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EDITORIAL

We received a query from a parishioner regarding the progress of work on the parking area on the site at Boar's Hill. In fact, it was discussed at the last Parish Council Meeting so you will see the answer probably next month.

May we remind everyone that we would recommend that for clarification of any such queries, that you contact the Parish Council either in person at a meeting, or by phone or email.

Once again, our Fete, which is such a feature of the village calendar, is under threat. New volunteers are urgently needed so please read Susanna's heartfelt plea for help.

There will be a Pop up Christmas Shop in the Eastgate Centre on 18th November, so do go along between 10am and 1pm and see if there are any gifts you can purchase. Your money will help the organisations that are supporting the event and any profits will go to Dereham Meeting Point, which is a not for profit charity that cares

for the disabled and over 55's. They do excellent work providing support and care for those in need.

Once again there will be a Christmas Lighting Up do outside the Pavilion on Friday 8 December at 6pm, when you are invited to come along and drink mulled wine or hot chocolate and sing.

May we remind you that the December and January issue of the magazine will be together as the printer is on holiday over Christmas. Everything you want to say or advertise must be with us by the 14th November.

And finally, Thank you to Anon on Station Road and also Anon from Beatie Gardens for your donations. We are most grateful for them. If everyone could just give a little occasionally, perhaps in appreciation for all the voluntary work that it takes to produce the magazine, it would ensure our financial stability.

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 SEPTEMBER

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

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

Also in Attendance: Mr. K. Webb (Clerk), Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor), Ms. L. Varney (Breckland Council) and two parishioners.

Apologies for absence: None

Updated Information & Matters Arising

Land Management Matters

Village Green: The “young people” who frequent the Village Green and other parts of the neighbourhood now tend to congregate near the Eastgate Street gates. We are aware that the police have been visiting some houses in the area. NGF will inspect some of the play equipment items which have been damaged.

Mr. Phillips reported that one of the trees needs reducing by 50% (near number 43) and the cost for this work will be about £800. A much smaller tree (an offshoot) next door (near numbers 41 and 41a) needs to be removed completely at a cost of about £350. At a later date, work will be required on seven other trees (cost £3,300) which will produce a total spend of £4,450. This was proposed by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Gee. (All in favour except Mr. Labouchere who abstained).

The hedges are due to be cut and the Cathedral Close gully has recently been cleared out by jetting.

Two NGF Play quotations have been received in respect of work needed following the RoSPA inspections - £186 + VAT and £345 + VAT. Mrs. Keeble proposed that this important work should be carried out, seconded by Mr. Smith. All in favour.

Cathedral Ruins: Mrs. Keeble said that extra work had been carried out in August. The mobile mower has not yet paid a visit and will be chased. The new bench is due to arrive on 8th September.

Cathedral Meadows: A payment of £953.84 has been received under the Basic Payment Scheme from the Rural Payments Agency.

Broom Green: Mr. Labouchere said that a small local team is being formed in order to keep the weeds away on an ongoing basis.

Millennium Wood and Jubilee Wood: Some thinning is needed in Jubilee Wood. Nick Saunders is to be asked to have a look.

Church Meadow: Mr. Fitzalan Howard said that a trench along the west side of the field to drain water from the church across the meadow had been suggested. Some work would be needed to cut back trees, branches, a hedge, grass and brambles. Two quotations had been received - £450 to do the work by hand and £425 to use a digger and flail. All brash and bits will be smashed by flail and left ready to be dug out. Any waste disposal required is included.

Acceptance of the lower quote (£425) was proposed by Mr. Labouchere and seconded by Mr. Markwell. All in favour.

Allotments

Mr. Phillips reported that there is one person on the waiting list. Changeover date is 11th October.

Street Lights

Mr. Markwell confirmed that Jones Electrical have been appointed as our new contractors. The Clerk will ensure that all necessary documentation is returned to them.

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Highway Matters

A police safety camera was recently deployed in the village.

Pavilion and Playing Field

Mr. Smith reported that CCTV cameras are in operation and have already proved to be of use. A number of youngsters are out at midnight and parents have been informed. There has been no further damage to the pavilion or litter left in that area.

Call For Sites Update

Mr. Rayner is going to attend the updating of the Local Plan preview session at Dereham Town Council on 13th September. Filigree Communications has been appointed to lead the community consultation to gather views on the new Local Plan. There has still been no response from Sarah Suggitt (Breckland Council) to Mr. Rayner's email sent in June and the subsequent chaser sent on 17th August. At the recent meeting of CANT, Jerome Mayhew, MP for Broadland, confirmed that he was completely behind the views previously expressed by George Freeman MP. Unfortunately, we have seen nothing in print that supports this so the Clerk will chase.

Annual Budget

Attention needs to start being made to budget considerations for next year.

CGM Group and Grounds Maintenance For 2024

The Clerk has contacted Norse and invited them to tender for next year's contract.

Community Car Scheme

Lorraine Varney, Community Enabler from Breckland Council, attended to give details of the Community Car Scheme which a parishioner had suggested, at a previous Parish Council meeting, could be considered as a potentially useful resource for the village. It has not yet been advertised. There are currently 13 schemes in the District and they run annually from

April to March, relying on volunteers such as coordinators and drivers. Grants ranging from £250 to £6,500 can be obtained to set up schemes but funding is not available to Parish Councils. It was stressed that volunteers are absolutely key to the success of the scheme.

Foxley runs a scheme in conjunction with Bawdeswell which depends on a volunteer taking bookings and being available to answer queries. The rate paid per mile is 45p. The Chairman asked if there is a guidance document available and Ms. Varney will provide this. Drivers are subject to various checks (police, medical, etc) and public liability insurance cover of £5M has to be in place.

Climate Positive Group

An item has been placed in Elmham News but, to date, there has not yet been a response. The Parish Council supports the project, in principle.

