Parishioners are always encouraged to attend.

FAKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Spring Concert

Louis Vierne’s Messe Solonelle and Matthew Coleridge’s Requiem.

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WHAT MAKES A GOOD NIGHT OUT?

All you need are an appreciative audience composed of family and friends and well wishers, lively and humorous dialogue, mischievous characters, and a charming introduction involving school children. There was high energy from the characters, quite difficult in the enclosed space on the stage, music, inventive lighting and dialogue (at times) and you have the nucleus of an entertaining romp.

A packed hall, a bar, ice cream and a raffle all added to the fun.

A sincere thank you to all the players, the helpers, the audiences, but most of to Theresa who put her life on hold for several months, to give us performances to remember.

Meg White



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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (From The EAST?)

Hello you lovely North Elmham people,
Well, we did it again – oh YES we did!

It's been six whole years since our last Cinderella panto in 2020. After Cinderella, I found myself being badgered by locals into doing another production. Every time I walked into the village, I heard, "THERESA, when are you going to do another panto? We had so much fun!" And so the next production was born.

Our panto, Beauty and the Beast (from the East), was a fabulous success! My thanks go to each and every one of you for supporting the event.

Not only did we raise a staggering £3,515.00 for the village, but everyone also had the most amazing time – loads of laughs and giggles, live music to sing along to, and dancing for the energetic folk!

My heartfelt thanks go to the many volunteers who came forward. It probably amounts to around 60 villagers who helped in one way or another to make this happen. Whether you were part of the creative teams – make-up, artistry and sewing – selling ice creams, helping on the bar or front of house, the extremely helpful and accommodating DIY team, marketing, advertising and printing, our friendly raffle ladies, the Fakenham Ukes musicians... the list goes on. So thank you to EVERYONE who came together to create this wonderful event.

My SPECIAL thanks go to Joe Sowinski and his amazing team, who rigged and provided the most incredible lighting system (EVER!).

Your generosity amazes me every time – your countless raffle prize donations



exceeded all expectations. I am so humbled by your generosity. THANK YOU!

On top of this, of course, I also had the illustrious cast performers, who gave up their valuable time to attend regular rehearsals and patiently listened as I directed them, rewrote scripts and fine-tuned scenes to create our fabulous PANTO. Thank you ALL for your dedication and creativity in making the characters 'your own'. I know we all had a lot of fun putting this together – even if it was hard work at times!

Our cast members were:

Belle – Dawn Whiting
Prince Ivor Biggin/Beast – Phil Sherwood
Fifi – Sarah Tooley
Kiki – Claire Robson
Fairy Godmother – Karen Morgan
Fluster – Elizabeth Braybrook
Duster – Sarah O'Neill
Shirazz – Chris Baker





Pizzazz – Steve Welch
Willamena Widebottom – Geoff Baker
Cherry Tonne – Jo Smith
Anna Log – Sue Baker
Mrs Goggins – Brenda Williams
Andy Barrett – Sound System/Lighting
Programming (and vocals)

I would also like to send a big thank you to the village school children for performing so beautifully.

I truly believe it's events like this that bring our community together and create such a wonderful spirit in the village. Thank you to everyone involved. We are blessed to have one another to bring this to fruition. We have received numerous compliments from audience members, some even saying, "IT WAS THE BEST SHOW THEY HAD EVER SEEN!"

FOR EVERYONE WHO CAME TOGETHER TO HELP, PERFORM AND SUPPORT – YOU ARE ALL SUPERSTARS! THANK YOU!

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The branch held the first meeting of the year at the Kings Head on the 3rd February. After the usual protocol was observed, the meeting closed, so that we could celebrate our President, Eileen's 90th birthday. She was presented by Andrew, our Chairman with a long service award from the RBL, and our Secretary Mike presented her with a Rose called Eileen.

The branch also combined this celebration, with the fact that this year is our 81st, which started on the 25th August 1945 here at the Kings Head. After several other venue's, it returned here on the 4th March 1999 remaining to this day, therefore we must thank past and present owners of the King Head for the hospitality shown to us, with a special thank you to Stephen the present owner and his staff for the outstanding support given to us.

