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EDITORIAL

We hope you enjoy looking at the photos and reading this month's edition of the News. The Festival was a joyful affair and a really useful sum was earned towards keeping the church in good condition. The majority of the helpers and supporters are not regular churchgoers but mindful of the responsibility of caring for an ancient monument to the past. Christenings, marriages and funerals are all part of the life of the church and without it, what next?

Friends and Neighbours are going for a first – The First Bingo of 2021 is on November 1st at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

The Parish Council will be placing this year's Christmas tree at the Pavilion and there will be a sing-a-long, hot drinks and mince pies at 6.00 pm on Friday 26th November to celebrate lighting up the tree. Everyone is invited.

Elmham News Team are going to sponsor the Christmas Lights Competition again this year and two impeccable and unbiased judges have been chosen to go

round the village during the 2nd week of December. They will be looking for innovation and colour and are prepared to consider any groups as well as individual efforts. So, get planning.

We have received letters from several parishioners this month and invite you to write to us with your views as well as to the Parish Council.

We are sad to record the recent deaths of Jane Smith, wife of Arthur and Ed Middleditch, husband of Joyce. We offer our sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers to both of their families.

Donations from Anon, June Webb and Anon on Station Road are gratefully received. Our apologies to Dave and Pat Walton for inadvertently putting an incorrect surname against their donation last month. When we apologised, they said they knew who we meant. Thank you.

Finally, don't forget we only have one magazine to cover December and January so if you have anything to promote for January we need details by 14th November.

PLEASE NOTE: Submission deadline for articles to be included in the DECEMBER/JANUARY edition is 14TH NOVEMBER. Please email your article to each of the editors listed below asap before the deadline.

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NORTH ELMHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6TH OCTOBER

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

Councillors Present: Mrs. J. Borgnis (Chairman), Mr. M. Phillips, Mr. B. Gee, Miss A. Ferris, Mr. P. Grainger, Mrs. A. Keeble, Mr. J. Labouchere, Mr. N. Markwell, Mr. M. Rayner and Mr. C. Smith.

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

Apologies: Mr. T. Fitzalan Howard and Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor).

Public Participation

It was asked if the small notice in the car park near the church could be made bigger and taller. Also, would it be possible for it to be repainted? Mr. Labouchere proposed that it should be left as it is and this was seconded by Mr. Phillips. Four members voted in favour of this motion and two members were against. Three members abstained as they had not viewed the sign. It was agreed by all that members, where necessary, would look at the sign and the situation in the car park would be monitored in the coming weeks.

Eds note: This is a sign saying "FARM ACCESS Keep Clear".

Land Management Matters

Village Green: The hedges have been cut. A quotation has been received from NGF Play Ltd. to carry out the work identified in the recent RoSPA report - £849.73. All in favour of proceeding.

Cathedral Ruins: Mrs. Keeble reported that the slopes have been cut.

Cathedral Meadows: Derogation from Natural England has been received regarding the burning of the brash.

Broom Green: The drainage work has been done.

Bridleway on disused railway line and other railway linked matters: The miniature railway application wasn't considered by the District Council Planning Committee at their monthly meeting. It is thought that it will be at the next one.

Prince William Wood: Breckland Council have refused permission for the new dog bin to be sited in the required location. As a result, in the absence of a suitable alternative position, the order for the new bin will be cancelled.

Allotments

Samples have been taken from the sheets and there is no asbestos present. A skip is to be hired for the sheets to be placed in, together with a plethora of other items of rubbish. Annual rents are to be collected on 11th October.

Street Lights

The annual maintenance invoice from Westcotec has been received and accepted. It was confirmed that there are no wayleave (right of way) agreements in place in respect of streetlights on houses.

The inspection cover of light number 43, situated in the Post Office car park, is hanging off. Westcotec is to be advised.

Highway Matters

There have been no updates from Highways on existing issues which have previously been raised. The SAM2 camera in Station Road is to be moved to Pump Street. Advice regarding the possibility of providing some safety rails outside the Tea Post is still awaited.

Pavilion and Playing Field

The barrier padlock has been replaced. The moles are being dealt with again. An

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 1st	BINGO for Friends & Neighbours	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Tue 2nd	Knit and Natter	Pavilion	2.00 pm
Wed 3rd	Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion	7.30 pm
Thu 4th	Friends & Neighbours	Pavilion	2.00 pm
Wed 10th	Mobile Library	The Heath to Orchard Close	2.30–5.20 pm
Thu 11th	Wives Plus All: Lyn Milns talk on Street Work with Young People	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Thu 18th	Friends & Neighbours	Pavilion	2.00 pm
Thu 25th	Gardening Club Wreath demo	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Fri 26th	Christmas Tree Lighting	Pavilion	6.00 pm

ADVANCED WARNING

Fri 10th Dec	North Elmham Talent Show See page 10 for ticket details	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
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Please remember, we can only print dates that YOU give us.

Deadline for the December January issue is 14th November.

Elmham News

If you contact us via email please email it to all of the Editors. If you only send it to one of us we might miss it. Thanks.