Guide Book To The Ruins Reprint

Dr Susanna Wade-Martins (PCC Secretary) had advised that the guide book to the ruins at the site of the Anglo-Saxon cathedral is coming to the end of its print run and the PCC would like to reprint it. The 2006 version was published by the Parish Council with a grant from English Heritage. It was felt necessary for English Heritage to be approached by the PCC to obtain their reaction to again providing financial support. Mr. Labouchere is to report back to Dr. Wade-Martins.

Report from District Councillor

Mr. Bambridge said attendance at SNAP meetings can assist in getting police to visit particular villages more frequently. Allocations are arranged to cover periods of three months. The CANT campaign is doing well with over 2,000 responses. The two main factors for the proposal to be opposed are environmental and infrastructure reasons. Mr. Bambridge said that he is pressing for a general meeting to be held in this area.



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Applications

- i) 61 Wellesley House, Holt Road – 30% reduction, reduction of spread, reduce end weights of beech tree – TRE/2023/0235/TCA – no objections.
- ii) Vicarage Farm Barns, Barn 3, Church Lane – Ivy Properties Ltd – conservatory to side of barn conversion – 3PL/2023/0655/HOU – no objections.
- iii) Swallow Barn, Church Lane – conversion of barn to residential use – revised application (3PL/2021/1308/F) including refurbishment of existing structure, first floor extension and single storey garden room – Ivy Properties Ltd – 3PL/2023/0822/F – no objections.

Determinations

- i) Park View, Church Lane – Mr. and Mrs. N. Moore – new single storey rear extension – 3PL/2023/0677/HOU – approved.

Correspondence

- 1) Confirmation from Cyan of arrival of new bench on 8/9/23.
- 2) Sunshine Gym Outdoor Fitness Equipment brochure.
- 3) Notification of a proposed change in the status of Stibbard School to become an academy in line with North Elmham Primary School.
- 4) E-mails from North Elmham Football Club and North Elmham Walking Football Club regarding a double booking of facilities on Saturday, 9th September. The Clerk will contact both to discuss the matter.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 4th October 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Eds Note: Please note these are the minutes from the September meeting. the next scheduled Parish Council meeting is November 1st at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

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Janet Woodhouse

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NEW COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

At the suggestion of a parishioner, the Parish Council is hoping to set up a community car scheme. This service will provide transport to medical and dental appointments in local surgeries or hospitals for residents who would otherwise be unable to attend.

Anyone who holds a valid driving licence has the potential to be a voluntary driver. There is no general age restriction, but a declaration of good health would be required together with a valid MOT, tax and car insurance. They would also need to have a DBS check which will be arranged through a specialist company. Drivers will be paid at the government rate of 45p per mile but otherwise it is a not-for-profit scheme.

The scheme would need one coordinator and, ideally, up to 10 voluntary drivers. If you are interested in helping your community with such a scheme, either as a coordinator or a driver, please contact a member of the Parish Council (details at the back of the magazine) when more information will be provided.

Very many thanks in advance.

Jennie Borgnis

CHARITY PLOUGHING

Well, what can we say? The day started with thick fog but then the sun came out as did the many tractors and crawlers from near and far. Then the public began to arrive, some from as far as Essex and Peterborough and so, so many from the surrounding area to support us and The Big C Charity.

We have raised the staggering amount of £5220.25 through generous donations, a huge Raffle and Tombola stall.

We must thank Andrew and Liz Hall and sons from Horningtoft for the use of their land which is so appreciated and Phyllis Tait for the use of her farmyard and paddock for a car park. Not forgetting "Rashers" for excellent catering once again.

Thank you all again

Neville and Sally Websdale

Eds note: What a fantastic result. Thank you Sally and Neville for your generosity and time in organising this incredible event.

FAKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Fakenham Choral Society is thrilled to announce details of the first of its 50th Anniversary performances in Fakenham Parish Church on Saturday December 16th at 5.30pm. With an array of Christmas favourites and works by Pergolesi and Charpentier, it is sure to set the perfect festive mood.

As a gift to the community, the concert will be free to attend with retiring donations gratefully received. Choir vice-chairman, Rosemary Dear says "We are indebted to the people of Fakenham and North Norfolk for supporting us over the years. Music has a unique way of bringing people together, and this free concert is our 'Thank You'."

The choir, directed by Mark Jones, will be joined by musicians and soloists to make the performance extra special. Audience participation in some much-loved Christmas carols promises to make the evening a memorable one filled with music, fun and the spirit of giving.

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Consultation Open September/October 2023

In the Spring, Breckland Council carried out an "Issues and Options Consultation". There were thousands of responses. Now they are conducting a new consultation. Why is not clear – most questions are just "more of the same". However, we must ensure as many local residents as possible do respond, in order to outweigh the pressure that may well be applied by developers and their allies. So, please take 10 minutes to do the following:

- > Google BRECKLAND COMMONPLACE
- > Click on HAVE YOUR SAY
- > Scroll down and click on one or both:

DEVELOPMENT LOCATIONS ('growth across the district')

HOUSING: ISSUES AND NUMBERS ('new homes').

Read and then answer the questions. Put down whatever you think appropriate, but later in this piece, you will see how Campaign Against New Town will be responding. Our message is that we are in favour of affordable/social housing, but completely against large developments dumped on totally inappropriate rural areas, simply because those involved stand to make a lot of money.

Note that you must put in your email address at the foot of the page and complete your details at the end (these will not appear online).

The Council are intent on getting the views of more 'young people'; so, if you can encourage some to respond, even better!

If you have time, please do also answer the other sections on 'Protecting Valued

Places', 'Natural Environment', 'Housing Type', 'Climate Change' and 'Transport'.