Our Next meeting is on 7th April at the King's Head at 8 pm. Please note we are combining with the Memorial Institute, on a Village History display at The Institute

on the 11th and 12th of April. Full details supplied for next month's magazine, and if you are able to contribute with anything regarding the event please contact any members of the Institute or the branch.

Mike Aston Branch Sec

WIVES PLUS ALL

The first 2026 meeting of Wives Plus All took place in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 12th February and commenced with the Wives Club AGM. Chair Gloria reflected on 2025's successful activities and visiting Speakers. Gill Secretary and Treasurer presented the annual accounts. Thanks were given to the Club's Officers and also those Club members who kindly volunteered to run the monthly raffles and also those who provided and served refreshments. The Club's Officers - Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer were elected en bloc. The Members' Annual Subscription and payment for a monthly meeting remain unchanged. The AGM meeting then closed.



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Gloria then welcomed guest speakers Paulette and Harold Morgan who came along to present a talk on "Jamaica Wi Likkle but Wi Tallawah"

Prior to coming to England and recently to North Elmham Harold had been born in Jamaica and along with his wife Paulette both had resided there although Paulette had been born in England.

Jamaica is a small island, population of approximately 2.839 million (2024), about 1/2 the size of Wales. It sits in the Caribbean below Cuba. It has lush mountains, rainforests and reef-lined beaches and it is a popular destination for tourists. Its resorts are mainly in Montego Bay which has British Colonial architecture and Negril is a place known for its diving and snorkel sites. Like England the Island has designated parishes and also 3 Counties interestingly called Cornwall, Surrey and Middlesex. The Capital of Jamaica is Kingston which is famed as the birthplace of reggae music and it has the Bob Marley Museum there which is dedicated to the famous singer.

The colours of the National Flag of Jamaica represent - BLACK - the strength and creativity of the people : GOLD - the natural beauty of the sunlight and wealth of the country : GREEN - signifies hope and agricultural.

The title of the evenings talk "Wi Likkle but Wi tallawah" a Jamaican proverb means - "We may be little, but we are strong , fearless and not to be underestimated"

Among renowned people who have resided in Jamaica, have been movie star Errol Flynn who took his yacht there: Noel Coward lived in his home Firefly and a statue in remembrance of him stands outside his home :

And of course James Bond is said to have been born there. Ian Fleming, captivated by the island at the end of World War 11,

built his villa Golden Eye there in 1946, and created "Bond, James Bond" whilst escaping to the villa. It was here he wrote all 14 of Bond 007 novels.

For us in Norfolk interestingly the Felbrigg Hall Wyndham family in the 19th century had strong links with the Jamaican sugar plantations and Colonial Slavery. Blickling and Oxborough Halls were also connected with the Slavery trade.

Thanks go to Harold and Paulette for giving members a very enlightening and interesting talk.

The next meeting of Wives Plus All will be on THURSDAY 12th MARCH 2026 at 7.30pm in The Memorial Hall, North Elmham. Allan Archer will give a talk on "Dinosaurs in your Garden"

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Sunday March 8th @Taverham 1-3pm

Sunday March 29th @ Greshams 1-3pm

For more information call Ollie on 07583 050684.

The club is always looking to welcome new players regardless of age, experience and ability. There are two Saturday teams,

the First team playing in Div1 West of the Norfolk Cricket League and the Second team in Div 4 NE. There is also a Ladies team that plays in the Shell Norfolk League. This coming season also sees the launch of a Junior team at U8 level and if you have a child that might be interested in this please call Adam on 07795443433.