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e-mail from a referee officiating at a recent youth football match expressing concern is to be forwarded, with his permission, to the Cricket Club. The annual invoice for use of facilities is to be forwarded to the Cricket Club. It was agreed by all that there would be no charge this season for youth football teams playing at the ground. Proposed by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Labouchere.

Affordable Housing Update

The Housing Association sent out over 500 questionnaires for the Housing needs Survey. To date, 198 have been returned. The results are being collated and Mr. Mumford-Smith is to attend next month's meeting at which the responses will be considered.

Risk Management – Considerations and Updates

It was agreed that funds collected in respect of pavilion activities should be checked by the Clerk immediately on being handed over, duly agreed and an appropriate receipt issued for the amount of money involved.

Village Green Tree Planting Scheme

A parishioner has requested permission to plant a horse chestnut tree on the village green (at the bottom end). All agreed that a suitable place should be identified. The new tree on the village green appears to be struggling and is to be monitored over the next few months.

Defibrillators

The cost to provide equipment and a uniform for each Community First Responder (CFR) is £1.8K. In addition, the price of initial training is £30 and a text book is £10. With Chris Neill's assistance, a piece is to be drafted for Elmham News explaining fully the current position with reference to the request for volunteers, what is involved, the cost and the Parish Council support available. Proposed by Mr. Grainger and seconded by Ms. Ferris. All in favour.

Village Green board displaying names of contributors to the fund raising

Mr. Gee had drafted wording for a sign. Some amendments were suggested, and the aim is to approve a revised version at the next meeting.

2011 Community Plan

Mr. Grainger had reviewed the document and produced a list of eleven items requiring comment and/or action. On a collective basis, remarks need to be made against each.

Members were requested to respond before the next meeting. Mr. Grainger will collate the replies and circulate them.

To Consider Planning Applications and Determinations:-

Applications

(i) Ivy Properties Ltd – conversion of barn 3 to residential use; revised proposals including first floor extension - 3PL/2021/1308/F – Vicarage Farm (Barn 3), Church Lane – no objections.

Determinations

(i) Mr. Pointer – side single storey extension and replacement porch. Replace window for door south east elevation – 3PL/2021/1098/HOU – 1 Ash Court (approved).

Agenda Items For Next Meeting

- a) Results of Housing Needs Survey.
- b) Remembrance Day contributions.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 3rd November at 7.30 p.m in the Pavilion

Ed's note: Mr Mumford-Smith from Broadland Housing Association will hopefully be in attendance.

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Elmham Institute also finished runners up in the Elmham league for the third successive year and will again be striving to go one better next season.

A combined team also play in the afternoon Age UK league and were successful in winning the Rose bowl trophy in the final at Lyng. Also at Lyng in an invitational competition against seven other clubs another combined team won the Johnson trophy so an excellent season for both teams.

If you would like to take up Bowls we welcome new members, just turn up at the green and have a roll next season, dates will be in the Elmham News.

Dave Garner

MEMORIAL HALL NOTICE

Please Note: Due to COVID restrictions, the toilet facilities at the Memorial Institute Hall are only to be used by the hirers of the Hall and their guests. They are not open for use by passers-by or the general public.

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The evening started with a slide show that kept us all interested on the subject of Norfolk wildflowers covering three areas of the county: the Broads, Breckland and the Norfolk Coast. It was surprising how certain plants are more abundant in each area due to various and diverse growing conditions, some of which are only to be found in Norfolk. A thank you to Simon was expressed for an informative evening followed by tea and refreshments.

Our November meeting on Thursday, 25th will include a demonstration by Laura, from All Seasons Wreaths followed by refreshments, a raffle and Flower of the Month.

Ray

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

The Editors, Elmham News.

Although I have no personal interest, I fail to see why the Parish Council is objecting to the miniature railway at County School Station, a few men enjoying their hobby and as to attracting visitors, there will be quite a few of these when the Mid Norfolk Railway terminates there!

While on the subject of the railway I cannot see any objection of the footpath going the other side of the station and there seems to be constant criticism of the railway volunteers work, yet still the state

of the path further along the route of the old railway is ignored!

Also, regarding footpaths, would not be possible to have a path from the Millennium Wood through to the new housing development to make a circular walk?

Changing the subject, although not a regular bus user, it would be nice if a small amount of money could be spent to give the bus shelter a smarten up, as it seems to have recently fallen into a state of decline, I think we miss Jimmy on some of these small matters, but nice to see the volunteers keeping the garden looking good.

All in all, I think generally the Parish Council is going a good job.

Derek Mummery

Dear Editors

Protecting our Green

Norman Lowe in his excellent letter, entitled "Wake up Elmham", published in the September issue of Elmham News, describes the Parish Council's plans to plant woodland over the eastern part of the green as "stupid". That is a strong word to use, but I would entirely agree. We already have the Millennium Wood, the Jubilee Wood and Prince William's Wood in the village, and we don't need more, especially on the green.