These are CANT's responses that you can use:

DEVELOPMENT LOCATIONS ('growth across the district')

Do you agree with the settlement hierarchy? YES.

- New housing must be located where there are existing services. And those services should be upgraded as required **before** development commences.

- Smaller towns and villages must not be swamped by speculative greenfield developments which only exist for the profit of developers and landowners.

HOUSING: issues and numbers

Do you think the target number of homes is right? YES.

- Obviously, we do need many more affordable homes for people starting on the property 'ladder'. But we don't need the big new estates that are being proposed that far exceed the region's natural population growth.

- Houses being built now are not selling. Current developments are being slowed down for a lack of demand, for example in North Elmham and Swanton Morley.

- We don't have a crisis of housing demand in Norfolk; we have an affordability crisis.

- The consultation document says that 8,000 houses have already been given planning permission or been allocated. However, in Breckland's Issues and Options paper, Appendix 1, permissions plus allocations are over 13,000. The lower figure has arisen because the council does not expect all 13,000 to be built in the next 25 years. The council needs to put pressure on the developers to build

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at a reasonable rate, not to allow them to move slowly simply to keep demand (and prices) high.

Are there issues that may justify more than the target number? NO.

- Some will argue that many more homes are required to allow for a percentage of affordable homes, on the basis that developments are supposed to include 20%.

- Almost no recent developments achieved that 20% target. And when developers experience a slow-down, then it's the affordable section that will be cut first.- The only way to ensure the construction of more affordable homes is through projects that are either entirely, or majority, affordable.

Are there issues that may justify less than the target number? YES.

- There is minimal current demand outside of the affordable sector.

- Breckland Council will be coming under increasing pressure to allocate more homes, because of Natural England's restrictions relating to both nutrient neutrality and the stone curlew protection zone. There is the danger that, simply to reach their targets, Breckland will attempt to allocate sites that might otherwise seem inappropriate.

Do you agree that access to community services (public transport, jobs, health, schools and shops) is the most important consideration when choosing an area for housing growth? YES.

- But those key issues must be seen alongside the key environmental considerations.

And we would not agree if a developer claimed to provide those services in justification of a new settlement in an inappropriate location.

GARDENING CLUB

We were delighted to welcome Richard Clark from Panache Plants to talk about his favourite Plants. Richard is no stranger to us and his mum who lives in the village has been eulogised in the past in Elmham News by Rosa Riley, our long missed poet.

We were very pleased that this was the first occasion that we were able to use our new microphone system so that everyone was able to hear everything!

He spoke with enthusiasm and humour about his career as a 'breeder' at Flora Nova, Geography teacher and as a horticultural lecturer at Easton and Yarmouth College. He grows many "Exotics" and holds The National Collection of Eucomis plus growing Salvias, Hedychiums, Canna and Roscoeas among many others.

He gave advice on how to care for these unusual plants and his website is a mine of information.

He brought a good selection of plants to buy and hopefully, only took a few home! We were loud in our appreciation of his passion for his plants and perhaps will plan to buy online or visit The Westacre Garden where he has close links.

The flower of the month was June's charming dahlia.

Our November meeting is the last one for this year and is our Christmas Social where we ask everyone to bring a packet of gift wrapped seeds to exchange and a small plate of food to share. We will provide the wine!

Meg White



Not to scale



WHAT A JOY IT IS TO FIND A PLACE TO SIT AND RELAX

The photo on the cover is of the new bench outside the Chapel Ruins purchased by the Parish Council to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III.

This got us thinking... what other benches do we have around the village? So we compiled a list of all those that we could think of. Where we know who put them there, or dedicated their seat, we have put their names. However, some have been

lost in the mists of time, so we are asking you if a) you know of any others or b) to whom are they dedicated. Please give one of the Editors a call. Looking at the map opposite we do think a bench is needed along Station Road somewhere?!

The bench featured in the photo above is at the top of Cathedral Meadows and offers a lovely view of the Wensum Valley.

- 1.** Opposite The Pound, under the walnut tree—The Bidewell Family.
- 2.** On the public right of way on the Elmham House Estate—Janet Woodhouse for her mother.
- 3.** Outside the Chapel Ruins—Parish Council for King Charles III Coronation.
- 4, 5, 6 & 7.** Millenium Wood—Joyce Middleditch & Parish Council.
- 8.** Cathedral Meadows—Cockerton family.
- 9.** Old churchyard—Stanley Yarham (father of Janet Woodhouse).
- 10.** New churchyard—Lowe family in memory of Alice Lowe.
- 11 & 12.** Outside Memorial Hall—Memorial Hall Committee.

- 13.** Corner of Cathedral Drive—Royal British Legion.
- 14.** Opposite corner Cathedral Drive—Derek Shoesmith.
- 15.** Through Oak Avenue on Diamond Jubilee Green—North Elmham WI.
- 16.** Near the trees on Diamond Jubilee Green—Drew family.
- 17.** Diamond Jubilee Green, behind present Rectory—Lowe family in memory of Spencer Lowe.
- 18.** Entrance to Spencers Close.
- 19.** Near tennis courts.
- 20.** Opposite King's Head on corner of Playing Field
- 21.** Bottom of Orchard Close—Parish Council

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RAINBOW IN THE SKY

On Tuesday 10th October, I heard aircraft coming over our house. Now I am one of those people who love the noise of planes and also loud motor bikes, I mean big bikes!

So, I went outside to have a look. Two aircraft were flying over side by side, fast I imagine over Swaffham but beneath these aircraft was a rainbow. Not the usual rainbow but an upside down rainbow. It seemed to be keeping up with the planes.

I was mesmerised, it was magical but sadly it was gone quite quickly.

I Googled it and the rainbow is called a Circumzenithal Arc....or a Smile in the sky. It is caused by light and ice crystals and according to Google it is relatively rare.

I felt privileged to have seen it.