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Mark Ballman

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Wed 4th	Parish Council	Pavilion	7.30 pm
Sun 8th	Young Farmers Ploughing Match	Longham	10.00 am
Mon 9th	Countrysiders - Pancake Fun	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Wed 11th	Tea at Two	Memorial Hall	2.00 pm
Thu 12th	Wives Plus All - Dinosaurs in your Garden	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Sat 14th	Guides Spring Fair	Eastgate Centre	10.00am–12.00pm
Thu 20th	Gardening Club - Garden Birds	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Mon 23rd	Countrysiders - Easter Fun	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
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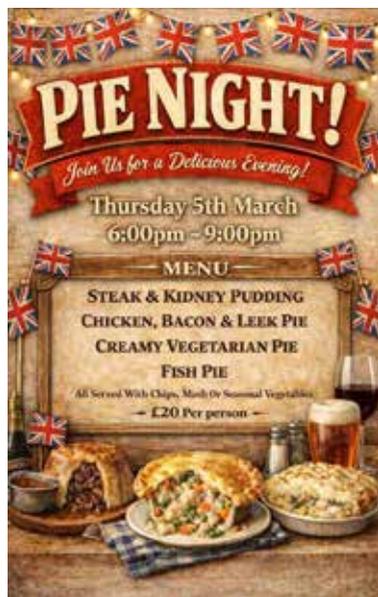
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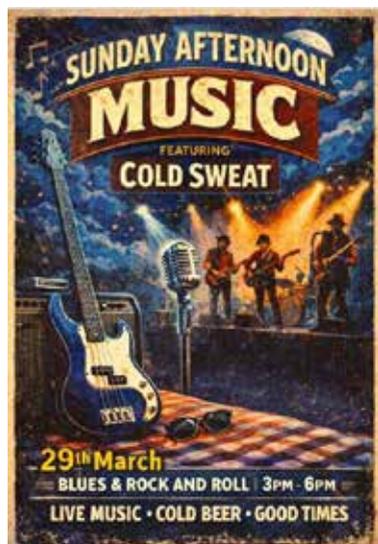
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ELMHAM WILDLIFE



Most of the insects I catch overnight in my moth trap are relatively straightforward to identify. They are identified, recorded and allowed to go on their way in the morning. A small number are more challenging to identify, and need to be retained to examine more carefully. This week I've been identifying some of those that I caught last summer. Among them was a beetle (photo 1) that didn't look particularly exciting as there are several similar species that are very common. I had to look at it under a microscope to be sure which one it was but when I did so it turned out not to be one of the common ones: it was a beetle called a Wrinkled Driftliner. Driftliners are 'halophilus', that is they live in coastal salt or brackish water areas, and Wrinkled Driftliner is scarce even in those habitats, so what was it doing in my garden in North Elmham?



It must have flown here, but it wasn't windy, and what wind there was came from the south-west, so it hadn't been blown here by the wind. It's not a migratory species that normally travels long distances, and I'm not aware of any other records of the species at inland locations except a short distance down tidal river valleys. So why it turned up here remains a mystery, but it's not the first time I've caught coastal beetles here in North Elmham.

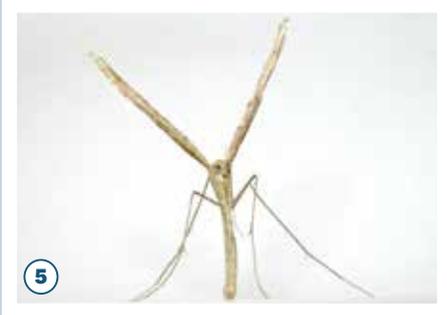


Back in 2019 I caught a rove beetle that I tentatively identified as *Bledius bicornis* (this one doesn't have an English name) (photo 2). Rove beetles are notoriously difficult to identify and I wasn't very experienced with them back then, but I took another look at it last year, armed with some new reference books and a bit more experience, and I'm pretty sure I was right. *Bledius bicornis* is a nationally rare species, found at a very few coastal locations, most of which are along the north Norfolk coast. I don't know of any other inland records at all.





Another normally coastal beetle I caught here was again one that doesn't seem to have been given an English name yet, so known only by its scientific name *Dicheirotrichus obsoletus* (photo 3). This is a bit commoner at the coast and there are a handful of other inland records so it seems to have a bit more of a habit of wandering away from its normal haunts.