The green is a wonderfully wide open green space, which so many people really enjoy. It is difficult go onto the green at any time of day now without seeing people walking the full circuit, and clearly enjoying the experience. If this new woodland were to grow up, I can predict that some people would not feel at ease while walking through it, particularly women and the elderly. Having created such a magnificent wide space, which is the envy of many other villages, why spoil it?

What the Parish Council should really focus on is putting in some more land drains into the southeast corner of



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the green where the Safe Route to School footpath is regularly flooding. I have already explained to one parish councillor where we installed one drain not long ago, but that drain was clearly not enough. We need two more running roughly parallel to the first running into the eastern ditch. What is holding this up?

And, picking up on another point in Norman's letter, how about spraying the weeds on the playing field car park?

Peter Wade-Martins

Dear Editors

This morning (10th October) I walked my dog along Back Lane to Prince William Wood from the station end. When I arrived at the gate of the wood, I found it wide open. I always let the dog off in the wood as it should be a safe place. I carried on to the next gate on Back Lane to continue my walk and found that gate wide open to the road as well. I felt very angry as anybody's dog could have run out on to the road, but it could also happen to a young child.

Julia Williamson

Ed's Note: Please always close the gates after you.

ALLOTMENTS HOLDERS BBQ

On the hot and sunny Sunday afternoon of 26th September several of the allotment holders held an impromptu barbeque. The charcoal was hot and ready for a 2 o'clock start and people brought their own meats, salad and beverages to consume.

The idea was to be an end of harvest celebration, and a chance to sit and talk to members and partners about anything and everything like "how's the family?" or "have you managed to get a holiday in this year?" rather than "what were your

runner beans like this year?" or "how do you get rid of aphids on your brassicas?"

It was lot of fun and enjoyed by all until the sun slipped down over the horizon. The event was deemed to be such a success it was agreed to hold a barbeque or two every year and we all hope more allotment holders will be able to attend next time.

Martin Phillips

MISSING THE POSTIE?

I don't know about anybody else in the village, but I was particularly sad to hear that Sarah our postie had been moved to another round. It was nice to see her back again to cover our new postie, but reminded me just how much she put into the job. As was featured in Elmham News last year she was an absolute tonic during lockdown with her various fancy dress costumes to brighten our days. I'm sure our new postie is settling into the job, but it's not quite the same and I think it would be nice as a village to let the Royal Mail know just how much we appreciated Sarah's time with us and express our disappointment at losing her. I know it wasn't her choice and that she misses many of the familiar faces and characters that makes North Elmham our village. If you would like to send a message to the Royal Mail you can do so by using this link -

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Richard Felton'



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A. A goal kipper!

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These kiosks are the K6 type. This style was designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the coronation of King George V in 1935. The K6 is constructed of cast iron sections, bolted together and with the door made of teak.

It seems that our village kiosks are post 1955, as the crown depicted on them is the St Edward's crown, otherwise known

as the Queen's crown. Before this, the Tudor crown of George V was used. Originally, the crowns were red and it wasn't until the 21st century that it was decided to highlight them in gold.

Chris and Hazel, our very commendable volunteers undertook the task of bringing them back to their former glory with much sanding, undercoating and painstaking painting around the panes. It took around 15 hours each with both of them working on it. They had to be prepared by rubbing down and washing followed by a primer/undercoat, followed by two coats of red enamel paint. This is specially made to order with a 4 week plus lead time. The crowns were also finished with a gold enamel paint.

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WHY WE REMEMBER

Every year the congregation gets less and less. Do we stop and think the two World Wars were so long ago, that now we don't have time to remember people we didn't know?

In WWI we had 37 people of our village killed, 36 men, and 1 woman. We would have known them. They were living, breathing like us, loving a good game of football or cricket and when in sticky spots, perhaps wishing they were at work in a job they hated back home.

In WWII 9 men died, some of them not really old enough to be fighting but it seemed a grand adventure at the time, sadly not coming back.

Since the end of WWII there have been other wars but no one from Elmham died so we tend to disregard those wars. We knew local lads who had chosen military life as a career but as none of them were killed we forgot about their wars.

We all love to watch a good war film – I know I do. But these are actors, usually looking clean and with stirring music in the background – real soldiers weren't clean when in battle and the only music they heard were big guns and screams of dying men. Think about war sometimes, and then thank your God that living here we are safe.

In 1942 there was a competition organized by the Eighth Army's Education Officer. It was open to all members of the Eighth Army, but only poems actually written in the Western Desert were to be submitted.

The closing date for entries to be received was February 29th, 1943, and by that time a total of 403 poems from 280 different competitors had been submitted. Remember at that time the Desert Army was wholly engaged in hitting Rommel and all his forces 'right out of Africa for six'. They were all rather busy in the Western Desert at that time!

Here is the final verse of 'We March – Crusaders All'. Written by F.Z.Smith. Lieutenant

We march in tens of thousands –
All colours, race, and creed:
Calm and strong, united
Till tyrants' slaves are freed.
Courage then, brave people,
For we have heard your call:
We will not fail you, steel your hearts,
We march – Crusaders All!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION NORTH ELMHAM BRANCH

The Remembrance Day Service will be held at St Marys Church, North Elmham, at 11.00am on Sunday the 14th of November, both Standard Bearer and Bugler will be in attendance, and the service will be held inside the church this year.