Janet Woodhouse

KNIT AND NATTER

The knitting group are delighted that a Christmas do has now been organised for the village, and especially as it is to be held on a Saturday morning (November 18th). We hope that it will appeal to families with young children who will come along and enjoy our games. Our "Pull out a pin" game has some exceptionally endearing prizes this year, ranging from tiny pink mice, to full grown octopuses and a zebra. We hope you will also enjoy guessing the Christmas name of our beautiful festive doll - there will be 30 or 40 names to choose from, so come and have a go. Our knitters have also been busy making affordable Christmas presents for Grandmas. Who wouldn't like hand knitted bed socks? Or fingerless mitts? Our thanks go to Meg and friends, who are putting in the time to organise getting this off the ground. She

promises us that there will be lots of other delightful stalls. So, see you there!

Our next meeting is the celebration of our 11th birthday. We have invited the members of the Sewing Group to join us. As well as having a fantastic cake, the founder of the Norfolk Knitters and Stitchers, Linda Brown, will be with us and, with her never ending enthusiasm for charitable works, will give us some new ideas for the year ahead. So, our next meeting will be on Tuesday November 7th from 2 til 4 at the Pavilion. All our friends who have donated wool and knitted goods over the year, are welcome to join us for tea and cake.

Eileen Cotterill 668380

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

A Thank You

Twice in one week I have experienced help from two young women. The first was a young mother with a baby in a push chair who was on her way to the shop and stopped to help me when I felt sick and faint on my way home, on Holt Road. She showed great concern and kindness, and, as I recovered she helped me to the Spencer Close seat. She then checked on me on her way back from the shop. The second concerns an incident in the surgery. There was a young woman who gave me her earlier ticket number, when she realised that I arrived before her but had forgotten to take my ticket on the way in. I know these were simple events, but we are so often reading about the loutish behaviour and vandalism in our village, it is good to be able to report the thoughtfulness and kindness of some people. I would like to thank both of them for their help and providing me with a more balanced view.

Eileen Cotterill

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Date: Friday, 24th November

Where: Memorial Hall, North Elmham

Time: 6:30pm, quiz begins 7.00 pm

Food Served: 7:45–8pm

Cost: £15 per person

Bring your own booze and the food choices are:

- Cod and chips
- Haddock and chips
- Jumbo sausage and chips
- Chicken and chips
- Veggie spring rolls and chips

There will be a raffle, and also a prize for the winning team. The quiz will be hosted once again by Mark Campbell.

Quiz teams are made of up to six people, and if you are a pair or single, we will help make up a team.

Please contact Sandra (sandra@hendersons.co.uk) or Linda (lindasmithatwork@yahoo.co.uk) by 17th November to pay and secure your place.

Tuesday Junior Coaching

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Ages 4–7: 3.45–4.30pm

Ages 8–9: 4.30–5.30pm

Ages 10–14: 5.30–6.30pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 1st	Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion	7.30 pm
Tue 7th	Knit and Natter Tennis Club AGM	Pavilion	2.00 pm
Wed 8th	Tea at Two Mobile Library visit	Memorial Hall The Heath to Orchard Close	2.00 pm 2.30–5.20 pm
Thu 9th	Wives + All Informal Talk	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Sat 18th	Pop-up Christmas Shop	Eastgate Centre	10.00 am–1.00 pm
Thu 23rd	Gardening Club Social	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Fri 24th	Quiz and Chips Tennis Club	Memorial Hall	6.30 pm for 7.00 pm

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

A meeting was held at The King's Head Hotel on Thursday 4th October at 8pm in order to make final arrangements for Remembrance Sunday on the 12th November at St Marys. It was also confirmed that the branch would be attending the Christmas Pop-up event at the Eastgate Centre on November 18th between 10.00am-1.00pm.

Ian Taylor confirmed that last year's Poppy Appeal raised £4621, and Andrew Marsh confirmed the donations collected at his late Father's funeral (Gerald Marsh) were £350 which would also go to The Poppy Appeal.

Ian Taylor also mentioned that although the village does have a Memorial Seat it has no War Memorial and that this idea should be looked into, therefore any thoughts from the Parish would be very welcome.

Michael Aston
Branch Secretary

WIVES PLUS ALL

We held our monthly meeting on Thursday October 12th in the Memorial Hall, North Elmham when Emily Matthew came along to talk to members about the Dogs Trust which in Norfolk is based at Snetterton near Attleborough. The theme of Emily's illustrated talk was "The Dog's Trust Past, Present & Future".

Information on the internet tells us that Lady Gertrude Stock started the "National Canine Defence League" in 1891 and her small group vowed to campaign against Dog cruelty which then was very prevalent. In the decades that followed, the League continued to campaign for better dog welfare. It increased rehoming, survived 2 World Wars and worked with partners overseas. The League became the Dogs Trust in 2003 and it has celebrated

many successes, from helping to change laws such as the Dangerous Dog Act ,compulsory UK microchipping, launching The Freedom Project, which is a free dog fostering service to help people and their dogs escape domestic abuse, free veterinary treatment for the dogs of owners facing homelessness and the Dog Training School. The Dogs Trust policy to "Never destroy a healthy dog in its care" came into being in 1964 and the slogan "A dog is for life not just for Christmas" was created in 1978. However, when in the Pandemic Puppy sales rose and Rehoming enquiries increased this slogan was temporarily changed to "A dog is for life not just for lockdown"

The Dog's Trust is the UK's leading Animal Charity and one of their 21 UK Rehoming Centres has looked after around more than 14,000 dogs - more than any other animal welfare charities.

Donations by members of dog food, towels, blankets were received by Emily for the Snetterton Rehoming Centre and we thank Emily very much in deed for a very interesting talk to us.