Compared to moths, beetles are not so well studied – there are far fewer people recording beetles than there are people recording moths. So it is not surprising that there are lots more records of coastal moths turning up inland than there are coastal beetles. Some even seem to make a bit of a habit of wandering inland. There are over 20 inland records of the Saltern Tortrix in Norfolk, a small brown moth whose caterpillars feed on Sea Aster so it cannot breed away from the coast where that grows. I've caught five of these in North Elmham now (photo 4).



Plume moths are an unusual family of moths that have very narrow wings held out to the side and a long narrow body so they look T-shaped. In most species the wings are divided so they seem to have long fingers at the tips, but the Saltmarsh Plume's wings are undivided, and also held up above the head so they are more Y-shaped than T-shaped. Their larvae feed on Sea-lavender so again they can only survive at the coast, yet there are lots of records of these moths inland. A friend who lives in Hindolveston caught 21 in his moth trap in a single night once. I've not found that many, but I have caught them here on a couple of occasions (photo 5).



The Saltern Ear is a relatively large moth that's very common around our coastline but also wanders inland from time to time – they have even been found in the Birmingham area a few times, and you don't get much more inland than that in the UK. I caught one here in North Elmham last summer (photo 6).



Another saltmarsh moth I caught last summer really took me by surprise as it's not one that's ever been seen far inland in Norfolk (although there have been a couple of inland records in Suffolk). The Thrift Elder (photo 7) is a really tiny moth, about 5mm long, brown with a few faint markings which actually make it quite distinctive if you know what to look for. This one turned up during north-westerly winds so I suspect its arrival here was at least aided by the wind. I've seen them before on the saltmarsh at Brancaster where I found them easier to catch flying over the Sea-lavender at dusk than in a light trap at night.

The Purslane Moth is so-called because its caterpillars feed on Sea-purslane although they can be found on other saltmarsh plants as well. It's another small brown moth and is very difficult to tell apart from some similar (also mainly coastal) species. You usually need to examine their reproductive parts under a microscope to be certain which species you're dealing with, so I had to do that to confirm my unexpected find when one turned up here in my garden a few years ago (photo 8).

The final seaside insect in North Elmham that I want to tell you about is the Sea-lavender Case-bearer. The case-bearers are a diverse group of small moths whose caterpillars make themselves a little protective case from little bits of leaves they've bitten off. They move around in this case feeding and then remain in it to pupate before they emerge as an adult moth. The adult moths are typically very difficult to identify, but one exception is the Sea-lavender Case-bearer. As their name suggests the larvae feed on Sea-lavender and the adult moths are quite distinctive. They're an orangey-brown colour with dark-bordered silvery stripes through the wings. The scales making up these stripes are highly reflective so it looks like their wings are covered in tiny sparkling diamonds. Until 2018 this



species hadn't been recorded inland in Norfolk at all but that year they had a particularly successful year at the coast and in July they were found at three different inland locations around the county – Fakenham, Narborough and here in North Elmham (photo 9).

Let me know what about the interesting wildlife you find around the parish – it's always good to hear from you. Following my article about Blackbirds last year it was good to hear from Rod recently who tells me that he's seeing just as many Blackbirds in his garden now as he was 30 years ago, so no evidence yet of the decline others are experiencing in the south. He has however noticed a reduction in Song Thrush numbers which agrees with my own experience as well as the national trends. You can get in touch with me by emailing me at appleton.dave@googlemail.com or phoning me on 668431.

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In DT, we explored different ways to join materials together. We then designed, built and tested our very own bridges - just like real engineers!

In Science, we have been learning about mammals, birds and reptiles. We're looking forward to continuing our learning on this topic after half term.

Well done, Acorns, for all your hard work!

Oak

In English, we have been writing newspaper-style articles about the use of social media. This important topic sparked lots of thoughtful discussion and debate, and the children shared some very mature and balanced viewpoints.