Afterwards refreshments will be served in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

The next meeting of the branch is the 4th November at The Kings Head Hotel 8.00pm, anyone wishing to join the RBL is more than welcome to attend.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION THANKS

From the new and existing members of the Committee, we would all like to thank our retiring President, David Green, Chairman, Bryan Tidnam and secretary, Nobby Clarke for many years of devoted service to the RBL in North Elmham. The new members of the Committee will endeavour to follow in their footsteps.

Mike Aston, Secretary

Ed's Note: Sorry, don't know how we missed this last month.

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REMEMBRANCE POEM

This poem was printed on a tea cloth which I bought in a Charity shop recently. As it has lots of poppies on it and is about Remembrance I thought I would like to share it with Elmham News readers.

Mrs June Webb

The Inquisitive Mind of a Child

Why are they selling poppies Mummy?
Selling poppies in town today.
The poppies, child are flowers of love
For the men who marched away.

But why have they chosen a poppy
Mummy?

Why not a beautiful rose?
Because my child, men fought and died
In the fields, where the poppies grow.

But why are the poppies so red mummy?
Why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood my child
The blood our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black Mummy
Why does it have to be black?
Black my child, is the symbol of grief
For the men who never came back.

But why Mummy, are you crying so?
Your tears are giving you pain.
My tears are for you my child
For the World is forgetting again.

OVERFLOWING DRAINS

On the morning of the 20th of October following torrential rain I was confronted with the main drain on our property overflowing into our garden. For us (No. 91) it was mainly water resulting from the heavy rainfall. For another property a little further down Eastgate Street it was raw sewage resulting in a clean up operation by Anglian Water. This wasn't the first time this particular homeowner has had the problem and it seems that the issues experienced in Wensum Drive have now

been pushed back up the sewage system. It's obvious that what we have is no longer fit for purpose either for sewage or to disperse excess rainwater.

If you've experienced similar problems please would you let us know by emailing richardjfelton@googlemail.com and if possible by also lodging complaints with Anglian Water – anglianwatercustomerservices@anglianwater.co.uk and the Environment Agency – enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

Richard Felton

THAT'S LIFE

A passenger in a taxi tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him something.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus and drove over the kerb, stopping just inches from a large window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab.

Then the driver quietly said, 'Please don't do that again, you scared the living daylights out of me'. The passenger was also frightened, apologised and said he did not realise a tap on the shoulder could startle someone so much – to which the driver replied, 'Its not really your fault, today is my first day driving a cab. I have been driving a hearse for the last 25 years'.

Thanks to Ruth Grimmer.

TRACKS CHARITY PLOUGHING

Many thanks to the Hill family for use of the land, Phyllis Tait for use of the farmyard and all helpers, drivers and supporters. We have raised £3,460.10 for the BIG C. from Sally, Neville Websdale and Richard Taylor.

Ed's Note: Very well done everyone.

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RETURN OF THE FLOWER FESTIVAL







Well, that's it all over for another year. Time to relax and mull over what went well and what went wobbly.

What went well was the amazing response of so many visitors who were delighted to be back to see our church in all its floral glory. The ingenuity and skill of all the flower arrangers and the displays beautifully portraying the song title they had chosen had to be seen to be appreciated. The four separate hours of music were designed to be non-intrusive, but people stood and sat around to listen. Thank you to the musicians and the many stewards.

Thank you to the families for their donations in memory of loved ones and to Di for writing so beautifully in the Book of Remembrance.

The hours and hours of preparation led by a seemingly tireless Tish, supported by her ever present husband, though that's not true, as I'm sure, they collapsed in a heap like most of us when it was all over. Thank you to all the flower arrangers and to those who made interesting displays and to the children from school whose paper flowers enhanced the pews.

The archives in the St John's Room caused a great deal of chat, exchanges of memories and a great deal of pleasure thanks to Janet and her helpers for going

through the hundreds of photos from Janet's cupboard!

We were delighted when approached by George Cushing's widow to ask if we wanted the Fairground Organ which has graced the Lodge gates for so many years. George died last year but his tradition carries on of raising funds for charity.

Thank you, it helped create the old ambience and added to the day. Part of the fee for charity was a homemade Victoria sponge. We hope you enjoyed it.

Refreshments are always a large part of our effort as large quantity of cakes, scones and sausage rolls would be needed. We need not have feared as people kept popping in with tins and trays of food that they had generously made. Staffing it might be a bit of a problem as would all our previous helpers be happy to come along this year after a gap of 5 years. No worries, people rallied, and we had two delightful NEW ladies to help, one who came to help her mum and one because she wanted to be part of the festival. Thank you to Susanna, her servers, and bakers and washers up.

The Raffle was well supported and indeed raised the most money it has ever done in only two days, not three. Thank you, Gill, your helpers, donors and all purchasers of tickets.