Wives Plus All's next meeting is on THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER in the North Elmham Memorial Hall at 7.30pm when Eileen and John Cotterill will give an informal talk entitled "Our Life in the Youth Hostel Association"

Refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle. Please come along, all welcome.

Ann Ferris

DEADLINE REMINDER

December and January is a joint issue, so all your January events, news and adverts must be with us for the 14th November deadline.



SERENDIPITY

Chance, Fate, Karma, Kismet or just sheer coincidence or meant to be. You judge in the following charming tale from Ivan.

The photo shows June Webb of Eastgate Street being given a CD of the request she sent to a radio station for her late mother Mrs Potter, also of Eastgate Street, over 50 years ago!

Life can be full of curious coincidences but this one really does take the biscuit. One evening, I actually had the rarity of a spare hour to relax. Having an unusual interest in old radio programmes and armed with my trusty tranny, I took the opportunity to tune into a repeat of a request show from an international offshore station which first went out in October 1972. This particular broadcast was special to me because I was acquainted with the DJ who later went on to present programmes on a legal radio station in Suffolk where I was a shareholder.

So here I was reliving my youth for old times' sake. About half-way through the programme, I began to think I had heard enough and was about to switch off when suddenly the DJ read out a picture postcard he had been sent of the Oasis Tower on Great Yarmouth seafront. It was asking him to play any Jim Reeves song for a Mrs Potter of Eastgate Street; he played 'He'll Have To Go'. Having a request played on a major station like that would have been a big deal by any standards. So, what I had just listened to raised several questions because I did not know a Mrs Potter and, indeed, why should I some 50 years later?

That could have been the end of this little tale, but at this point village archivist Janet Woodhouse stepped in and readily donned her detective hat. As a result of some very diligent investigation, it emerged that it was June Webb and four members of her family (all of whom had their names read out) who had sent in the dedication request for their mother, Mrs

Potter, but who has since sadly passed away. June can still recall listening and hearing the music.

Happily, modern technology and clever ingenuity has allowed us to record those memorable moments onto a CD for June, so she and her family now have a permanent reminder of their claim to fame - a very lucky ending to a chance in a million. It makes me wonder how many other coincidences happen around the village that we never get to hear about.

Ivan Ball

Ed's note: If you have a similar tale of coincidence or Fate, do let us know, we would love to hear it.

YOUTH CLUB DISCUSSIONS

It has become increasingly obvious that there is little for the younger generation in the village to do, which inevitably leads to problems, and concerns for residents and parents.

At the most recent Parish Council meeting the possibility of a youth club was discussed. How this would take shape in terms of overseeing, available activities and frequency needs to be discussed further but it would be good to establish a level of interest first.

Is this something your youngsters would like - would they appreciate a place where they could go that was principally for their benefit? It would be great to hear from you and perhaps even encourage your young people to make contact with me directly.

As well as hearing about their interest, maybe some suggestions of what form they would like it to take would be helpful.

If this venture is to take off it would need to be overseen by responsible adults and so I would love to hear from anyone who is willing to volunteer and give up a few hours of their time a week.

Do please get in touch - I may be in the office and so not able to answer immediately, but please leave a message and I will get back to you.

Many thanks,

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SWEETIE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Wobbly infants (5,4) *Jelly Babies*
2. Edible fasteners (9,7) *Chocolate Buttons*
3. Royal Herbs (4,9) *Mint Imperials*
4. Belly Dancers? (7,7) *Turkish Delight*
5. A feline that needs putting together (3,3) *Kit Kat*
6. Natives of a Mediterranean island (9) *Maltesers*
7. Cool Green Coat AH! [anagram] (9,6) *Chocolate Orange*
8. Tartan Granite (9,4) *Edinburgh Rock*
9. Bovine Peepers (5,4) *Bulls Eyes*
10. Flightless bird (7) *Penguin*
11. Result of a hen in a dairy (5,3) *Creme Egg*
12. Flying chocolate (4) *Aero*
13. Aromatic Spheres (7,5) *Aniseed Balls*
14. Wise Guys (8) *Smarties*
15. Sport of princes (4) *Polo*

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Rev'd Sally who officiated at the baptism of my great great niece Lilian Marie Keeble on 17th September.

Lilian's parents Zoe & Hayden, had also chosen St Mary's Church for their wedding on 4th June 2022.

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ELMHAM WILDLIFE

I always ask you to get in touch with me if you find anything interesting and over the last month two of you have done just that. Firstly Joyce called me about a spider she had found while gardening. She was struck by the markings on the back of its rather large body (photo 1). Now I'm not an expert on spiders by any means, and although it reminded me of the common Garden Spider I was far from sure that this was its identity – it was bigger than the Garden Spiders I'm used to seeing. But I looked it up and discovered that it was indeed a Garden Spider, so not an unusual species, but an interesting find nonetheless. The markings on their back really are quite marvellous.


The other person to call me was Kathy. She had found a toadstool in her garden that wasn't familiar to her. I went along to have a look and it wasn't one that was familiar to me either (photo 2). After some research I narrowed it down to one of two species, Bluefoot Bolete (a newly described species that is common but was until recently confused with a different species) or Sepia Bolete. I plumped for Bluefoot, not least because Sepia Bolete is described as scarce or rare, and is supposed to be associated with deciduous trees whereas this was under two conifers and had pine needles clearly attached to the base of its stem. Fortunately I have a friend who is an expert at fungus identification and after sending him a few photos he informed me that it was in fact the other one, the scarcer Sepia Bolete.

Autumn is the best time of year to look for fungi, so I thought I might do this piece about fungi. But I realised that most of my best photos of fungi taken in North Elmham have already been used in these columns. So instead, inspired by Joyce's Garden Spider, I shall do it on arachnids. Autumn can also be a good time to see these.