In Science, we have been exploring electrical circuits. We tested different types of circuits and even designed and made our own switches - we have loved this unit!

In History, we have been learning about the Golden Age of Baghdad and the lasting impact it has had on the world.

In Music, we have been learning to sing Make You Feel My Love by Adele and have enjoyed playing the glockenspiel to accompany the song.

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One carer explained how important our befriending service was to them. "The befriending service has given me support

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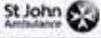
Another commented: "I wanted to volunteer because I was going through a tough time myself and I felt that helping someone else would help me."

Could you spare an hour or two each week to become a friendly face for someone in your local community who needs a lift? We will support you all the way.

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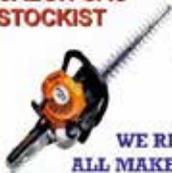
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SURGERY NEWS

Retirement of Dr Carroll

After 30 years of dedicated service to our patients and community, we announce the retirement of our Senior Partner, Dr Simon Carroll, at the end of March 2026.

Dr Carroll has been an integral part of the practice for three decades, providing exceptional care, leadership, and commitment to generations of families. His professionalism, compassion, and unwavering dedication have made a lasting difference to the lives of so many within our community.

On behalf of the entire practice team, the partners would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr Carroll for his outstanding contribution and for the support and kindness he has shown to both patients and colleagues throughout his career.

We know that many of you will join us in wishing him a very happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement. Although he will be greatly missed, his legacy will continue to shape our practice for years to come.

Using Our New AI Support Receptionist, Andi

We are now one month into our trial of Andi, our AI support receptionist. To help you get the best experience from this service, please keep the following in mind:

For patient safety, the practice has a daily safe limit for urgent appointments.

Once this limit is reached:

- Andi can only accept routine requests for the remainder of the day
- You will not be able to submit new urgent on-the-day requests
- Andi will offer appropriate alternative options

This ensures safe and manageable care.

What if I say it is “urgent” or an “emergency” when we are at capacity?

If the practice has reached its safe limit for urgent appointments and you tell Andi that your concern is urgent or an emergency:

- Andi will redirect you to emergency services, such as 999 or A&E
- This is a built-in safety measure to ensure that potentially serious symptoms are not delayed

How do I get the best experience using Andi?

To help Andi understand your needs:

- Allow Andi to finish each question before responding
- Speak clearly and at a normal pace
- Provide accurate and relevant information

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Does Andi submit my triage form?

Yes. Andi completes and submits the triage form based on your responses. This allows our clinical team to review

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Upcoming Closure Dates For Staff Training 2026

March 5th, March 17th (Swanton Morley), April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd.

WALKERS ARE WELCOME

Please come and join us for a walk in the local area.

We have two regular walks each month. Our shortest, easiest walk of around two miles is on the second Tuesday of the month and a slightly longer one of around four miles is on the first Friday of the month.

We will walk before our AGM on Saturday April 25th and we will bus out to Beetley for our next long walk in May.

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

NORTH ELMHAM YOUNG FARMERS

The start of 2026 has been very exciting for North Elmham YFC, we have had an array of exciting meetings including cider tasting at Raiders Cider, a tour of TNS and an evening of dodgeball!

We also had an exciting win in the Norfolk YFC hockey league, meaning we will go forward to Eastern Area and compete against the best clubs in the area. We are so proud of the team for their achievement and wish them the best of luck going forward.

Coming up we have our ploughing match on Sunday 8th March which is being held in Longham NR19 2RW, more information below on our website. The Norfolk YFC Ploughing Competition will be held on this day and it is a great opportunity to see tractors new and old!



If you think Young Farmers might be for you; we meet Wednesdays at 7.30pm at The Kings Head (or see our socials for more information on where to find us!) open to ages 15-28, you don't have to be a farmer to be a young farmer! @northhelmhamyfc

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Dear Friends,

I love that in winter you can see through the branches of the trees. Without the thick green bounty of summer obscuring the light, there's a clarity. Of course, summer brings so much to be thankful for, not least longed-for warmth. But sometimes it takes the winter to help us see things more clearly.