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When Eileen volunteered to sell knitted items made by the Knit and Natter Group. I'm sure she wasn't prepared to have more responsibility thrust upon her but she willingly sold plants, bulbs and better items that had been donated. Thank you and other Eileen for your hard work.

The Bric a brac and books always a draw, managed a very healthy return despite some joker putting a fake facsimile of £20 in the donation jar! The downside is all the tidying up and wondering what to do with the leftovers and then the disposal of it all. Poor Chris and Colin came back from holiday to chaos but it all ended well. Thank you to them and their brave helpers.

The Tower trips were a great success, and the weather was kind, so the views from the top of the tower were worth seeing. Thank you, Colin and your team.

The list of thanks wouldn't be complete without thanking the selfless tent putteruppers, Keith for ferrying stuff back and forth and loading and unloading and arranging the Car Boot with Derek and Peter, all partners for supporting their spouses, for the Tower tidying up team, and the flower waterers.

Without the advance work done by our Publicity Team, Caroline and Theresa, endless letters and phone calls and reminders, people might not have come. Thank you to Julia for your beautiful drawing that inspired us.

Thank you to Ian for the comprehensive group of photographs, some of which you will see here.

Thank you to the Bishop of Lynn for a charming closing service and THANK YOU to everyone who came and supported us. We raised £4019.68 which will go towards the upkeep and restoration of our amazing church.

Meg

Eds Note: If you enjoyed the Festival and think you might quite like to be involved,, take some time to think about it. Most of the organisers have been involved for many, many years and this may well have been their swansong.

New younger blood is required, so get together with a few friends and think about it. That's what they all did 17 years or more ago!

ELMHAM WIVES CLUB PLUS ALL

A meeting was held in the Memorial Institute Hall on 14th October. The Vice Chairlady, Sheila Page, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Charles Robinson, Chief Executive of the Mid Norfolk Railway Preservation Trust, was the speaker and he gave an illustrated talk entitled the Mid Norfolk Railway, Past, Present and Future. The talk was very informative and gave a detailed account of the railway from its inception in 1847, taking us through its growth and development over the years, its closure to passengers in the 1960s and freight in 1989, and the subsequent work and dedication of The Mid Norfolk Railway Preservation Trust who took over in 1995. The talk brought us to the present time and finished with the plans which were in place for the future. A superb evening, so interesting - thank you Charles.

The meeting remembered Jane Smith who had sadly passed away on 9th October.

The next meeting will be held on 11th November at 7.30pm when Lyn Milns will give us a talk entitled "Love them where they are at" – a talk about her street work with young people.

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Grease shallow 2 1/2 (two and a half) pint ovenproof dish. Peel core and slice apples into the dish. Place cut up margarine, flour, salt, baking powder, sugar and milk into mixer. Run until smooth. Spread over the apple mixture in the dish.

Put jam and water into a small saucepan and bring slowly to the boil, stirring continuously. Pour all over the top of the pudding mixture.

Place dish on a baking sheet in the centre of the oven for 45 minutes.

The jam sauce seeps through the sponge and the sponge should be golden brown.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Whole School Trip - Dippy the Dinosaur

Each Class had an excellent school trip visiting Dippy at the Cathedral. It was lovely to be able to go out on a trip together. Our tour guide took us through the time tunnel, where we heard the sounds of the dinosaurs and even saw some dinosaur poo! Then we met Dippy, we were very impressed by the length of Dippy's neck and tail and were amazed by how small his head was!

Sheep Class

We have been getting stuck into the geography of the UK over the last few weeks and children have been learning lots of interesting facts about our country and creating fact-files for each of them. In science and DT, we have been investigating what materials would make a suitable house for the 3 little pigs and

will shortly be testing our designs. In history, children have been discovering what their parents' childhoods were like compared to theirs. In RE we have been learning what Jesus' parables teach us about how Christians feel about God, as well as writing our own prayers and practising 'forgiveness'. In English, Sheep class became detectives when a strange 'crime scene' was found in our hall! This led into our study of the book 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner, and we will soon be writing reports of the strange events that we uncovered!

Whales Class

Whilst learning about Ancient Egypt, Whales class have been fascinated with the process of mummification. The children delved into the mummification process by mummifying a tomato! We are so excited to see what happens over the next few weeks! In Geography, we have been learning about the human

A close-up photograph of a white bowl filled with a thick, orange-brown soup, topped with a dollop of white cream. In the foreground, a chocolate cake is decorated with numerous almonds. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a wooden table.

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and physical features of Egypt. To support our learning, we built a model of Ancient Egypt to find out more about the geographical features of the landscape they lived in. During our Art sessions, we have been working hard to make our own canopic jars using modroc. In Science, we have been learning about the main functions of a skeleton, to use scientific vocabulary to name bones and the purpose of muscles. We had great fun on a 'bone hunt' and fact finding mission about how we use our muscles!

Lions Class

In our history lessons, we have been learning about the slave trade and in particular the Triangular Trade and we learnt about the importance of individuals such as William Wilberforce who campaigned for, and eventually succeeded in the abolition of the trade. In science, the children have been learning about animals including humans and have learnt about the circulatory, skeletal and digestive systems. Furthermore, we had fun finding our own pulses and measuring them to see the impact that various exercises had on our heart rate.