Arachnids are not just another name for spiders – they are a larger group that



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includes spiders, but also harvestmen, ticks, mites and pseudoscorpions (tiny almost microscopic scorpion-like creatures which I'd love to see but haven't done yet). They also include scorpions but those don't occur in North Elmham.

Harvestmen look quite similar to spiders. The main difference is that in spiders the head and body are distinct with a clear neck between them. With harvestmen, like the Common Harvestman (photo 3), the head and body appear as a single rounded blob. Typically harvestmen have long legs and a tiny body, but this can be the case with some spiders too. Another difference between harvestmen and spiders is that harvestmen don't produce silk. Rather than catching insects in webs, they stalk their prey as they walk through the vegetation.

Many people, including me sometimes, are scared of spiders, but the only arachnids in North Elmham that we have any good reason to fear are the tiny ticks. There are lots of different ticks, but the ones that are most likely to attach themselves to us are Sheep Ticks (sometimes called Deer Ticks, as deer are the main carrier round here). They can be hard to tell apart from other species that live on other animals but all those that I've identified having examined them under a microscope have been Sheep Ticks. Male and female Sheep Ticks look very different, and they also change appearance as they mature, and as they engorge themselves on blood. The red and black female is how I find them most often but the ones I've found attached to my skin (photo 4) have been smaller and brown. Some ticks carry Lyme Disease which is exceedingly unpleasant when passed on to humans. Friends who have had it tell me that they had to be quite persistent before it was formally diagnosed and they were given treatment. It's knocked them out for months and had lasting effects that have continued for much longer. It's important that it is treated quickly so check





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yourself for ticks when you come in from wild places, especially if you've walked through long vegetation. Pull them off carefully, preferably using special tweezers designed for this purpose and get medical advice if you experience symptoms or have the characteristic bullseye ring rash. Fortunately none of my bites have resulted in any symptoms – most ticks either don't carry the disease or don't pass it on. So it's not something you need to worry about, and certainly not something that should put you off from getting out, but do be careful and get prompt treatment if you develop symptoms after a bite.

Mites don't have a great reputation either, but for no good reason. There are lots of different sorts of mites. Some live in the soil and are really useful, playing a key part in breaking down organic matter as well as providing food for slightly larger invertebrates. Many of these are microscopic, so tiny and fast-moving that I've not been very successful photographing them, but I've seen some amazingly colourful species. You are more likely to see Red Spider Mites (photo 5) which are a little bigger (though still very tiny) and are often found on surfaces rather than in the soil. They look like really tiny bright red spiders, though there are a number of very similar species.

Another type of mite often attach themselves to flying insects. Mites don't have wings, so hitchhiking on a winged insect is the best way to get about. Broadly speaking they don't do the insect any harm, although it's a bit more complicated than that – sometimes they can do a bit of harm and sometimes they can be a benefit to the carrier. Insects that are particularly prone to carrying mites are beetles that feed on carrion like the sexton beetles – sometimes they can be completely covered in the mites (photo 6).

Another group of mites are microscopically small and although the mites themselves are hard to spot, you can tell they are present by galls that



are produced on the plants they live on. Chemicals produced by the mites cause the plant to grow abnormally producing some tissue that provides a safe place for the mites to live. There are many different sorts of galls (not all of which are caused by mites – others are caused by flies, wasps or fungi for example) but some can be quite easy to find. A good example are the galls caused by the Maple Gall Mite. You can see these on Field Maple leaves, often clustered in large numbers. They are tiny reddish pustules protruding up from the upper surface of the leaf (photo 7). There are similar galls caused by different species of mite on sycamore trees and lime trees, among others.

Spiders are the best-known arachnids and although I'm not their biggest fan, I do appreciate some of them. Actually I appreciate all of them, I just don't always like them! Here are some I do like...

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Elmham. Wasp Spider was restricted to southern England but is spreading north and has recently colonised Norfolk. This year was a particularly good one for them and I've heard of far more in the Wensum Valley than ever before, including one which a friend pointed out to me inside the North Elmham parish near Bintree Mill (photo 8). Have you seen one here yet?

I think it's fairly obvious where the Wasp Spider gets its name and the same can be said for the Zebra Spider (photo 9). A much smaller squatter spider it's one of a small handful of spiders that I think can fairly be described as cute (though I suspect some of you may disagree). They're one of a family of jumping spiders, and can often be found on walls and fenceposts, as well as coming indoors sometimes.

I'll finish with another spider that I most often see indoors. In fact the one here (photo 10) was photographed in my study while I was writing this. It's a Long-bodied Cellar Spider, sometimes known as Daddy Long-legs Spider (but not to be confused with craneflies which are also commonly known as Daddy Long-legs). Cellar spiders are thought to have been accidentally introduced to Britain with wine imports from Europe. One of the reasons I like them is that they're very effective predators of other household pests including other spiders. I think they must do so when the lights are out because I never see them at it.

Thanks again to those of you who have been in touch with your sightings. There's always lots to see around the parish or in your gardens if you take the time to walk slowly and stop frequently to look and listen. If you have anything interesting to share please contact me:

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Dave Appleton

WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

Brisley Village Cinema

Wonderful to see so many old faces at our October screening of Harold Fry and to be able to welcome some new ones too.

Our Autumn/Winter programme is generously supported by Homebase (Dereham), their donation has enabled us to maintain the ticket price at £4.00 per person. We are extremely grateful to Homebase.

Our selection for Friday 17th November is *The Fabelmans*, a coming-of-age drama film directed by Steven Spielberg, who co-wrote and produced it with Tony Kushner.

The film is a semi-autobiographical story loosely based on Spielberg's adolescence and first years as a filmmaker. The plot is told through an original story of the fictional Sammy Fabelman, a young aspiring filmmaker who explores how the power of films can help him see the truth about his dysfunctional family and those around him

Ice cream bars, tea or coffee will be available priced at £1.00 from the kitchen. The bar will be open for evening performances.