We know from the Bible that eternity has been placed in the heart of man, suggesting that humans possess an awareness of something beyond their transient, earthly existence. But the world and all its offerings can dull our senses. It can block the light.

When the light is hindered, we blunder around in the dark. We can find ourselves grumbling. Our days can become peppered with scattered thoughts, uncertainty and discontent.

Jesus says in John 6, "Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life." Can we trust that eternal, radiant life is offered to us even on our ordinary, winter days? When it's cold and we long to feel the earth's tilt towards the sun?

Yes! When the rhythms of the natural world appear to have slowed down and it feels like a long, cold stretch before the trees put on their show, we are enabled to see what's in the background, through the bare branches: stretches of wide-open landscape, crows transitioning between perches, more towering trees throwing the boundaries of the land up to the sky. We notice what's going on behind the scenes, things drawing us into salvation, the true horizon. In winter, we see beyond.

There's something else visible right now in March: buds, hundreds of them, lining every stem and limb and bough. Tiny gnarly shoots primed for new life. The next season, guaranteed, already in

progress. You could assume the skeletal branches, stripped of all their froth and flounce, were good for nothing but twigs for kindling. And yet all the time, new life is bursting. There are the buds to prove it.

Alice Richardson

*Authorised Assistant to Revd Sally Kimmis
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WORTHING NEWS

Bishop's Lent Diocesan Appeal 2026

The Christian tradition of Lent began on Ash Wednesday 18th February and ends 2nd April. Details below for this year's Bishop's Diocesan appeal – Lent BRUNCH, no booking required.

Lent Brunch Sunday 1st March from 9.30am

Please drop by and join St Margaret's Church for a simple brunch with rolls, cheeses, fruit, hot drinks / juices. Any kind donation received will be passed on to fund clergy children in Papua New Guinea.

Reflecting on the Martyres Memorial School visit, Bishop Graham said:
"Education is key to empowering young people to find life in all its fulness, as well as play a part in the future wellbeing of their families and communities. "I was struck, when I visited Papua New Guinea, how many clergy children have to miss a year of school because their parents can't afford to send them.

Your support will step in to support families at such times of need, so as to provide a continuous education."

Sunday Church Services

This month we invite you to meet in church on the 1st March starting at 9am Holy Communion and 15th March Iona Morning Praise starting at 10.30am when we shall be celebrating all Mums on this special Mothering Sunday.

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Advance Notice:

Easter Sunday Duck Race: 5th April

In aid of St. Margaret's Church Building Appeal, our traditional Easter Sunday Duck Race will start by the river at Millstream Cottages, Worthing.

Commencing at 11.30am with a Children's Easter Story from with Norman
12 noon Duck Race starts including Easter Bonnet Parade

Around 1pm finishing line at Tannery House - Easter Prize giving

Suggested Donation £2.50 per sponsored Duck, car parking on Church Road.

Winning ducks/numbers will be announced in the May magazine.

Good luck everyone!

And Finally...

As we continue to boost our church building appeal, can you please help us to raise funds?

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9:30 am	Wood Norton	Morning Praise
10:30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Stibbard	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Bawdeswell	Word & Praise

8TH MARCH – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

10:30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Bawdeswell	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Foulsh am	Holy Communion

15TH MARCH – MOTHERING SUNDAY

10:30 am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Worthing Iona	Morning Praise
10:30 am	Bawdeswell	The 10:30
11:00 am	Billingford	Morning Praise

22ND MARCH – PASSION SUNDAY

10:30 am	Guist	Holy Communion
10:30 am	North Elmham	Morning Praise
10:30 am	Bawdeswell	Holy Communion
5:00 pm	Foulsham	Choral Evensong

29TH MARCH – PALM SUNDAY

10:30 am	Wood Norton	Heart of Norfolk Group, Holy Communion
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Services at Bawdeswell All Saints are available on Zoom:

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