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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

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She was a remarkable woman to be admired for her sense of duty and her willingness to serve. A visit from her boosted so many of the charities she supported. Those who knew her told of her dry sense of humour and no one who saw it can deny that twinkle as she told Paddington that she too had a marmalade sandwich in her handbag.

Our thoughts are with the Royal Family who are mourning their loved one, as we are also. Queen Elizabeth was a given in our lives, always with a smile, always looking interested and appearing to be happy wherever she was.

Funerals are usually a family affair, but for the Royal Family it is so different. The Queen's funeral had to be shared with the world and her family's grief held away from the public eye.

The pageantry, so colourful must be followed to the letter, with nothing left to chance. Everything executed perfectly.

We will miss her, but all of us involved with the Elmham News know King Charles III will follow in his mother's footsteps with dignity and assurance which he has already shown.

The Elmham News Team



The members of the Parish Council share with people around the nation and across the world their profound sadness at the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Her unique sense of duty, her strength, her grace and her kindness have been acknowledged in the numerous tributes that have been received from people around the world. Politicians, broadcasters and celebrities have expressed their admiration of her in moving and heartfelt ways. In the words of one, she was a 'living reminder of our collective past'.

The late Queen's connection to Norfolk, through her much loved home in Sandringham, was something that we in North Elmham embraced. She showed us all what public service means, and she will be very greatly missed.

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DID YOU KNOW.....?

1. We used to have a Chess Club which met in the school. In 1982 the Club had a membership of 15 Juniors and 10 adult players and you could belong for the princely sum of 50p for children or £1 for adults. Secretary Mrs Elizabeth Chilvers said the club catered for players of any age or standard.
2. Stephen Earle, the son of our village doctor, had been chosen to represent the British Team in the World Winter Games for the Deaf to be held in Madonna di Campiglio. He didn't discover skiing until 1977 when he went on a winter holiday with Elmham Young Farmers. By 1980 he was on the championship trail representing Britain in the European Deaf Ski Championships in March and winning the British Ski Championships for the Deaf at Aviemore two months later.

3. Mrs Jennifer Clarke who had a restaurant at Nelsons, past the church towards Guist, was flooded for the second time in two months.

Station Officer Les Thompson, from Dereham Fire Station, who took charge at the scene said: 'It's really bad. The building flooded quickly. I've never seen hailstones so big. They are over half an inch across'.

Mrs Clarke said 'God knows what the insurance company will say. They haven't finished with the first claim yet'.

Ed's note: Wonder how often it has been flooded since then?

North Elmham community website www.elmham.org.uk

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5. The Drama Group presented their first production at the Institute. There were four sketches followed by Murder in the Red Barn. Can you remember the Pantomimes the Drama Group put on for a number of years? Lots of booing and hissing and raucous laughter from the audiences.
6. Mrs Betty Rhodes an artist, who lived at Wellesley House, opposite the school won a competition run by a top London gallery and Radio 4's Woman's Hour. She is one of 150 artists whose work is now on display at the Tate's Garden Pavilion. Her prize winning painting is an acrylic done at her home and shows flowers and the lake landscape in the background.

ROYAL LINE

I have, during my lifetime, seen five monarchs:

King George V
 King Edward VIII
 King George VI
 Queen Elizabeth II
 King Charles III

I am very saddened at the death of Queen Elizabeth II but feel honoured to now see King Charles III come to the Throne. Not too many people will have experienced this!

Norman Lowe

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ELMHAM GUIDES CAMP AGAIN!

During August we were lucky to be able to join 3rd Dereham Guides at a camp to celebrate the 100th birthday of that group – an amazing achievement. Although we only went to Toftwood it was fun to learn to pitch tents and camp with our friends. Activities included decorating boxes using pyrography (wood burning), bead jewellery, and other crafts as well as outdoor activities and games. The Guides took turns with all the chores including cooking and serving food – and of course washing up! Sadly, the drought meant we were not allowed to light fires, but we were able to use the hall kitchen and as you can see we did not go hungry!

This term we are welcoming some new members and looking forward to more adventures and fun together. If you would like to join in, details are on the Clubs and Organisations page, so do get in touch.

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PAM NEVE

Pamela Neve of Cathedral Drive sadly died on August 26th 2022, with close members of her family at her side.

Pam led a full and happy life. She was in the crowds in Pall Mall for the wedding of Princess Elizabeth to Philip, in 1947. And again, for the Queen's Coronation in 1952, with her fiancé Reg. Pam married the love of her life in 1953. They used to holiday and help out on the Kings Head farm, run at that time by Reggie's uncle Olly Smith, helping to bring in the harvest with a horse and cart. They moved in 1962 from London to Blackburn House, Holt Road, and the three daughters went to the local primary school.