Doors open at 6.45 pm with the movie beginning at 7.30 pm.

Your community cinema is dependent on your support, we hope to see you soon.

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Walkers Are Welcome

Please come and join us for a walk in the local area. Our short walk of around four miles is always on the first Friday of the month. There is a dual walk planned for later in the year (a long walk with a shorter alternative) as well as continuing our walks of just two miles for those wanting an easier walking experience.

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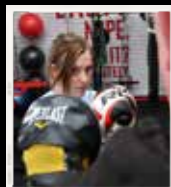
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NORTH ELMHAM SCHOOL

Whole School News

The Harvest Festival service at St. Mary's church was a great success - the children loved singing the harvest songs, led by Mr Good on guitar, and the older children did a fantastic job with the readings. Thank you to all in our school community who donated food for the local food banks this harvest season.

Pupil Parliament is back in session now, and the first hot topic for debate has been the reward given to the school team that wins the weekly house point contest!

Class News

Sheep: This has been a momentous term for our youngest children in Sheep Class, many of whom have started school for the first time. They have had an amazing half term, settling into school life and the rules and routines of big school. There has been much excitement as the children start on their reading and writing journeys. They have been using these new skills not only within our classroom, but have also been making the most of our outside area. The children have demonstrated that they are able to work well as a team and are becoming excellent communicators and problem solvers. We have especially appreciated the Year 1 children who have been wonderful at supporting their new friends and have been embracing the new class dynamics. We have been learning about the world around us, including making maps of our classroom and school and identifying places from our local area. We have also been learning about our bodies, labelling both ourselves and our friends. We have been exploring the natural world in Art and even made our own natural paint brushes!

Whales: Whales have had a jam-packed Autumn term so far. We have loved going swimming at Gresham School's incredible

pool, and all the children have shown fantastic progress - we can't wait to see what they achieve by Christmas! The class has also thrown themselves into the world of ancient Egypt, learning about how they used the Nile, the famous archaeological sites and learning about the life of a slave using our story 'The Egyptian Cinderella'. The children have also been writing their own traditional tales set in Egypt, inspired by this story. In science, children particularly enjoyed testing different drinks on hard-boiled eggs to see the effects of sugar on our teeth! In art, the class has been learning how to tell stories through drawings, and we have made accordion books of illustrations to tell the story of 'The Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll. We've had lots of fun trying to make sense of Carroll's language!

Lions: The Year 5&6 class have recently had the most amazing time on a residential trip at Kingswood, West Runton. They did this trip with classes from Stibbard All Saints Primary and participated in activities such as abseiling, climbing, bushcraft and plenty of team-building games. Let's hope they catch up on some sleep, ready for school again next week!

In the classroom Lions have been very engaged in their learning, especially in writing information pages about mechanical animals based on the story Cogheart. They have also done some great pieces of artwork on this.

How Can You Keep in Touch?

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

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The North Elmham Community Speedwatch Group started their checks at the beginning of June at four approved locations along Holt Road. As expected, we are recording a significant number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit. They will all be contacted and warned by the Police.

We have recently requested Police agreement for two more locations in the village.

The Group comprises six volunteers who all live in the village. We are authorised to train new volunteers and more volunteers would be welcome.

Please support this important community initiative. New volunteers should contact carrpaulus@aol.com

Paul Carr

WANTED

A NEW COMMITTEE TO RUN THE GARDEN FETE!

If you are new to the village or are a long-standing resident who has enjoyed the fete for many years and would like to be involved in its running, now is the chance.

We are looking to form a new committee to take over from the long-standing group led by Tom and Jo at Elmham House. They are happy to continue providing their garden for the event, but a new vibrant committee is needed if this much-loved traditional event is to continue. The provisional date for the fete in 2024 is May 19th, and planning needs to begin in the new year. If you would like to be part of a new team, then come along to the Eastgate Centre on Tuesday November 14th at 7.30p.m. to discuss the

way forward over coffee and biscuits. If you can't make it, but still would like to be involved, then please get in touch with Susanna at scwmartins@btinternet.com .

Looking forward to seeing you there. Do come if you can.

Susanna Wade-Martins

ST MARY'S CHURCH

November is a strange month. It's the eleventh month of the year but its name is derived from the Latin "novem" meaning nine. The reason for this stretches back to the Romulan calendar of around 730 b.c.e. which started with March and when our current calendar came into being it remained as November.

It also makes up most of the last period of the Christian year and it has now become synonymous with remembering. The first day of the month is dedicated to All Saints. Three of the churches in the benefice have that name. It is a day when we bring to mind all those Saints that have no day of their own. The next day is All Souls' Day when all those who have died are prayed for. Then just over a week later comes Armistice Day/ Remembrance Sunday. I am sometimes a little concerned about how the remembrance is carried out. We must ensure that it does not become a glorification of war. To do so would I believe be an insult to those who, for our tomorrow, gave their today.

Jesus gave us two commandments. To love God and to love our neighbour. By neighbour he wasn't talking about the people next door or those in our communities but each and every person we meet and even people we don't. We have to remember that every person is made in the image of God and for this reason we must show love.

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I hope that even if you are unable to attend any of the services of remembrance around the benefice that you will take some time to stop and remember those who gave their lives for others. I pray that you will find yourself keeping the commandment of love for all.

*Norman Johnson, Licensed Lay Minister
Heart of Norfolk Benefice*

MORE2LIFE

By the time this goes to print the conflict between Israel and Hamas will have moved on. To what is yet unknown. Hopefully to peace, but possibly to a wider war. Time will tell.