School Parliament

Every September each class votes for School Parliament, Nourish Champion, Flourish Champion and Eco Warriors to be representatives of the school. These are children who put themselves forward and may be required to present to the class why they would make a good school parliament member.

The school parliament members give up part of a lunch time every two weeks to meet and discuss school issues and events. Everyone has a say in these meetings so that no one is left out. They then report back to the whole school during Collective Worship.

During the most recent meetings, children have been busy discussing and planning fundraising events such as Children in Need and Christmas Jumper Day.

We are receiving applications for new Reception intake. If you are interested or would like to arrange a school tour, please contact the school office Tel: 01362 668318 or email: office@northelmham.norfolk.sch.uk

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NORTH ELMHAM WILDLIFE



Mindful that last month's piece was focussed almost entirely on insects I've been trying hard to find some bigger things to write about this month. It's been a poor autumn for bird migration so far and with relatively few bright days it hasn't been a great time to photograph the resident species either, but there's always something to see, whether it's a Grey Heron in the valley (photo 1), a Treecreeper or Nuthatch in the more wooded areas, a Muntjac (photo 2) or Roe Deer in the fields or a Buzzard or Kestrel overhead. A couple of people have mentioned to me how many Buzzards there are around at the moment, and I agree. They usually fly off when you get close to them but one stayed in a tree as I walked right underneath it (photo 3), constantly delivering its mewing call.

If you have a pond in your garden you might see newts more often than I do, but just occasionally I find a Smooth Newt in my garden (photo 4), invariably a juvenile which I gather wander further away from water than adults. Another amphibian of interest this month was a Common Toad. I see toads often enough, but they're invariably on or close to the ground. This one was half way up a hedge, at least three feet off the ground, sat on an ivy leaf – and it was still there when I went back past an hour and a half later. I was out after dark looking for moths feeding on the ivy flowers; I suspect the toad was too – a moth would make a tasty snack for a toad – but it surprised me that it was nimble enough to climb so far up. Another amusing sighting that night was a White-lipped Snail hitching a ride on the shell of a larger Garden Snail.

There were a few moths feeding on the ivy flowers that night too, and the garden moth trap has continued to bring in small numbers all month. Number and diversity are much lower than in the summer but there are a few species that only fly in the autumn including a group of attractive

yellow ones like the Pink-barred Sallow. A favourite among many moth-trappers is the Merveille du Jour, named after the French words for "wonder of the day". Maybe Merveille de la Nuit would have been a better name as, wonderful though they are, they are only ever active at night. They are fairly large moths, lichen-green in colour with a pattern of black and white lines which varies from moth to moth (photo 5). Another moth that's common at this time of year is the Green-brindled Crescent (photo 6) – not as gaudy as the Merveille du Jour but enough shiny metallic green scales to give them a more subtle beauty.



Like moths, there are fewer butterflies flying now, but still a few colourful ones on the wing when the weather is fine. It hasn't been a good year for Commas but this month I saw one or two of these fantastic orange insects with their jagged-edged wings (photo 7). The Comma is named for a small pale comma-shaped mark on the underside of their otherwise-dark hindwings.



Apart from the cooler temperatures, another reason there are fewer insects on the wing at this time of year is that most of the pollinating plants have finished flowering (Ivy being an obvious exception). One plant that looks more spectacular now that it's fruiting than it did when it flowered is the Spindle. There are a few of these shrubs growing around the village including a couple along the footpath running up the hill from Broom Green to the Ryburgh road, and their clusters of pretty pink and orange fruits look great set against the grass-green leaves (photo 8).



Sawflies are more closely related to bees and wasps than they are to flies, and are so named because females have a saw-edged 'ovipositor', the device they use to cut into plants and deposit their eggs. There are lots of different species and some of them have larvae that look a lot like moth or butterfly caterpillars. I



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found over 100 of these larvae along the railway beneath the Cathedral Meadows, stripping the young shoots of a willow of most of their leaves (photo 1). They aren't easy to identify but with a bit of help from some national sawfly experts we worked out that these belonged to a species called *Euura miliaris* – undoubtedly overlooked but the first time since 1888 that this species has been recorded in Norfolk. Another sawfly larva, the Pear Slug Sawfly, looks like a slimy wet bird's dropping (photo 2) and having only recently learned what to look for I found several of these around the village this month. They're usually on Hawthorn or Blackthorn but I've also found them on Plum and Cotoneaster.