Pam was always a hard worker, a home-decorator, an adaptable person, willing to put in the hours to contribute to the family finances, and to make do and mend when things were tight. She worked the land bringing in the seasonal fruit on Don's estate, kept holiday cottages at Eccles, as well as working at the village post office and grocery store.

Eventually Reg & Pam bought the post office and shop premises from Beryl and Arthur Woods to become the local postmaster and mistress. These were perhaps some of their happiest years and she loved being at the heart of village life. They were particularly friendly with Janet and Dave Sinclair the local butchers, enjoying homemade wine parties and foreign holidays.

Pam was known for being involved with several village activities over many years: including Short Mat Bowling, Elmham Players, Cub Scouts, WI, Horticultural Society, and as Treasurer for the Memorial Hall, always helping wherever needed. Pam was indeed a founder-member of, and made costumes for, the Elmham Players' pantos, plays and shows. Their huge attic at Sans Souci in Station Road overflowed with costumes, scenery, and



props. She just loved being a part of something, seeing people and catching up on the news.

She was very creative: an exceptional dressmaker, making many wedding dresses, bridesmaids dresses and even knitted dresses and soft furnishings; she also loved upholstery and reupholstered many pieces of furniture. She made silver jewellery, and dabbled in oil painting, decoupage, and every other craft that the WI group could imagine, she would have a go at.

Pam was a popular character in the village and was always happy to be invited for a day out or for lunch at the Head or the Slip with her many friends. She liked to watch the village children from her window as they went to and from school, how they walked with their childminder each holding onto the rope that kept them together. Her conversation would always stop as she watched them cross the road. She loved her view down Cathedral Drive and visitors often caught her looking passed them at something that caught her eye in the neighbourhood. She always maintained a lively interest

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in her surroundings and enjoyed the companionship of dearly-loved local friends right up to her death.

Pam was, of course, devastated when she lost Reg in 2013 and again a few years later when Gill's husband Tim died. Struggling through her grief, she managed to keep busy seeing her family and friends. Village dog-walkers will remember her with the lovely "Ace", the black and white cocker, he was a such special part of her widowhood, and she was so sad when he had to leave her earlier this year due to his illnesses brought on by diabetes

It was just after Ace died that Pam herself became quite ill and she hated being ill. It stopped her doing things she wanted to do. She had planned her various 90th birthday parties for her family and dear

friends, but unfortunately the parties never happened as she spent her actual birthday in A&E, where the NHS staff treated her right regally. Her illness was terminal, but she fought it like the warrior she was, and death wasn't going to win without a bloody good fight. The family expected no less from her and are so proud of her.

Her committal was at Mintlyn Crem on 14th September. Donations in the memory of Pamela Neve can be made to the Friends of North Elmham Primary School, thank you.

We would like to thank everyone for their condolences, kind actions and cards during this difficult time. It is deeply appreciated by all the family.

Joy, Gill and Sarah

GARDENING CLUB

At the October meeting on Thursday , 27th October at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, we will once again be reviving our custom of planting up a pot with bulbs for the Spring. Please bring your gardening gloves!!

This will be followed by a review on the very successful August Gardening Show.

Sarah, Alison and Paul will be on hand with refreshments and there will be a raffle.

We look forward to seeing you all and if anyone would like to join us, we would welcome new members with open arms.

Ray

NETBALL

We are now the North Elmham Trailblazers, and we train at the courts every Monday evening from 7.30–9.00pm.

We pride ourselves on being a tight-knit, friendly club with two teams in separate leagues, we have regular socials and trips to watch live netball whenever possible, and we welcome players of all abilities from 14yrs upwards.

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ELMHAM INSTITUTE BOWLS CLUB

Another success for the Elmham Institute Bowls club winning the Age UK League Cup.

There are four leagues of seven teams from the area and the winners of each league played in a round robin competition at Horsford with two blocks from each club ,Elmham Institute won five of their six games against teams from the Angel from Swanton Morley, Aldiss Park from Dereham and Saxon from Saxlingham Nethergate.

Photo shows: back row left to right Ray Norman. Chris Hazell. Irene Lambert. Front row Dawn Spiteri, Dave Garner, Jo Ashmore.

If anyone is interested in green bowls, as a club we would welcome new members to join us next spring so please contact Tony Langford 668854 or Neil Page 668296

KNIT & NATTER

Knit & Natter met in North Elmham Pavilion on Tuesday 6th September at 2.30pm with knitting needles at the ready! Whether the needles were industrious was debatable but a good chat putting the world to right with good company, tea and biscuits was enjoyed by all present. Member June had recently kindly taken on Knit & Natter's behalf our knitted donations of Knee blankets to Dorrington House in Dereham where they were gratefully received for residents.