Hamas wants Jewish people wiped off the face of the earth. So much so, that it is prepared to sacrifice innocent people in the land it dwells in. The stories we have heard to date are beyond sense. Babies shot many times or beheaded; one even cut from a pregnant woman's body. Holocaust survivors murdered in their beds; children burnt alive. Horrific tales of senseless destruction of people... by people consumed with hate.

The word 'Hamas' in scripture, means 'violence' or 'wrongdoing'. In Gen. 6:11 the world was filled with 'violence' and God was grieved he ever made humankind, so He sent a flood. Matt. 24:37 tells us that 'as in the days of Noah so also will the Son of Man be.' In the days before Jesus comes again, there will be senseless hatred.

Ps. 7:16 says: 'The trouble they cause recoils on them; their 'hamas' (violence) comes down on their own heads'. Hamas is a death cult. This is shown clearly when they broke into Israel and killed

innocent people, then rejoiced about it. There have been celebrations even in this country about the large-scale slaughter they executed.

The Jewish people have been here before. Many times. Our thoughts go to Hitler, and his attempt to eradicate the Jewish people. Hitler has long gone, but Israel is still here. Before that, in scripture, in the book of Esther, a man named Haman wanted to eradicate the Jews of Persia (now Iran). Haman is long gone, put to death for his plot to kill the Jews, but Israel is still here.

Amalek, and his descendants, the Amalekites, way back in Ex. 17, were relentless, and the first, in their desire to eradicate the Jewish people for good. They relentlessly pursued the weak and defenseless; women and children. The first genocide. Haman was a descendant of his. The Amalekites are long gone. But Israel is still here.

Israel and the Jewish people are God's chosen people, whether we like it or not, and He will not see His people eradicated from the earth. Those who curse Israel do so at their own risk. This is a spiritual battle, not just a physical one. This is a preview of the final battle that precedes Jesus' second coming, the birth pangs.

It is unsurprising then, that this incursion into Israel on 7 October 2023 came as the Jews were finishing reading their Torah cycle with Deut. 30:19 "This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live..." Life is found in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Day of the Lord is near and we too need to choose this day, life or death.

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The Spirit of Christmas! Wine Tasting & Beer Sampling Event

Saturday the 25th November from 3pm

With a Christmas Wreath & Festive Table Decorations demonstration and the launch of our Christmas Raffle. There will also be festive nibbles to try out!

It's all in aid of our Church Building Appeal so please come along to try out and taste a wide selection of fabulous wines, beers & champagne and get yourself prepared to celebrate and toast Christmas & the New Year with a bottle or two of your favourite tipple!!!

Orders taken on the day for either a box(es) of 6 wines, boxes may be mixed, singles or make up a box with other guests. 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 and take part in our annual Christmas Raffle, Good luck!

Free Admission although donations would be welcome. Hope to see you all on the 25th November.



Remembrance Sunday Service

12th November

10.45 am

St. Margaret's Church,
Worthing

Everyone welcome

Sunday Services

Following Remembrance Sunday our next Sunday service will then be 26th November at 10.30am followed by a friendly cuppa and a chance to catch up with everyone and meet new neighbours. We hope you are able to join us for either or both services.

Advance Notice

Worthing's traditional Christmas Carol Service will be on Sunday 17th December at 3pm. Followed by some festive refreshments. So come along with your singing voices, bring friends, family & children and join this celebration.

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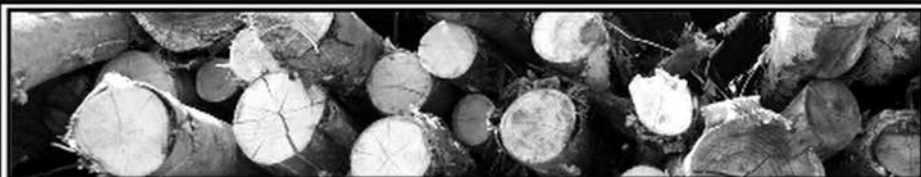
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9:30 am	Wood Norton	Morning Praise
10:30 am	Bawdeswell*	Holy Communion
10:30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Stibbard	Holy Communion

12th November – Remembrance Sunday

10:45am	Bawdeswell*	Remembrance Sunday Service
10:45am	Stibbard All Saints’	Remembrance Sunday Service at All Saints with Stibbard Methodist Church
10:45am	Worthing	Remembrance Sunday Service
10:50 am	North Elmham	Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion. Following the service, memorials to veterans Bryan Tidnam and Gerald Marsh will be dedicated at the Memorial Hall.
10:50 am	Foulsham	Remembrance Sunday Service at Holy Innocents with Foulsham Baptist Church (starts at the War Memorial)
10:50 am	Wood Norton	Remembrance Sunday

Donations are invited for The Royal British Legion.

19th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

10:30 am	Bawdeswell*	Holy Communion
10:30 am	North Elmham	Iona Holy Communion
10:30 am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
4:00 pm	Stibbard	Choral Evensong

26th November – Christ the King

9:00 am	Guist	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Bawdeswell*	Word & Praise
10:30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10:30 am	North Elmham	Morning Praise – What do Christians believe?
10:30 am	Worthing	Holy Communion

*Services at Bawdeswell Church are also available on Zoom.

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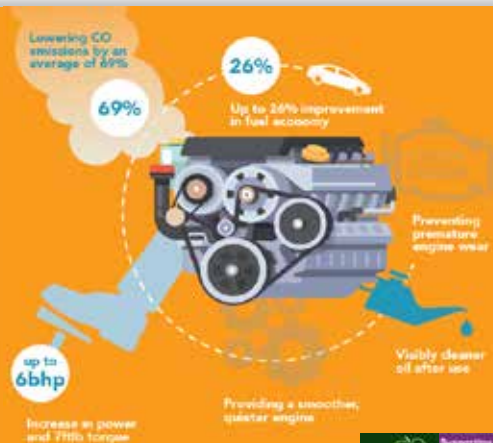
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