A group of insects I have a special interest in is the lacewings, especially now that I've taken on the role of county recorder for them (which basically means I collate and verify everyone's records of lacewings in Norfolk and ensure the verified records get included in a national biological records database). You may well be familiar with the green lacewings that often come indoors through open windows, especially the very common *Chrysoperla carnea* (photo 3), but there are also smaller brown lacewings and tiny white ones called waxflies, while other groups like scorpionflies, alderflies and snakeflies also come under my remit. Coincidentally, just a few days after I had taken on this new role, Julie W turned up on my doorstep with a green lacewing larva she had found after coming in from a walk, and wanted me to identify. She had done well to spot it as it was just 4mm long and well camouflaged (photo 4). Green lacewing larvae have long hooked hairs on their bodies which help them to cover themselves in dirt and debris which they hide in. They have long curved pincer jaws which you can just see poking out from under the dirt at the bottom of the photo, and they use these to catch small aphids which they feed on. No-one has ever published a



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comprehensive identification guide to lacewing larvae (there's a paper published in the 1920s that covers most of the common species but it isn't complete) so I'm hoping to rear it through to adulthood (easier said than done).

There's always plenty of interesting wildlife to see around the village so do get in touch if you have anything interesting to share (email appleton.dave@googlemail.com or phone 668431). I will try to keep the Cathedral Meadows Twitter account running at @ElmhamMeadows and you can see our latest tweets on the Parish Council website at www.elmham.org.uk/cathedral-meadows/.

Dave Appleton

THIS TIME LAST YEAR



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A Fitting Memorial to Jimmy Brown
see page 19
FREE MAGAZINE

At the Parish Council meeting it was stated that it is very likely that the Church Lane bridge will be demolished sometime in the future but a right of way for pedestrians and an access route will be provided,

At the Brookside Development update it was recorded that the bridge from the development site over the stream to the school, is to be transferred directly to the school rather than via the Parish Council.

We recorded the death of Elsa Hewett, widow of Ralph Hewett, our local postman for many years. We wrote about Ralph's father previously, also a postman in the late 1800's. Elsa was an accomplished lady, teacher, painter, sewer – and a prison visitor.

We wrote about the Heather Garden which is now to be called 'The Jimmy Brown Memorial Garden'. We published a photograph of the original heathers being planted, in the early 1980's, we think we know who was there but are unsure of one or two. Do you recognise them, and can you put us right? Jimmy took over the running of the garden when he retired and as we said it is always a beautiful splash of colour as you come into the village. Chris and Hazel Hazell have stepped into Jimmy's shoes and are lovingly looking after the garden now.

We told you the story of Potters Yard in Eastgate Street. Until the 1970's there was a high wall along the roadside and behind it haulage companies used that land for their businesses. Another interesting historical story as researched by Robert Ricketts.

Dave Appleton recorded a very unusual bird, the Bearded Vulture flying locally, see his photos. Dave doesn't say what the wingspan is, but having looked it up, its wingspan is in the region of 9 feet, it would be huge to see it. Since then, he says it was recorded in Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Kent. We hope it made it back to its home in the Alps.

Two BT Outreach engineers spent a day installing a telephone line to the church and now there is a router in the tower. This was to livestream services for those who cannot attend services in church.

Knit and Natter would be eight years in existence this month.

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We had a letter from Sharon Moore who has been raising money locally for Cystic Fibrosis for many years through Bingo's which she arranges. She told us about a wonderful new drug being used now. Her cousin Donna, brought up here in Elmham, wrote to say she is having this drug and it is wonderful, called Kaftrio – she can breathe just like us! How fantastic, we are delighted Donna.

This year for the first time the Remembrance Service was held outside the church.

KNIT AND NATTER

Well, what a lovely weekend the Flower Festival turned out to be, not only weather wise, but after all the hard work, it was deemed to be truly successful. It was almost like feeling normal again, chatting to people and having a good time. The real flower arrangements in the

church were amazing, and our colourful knitting display (photo below), with its knitted church, sheep and tombstones, proved to be a talking point followed by lots of nice comments. My thanks go to all our knitting friends who made this display possible. I might add, we got drenched through on the Monday morning by the sudden storm as we went up to the church to collect our bits and pieces, however our good mood could not be dashed. All the money made on our outside stall went to the Church Restoration Fund.

The other good news is that after a long break, the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital is now accepting our knitted blankets and other items. So off we go again.

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We have seen a number of organisations in the village close over the years. In small ways they all helped to bring parishioners together. If there

is something you would like to see being set up, but have no first-hand knowledge, why not write a piece for the News and see if there are any other like minded people who can help

If you have time on your hands or are new to the village and would like to get involved ask around for help and information. As above come to us as we know many of the villagers and perhaps, we will be able to help. Please don't be afraid to put yourself forward, if some of us didn't do that there would be no organisations or societies in the village at all!

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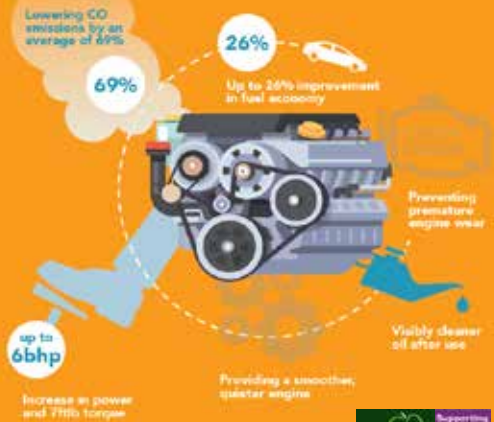
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We were thrilled to hear about Miss Kirstin Sutherland's appointment as Executive Headteacher of the Flourish Federation (North Elmham and All Saints' Stibbard primary schools). Miss Sutherland, who has experience as a Headteacher and Senior Leader in primary schools, starts her new role in January. We're really looking forward to working with Miss Sutherland and welcoming her to the churches at Elmham and Stibbard.