Knit & Natter will meet again on Tuesday 4th October at 2.30 pm in North Elmham Pavilion. We are always keen to have new members so it would be nice to see you if only for a good natter and cup of tea as knitting is not obligatory!

Eileen is on holiday but Ann kindly stepped in to write the report.

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Cousins Es and Ruth gave a brief summary of the family association with the Stores, now the Tea Post. Di was able to add that she was the only family member left living in the area. She had many happy memories of her early years spent at the Stores including filling the empty bottles brought in by villagers for re-fills from the oak barrels of sherry, port and apricot wine. The Stores had everything! Thanks were given to Ben, Paul and Anne for providing a delicious supper.

Photos show: The family members pictures outside The Tea Post – the former Stores at Elmham.

Robert Kerrison outside the Stores in 1890. The Stores sold everything. Robert Kerrison was also a well known horse breeder and trainer, racing his horses on the Neatherd in Dereham.

Di Dann

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LETTER TO THE PARISH COUNCIL AND FLOWER FESTIVAL CREW

We have received a most appreciative letter from a parishioner thanking the Parish Council for supporting the North Norfolk Model Engineering Clubs to rebuild their miniature railway at County School Station.

She says they came upon the trains by accident when they took a train obsessed toddler to County School Station in July. The family walked through the orchard to take a look and saw a tiny train running along the track and thus met Gordon, who was working there.

They went back to the green carriage, now open as a café and saw that train rides were being advertised. They were delighted to be the first passengers to ride the section of the miniature railway.

Since then, they have frequented the café and the railway as much as possible and hope to stay involved even when the train rides stop.

Gordon had suggested that they put in a good word with the Parish Council as apparently there were concerns about noise! Mrs Nunn writes to share her view that the model railway is nothing more than an asset to County School and the parish. The noise from the train is no more than that of a battery driven mobility scooter!

She also writes of her appreciation of the Flower Festival and the wonderful "Floss" the open topped bus. She writes "I don't know how to thank you enough for this pleasurable, not to mention, hair-raisingly – thrilling at times- on the top deck experience. The latter part occurring just after the conductor popped his head up to announce "Ladies and gentlemen, we are about to play a game of Duck, Duck,

Goose. It was my twins first ride on a bus and they absolutely loved it".

Several more rides were taken, and County School visited where eventually, after the rain had ceased, they were able to ride on the train, again.

They also enjoyed the live music in the church and again the twins were fascinated by it.

She thanks everyone for a delightful experience.

NORTH ELMHAM CRICKET CLUB

The final month of the season saw Elmham clinch the Division 3 West title with successive 10 wicket victories. It remains to be seen however where the team will be playing next season if, as intended, the delayed amalgamation of the Norfolk Cricket League and Norfolk Cricket Alliance finally goes ahead.

August 13th v Rocklands (H) League
Rocklands 53 NECC 55-0. NECC won by 10 wickets

A crushing victory with the entire game lasting only 30 overs. Wickets were shared between the bowlers and openers Josh Hall(18no) and James Harvey (29no) saw Elmham gain maximum points to assure promotion for the second successive season.

J&L Stoves MoM Phil Bend for his 3-16 and unbeaten record as captain

August 20th v Horsford (H) League
Horsford 118 NECC 121-0 NECC won by 10 wickets

Top v bottom saw a predictable result with Elmham, although missing several players through injury, overwhelm a very youthful Horsford team. The visitors made a positive start and stood at 60-1 before

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Billy Fordham came into the attack and recorded a career best 6-38 with Jason Miller taking 3 catches in the outfield. The opening pair of James Harvey (55no) and Josh Hall (49no) again enabled Elmham to take maximum points and secure the Division 3 West title.

J&L Stoves MoM: Billy Fordham for his 6-38

August 27th v Denver (A) League

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The final fixture of the season tested Elmham's strength in depth with several players missing through injury and holiday. On a testing wicket the visitors

were in trouble at 82-8 until veteran Beale (18) and returning skipper Sinclair (22) added an invaluable 48 runs. Callum Futter destroyed the Denver top order with 4 quick wickets and Sinclair and Josh Hall took 3 apiece to see Elmham reach 427 points for the season, the highest aggregate across the 9 divisions.

J&L Stoves MoM: Callum Futter for his 4-25

The Club now looks forward to its own Awards Evening and the Norfolk Cricket League Awards Dinner, both events to be held in October.