Throughout 'lock-down', we were not able to go into our schools due to the pandemic, so we're delighted that we can resume this ministry once again. This term, the children are thinking about Respect during Collective Worship (assemblies). It's great to hear their responses to questions such as "Who do I respect?" and "Why?"

The Heart of Norfolk Group has an 'Open the Book' team, who regularly contribute to Collective Worship. They bring bible stories to life in dramatic presentation, including costumes and props. We'd love to grow the team, so if this sounds like you, do let me know.

In Jesus' time, children had no status and – at best – were simply ignored until they were of an age when they could contribute to society. On one occasion, people were bringing small children to

Jesus for blessing and the disciples told them off! Jesus, indignant at this, said: "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs". (Mark 10:13-16). That would have astounded everyone!

Thankfully, things are very different today – at least in our country. For several years now, Worthing Church has supported the Samaritan's Purse Christmas initiative of sending shoeboxes filled with small gifts for children to places in the world where people have little to celebrate. The deadline is fast approaching, but if you'd like to be part of this do contact Celia Daniel on (01362) 668928 or c.daniel784@btinternet.com

With every blessing,

Revd Sally

WORTHING NEWS

The Samaritans Purse – Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

Pick up a leaflet from Worthing Church however, the deadline for getting your shoebox filled and back to Celia ready for despatch ideally is 7th NOVEMBER.

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Remembrance Sunday

14th November, 10.45 am
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Also, start planning your Christmas decorations, demonstration given by our own Worthing skilled and "Crafty" lady – orders taken so join us in church for this most jolly event. Maybe take part in our Christmas Raffle or Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake! Good luck!

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Further details obtained from: Celia tel: 01362 668928 / email: c.daniel784@btinternet.com

Sunday Service

28th November at 10.30am followed by a friendly cuppa and a chance to catch up with everyone and meet new neighbours.

Advanced Notice

Worthing's Traditional Christmas Carol Service will be Sunday 19th December at 3pm. Followed by some festive refreshments. So come along with your singing voices, bring friends, family & children and join this celebration led by The Rev'd Sally Kimmis. Festive Readings & Stories from Worthing parishioners.

MORE2LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

While wondering what issue to explore this month I considered the tragic murder of Sarah Everard, or the apartheid currently happening in New York between the vaccinated and unvaccinated. I didn't know what to choose. Then, today, a news article popped up from the EDP (7 October 2021) about a police officer who had been jailed for making indecent images of children between 6 and 17 years old. He had also had discussions about the rape of a teenager and young

girls being tied up, amongst other things. With the jailing of Wayne Couzens for the murder of Sarah Everard as a backdrop, and multiple other officers across the country being exposed for their abuse of power, how can we trust the police? We know there are excellent police officers out there, but how do we know if the one we are talking to can be trusted?

Of course, sadly, the church is not exempt from similar abuses of power. Throughout Biblical history there has constantly been abuses of power. Samuel's sons abused their power as Judges, taking bribes and perverting the course of justice. King David abused his power when he took another man's wife... and had the man killed. Power can be a dangerous thing.

Jesus, however, teaches those in authority, a different way. He demonstrates servanthood. People in authority should not elevate themselves, but instead humble themselves, and serve. When they lose sight of the fact they are servants, self-importance, greed, and a desire for power over others, takes over. The police need to remember, at all levels, they are there to serve the communities in which they are placed. Our MPs should likewise remember that they are there to serve, not exercise power over. And in the church, we too, need to remember we are to be servants as our Lord Jesus commands us to be by example. We too should not seek our own exaltation which leads to abuse of power, but we are to humble ourselves, seek to serve.

'If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look

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obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.' Phil. 2:1-8

Every blessing,

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7th November

10.30am	Bawdeswell	Holy Communion with Bishop Graham (Bishop of Norwich)
10.30am	N Elmham	Holy Communion
10.30am	Stibbard	Holy Communion
5.00pm	Foxley	Evening Prayer (informal) – bell-ringing from 4pm.

14th November - Remembrance Sunday

10.30am	Bawdeswell	Remembrance Sunday service
10.45am	N Elmham	Remembrance Sunday service
10.45am	Foulsham	War Memorial, then Holy Innocents'
10.45am	Stibbard	All Saints' Church & War Memorial
10.45am	Wood Norton	All Saints' Church
10.45am	Worthing	Holy Communion & Act of Remembrance

21st November

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

28th November

10.30am	N Elmham	Morning Praise
10.30am	Guist	Holy Communion
10.30am	Worthing	Morning Praise
3.30pm	Foulsham	Advent Carol Service with Bishop Jane (Bishop of Lynn)
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