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue 4th	Knit and Natter	Pavilion	2.30 pm
Wed 5th	Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion	7.30 pm
Sun 9th	Tracks Charity Ploughing	Horningtoft	10.30 am on
Mon 10th	Tennis Club AGM	Venue or Zoom tba	7.30 pm
Wed 12th	Sewing Group Tea @ Two Mobile Library	Tumbleweed, Eastgate St Memorial Hall The Heath-Orchard Close	2.00 pm 2.00 pm 2.30-5.20 pm
Thu 13th	Wives + All	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Sat 15th	Wine and Wisdom QUIZ	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Mon 17th	BINGO - Wives+ charity	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Wed 26th	Sewing Group	Tumbleweed, Eastgate St	2.00 pm
Thu 27th	Gardening Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Advance Warning			
Thu 3rd	Royal British Legion	King's Head	8.00 pm
Fri 4th	Quiz & Chips-Tennis Club	Memorial Hall	6.30 pm

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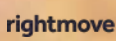


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We would like to invite people from within and around our community to come and support us and all so to have fun at our 'Wine and Wisdom' Quiz night!

This is being held at the Memorial Institute North Elmham on Saturday 15th October, starting at 7:00pm. The charge is £5 per person including nibbles and a bottle of wine on each table. There will however be other alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments and other nibbles available to purchase.

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Also we would like to bring to your attention that we will also be holding a Race Night on Saturday 3rd December, also being held in the Memorial Hall with more information to follow.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The meeting held at the Kings Head Hotel on the 8th September when seven members attended with three apologies received for being absent. It was a very sombre meeting, as only hours before the entire world had been informed of Queen Elizabeth II's passing.

After the exhortation was read, a one minute silence was observed. As this was an AGM, all committee members stated they would serve for another year, and a statement of accounts was read and passed. The Remembrance Day Service would be finalised at the next meeting on Thursday the 3rd November at the Kings Head at 8.00pm.

The North Elmham branch of the Royal British Legion wish to extend their sincere condolences to The Royal Family at this very sad time.

God Save The King

Mike Aston Branch Sec.

OLD COMRADES NIGHT

With deep regret that this event has been cancelled due to the total lack of support with only a hand full of tickets requested. This was always a good event, and well attended in the past, - as with a lot of things these days, old term use it or lose it applies.

Mike Aston



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October 2022

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SCHOOL NEWS

Building work is finished!

We are thrilled to announce that the new mezzanine 'Loft' created in the main body of the teaching block is finished. This will provide a relaxing area for group work and reading, receiving natural light from the glass atrium. The remodelling of the Sheep Classroom is also completed, with new toilets accessible from the classroom whilst new doors will lead directly onto the outside area, which has a new canopy. Children are loving their new classroom!

Class News

Sheep: Sheep class have had a wonderful first week in their new classroom! Our Year 1 and 2 children have been fantastic, helping to settle in our new Reception starters. We have been busy getting to know the new routines and developing relationships with children and adults in class. This term we will be thinking about ourselves; our likes and dislikes, our similarities and differences. We will be learning about the human body and exploring our five senses through hands-on investigations. We will be introducing the idea of Geography on a small scale - exploring our classroom, our school grounds and then our local community. We will look at a timeline and think about our own development and how we have changed since we were very little. We will write labels, captions and sentences all about ourselves and our bodies. Our Reception children will be learning to recognise numbers and build their number confidence through play, while our older children learn about place value and practice addition and subtraction. In PE everyone has already impressed Mrs Walter with their amazing throwing and catching skills!

Whales: Whales class have had a super return after the Summer holiday. We have been busy getting to know each other

and have made a wonderful start to our learning for this year. In English, we are reading a book called 'My Strong Mind', which is helping us learn strategies to cope with difficult situations. We will be writing instructions to help other children in these sorts of challenging times as well. In maths, children have been recapping their understanding of place value, and in Science, we are learning all about plants and the effects of fertiliser! The children in Whales class now join the children in Lions class for their afternoon learning, so please see below for details about what they've been learning in foundation subjects!

Lions: Lions class have had a busy and lively first week back. We have had lots of new things to adjust to, including a new teacher, new classroom and new children in the class. We have enjoyed starting our new class reader 'Land of Roar' and looking at the short film and children's book 'Varmints' in English, in preparation for writing a story. In maths, we are looking at recapping and revisiting place value and the four operations which are fundamental to the trickier maths we will learn over the upcoming year. In science we are looking at life cycles and how the stages in these vary hugely depending on the type of animal. In the afternoons Whales class will be joining the Lions class for the foundation subjects. In PE we are looking at the core skills, which involve teamwork, agility and hand eye coordination. We will also be looking at Yoga to help the children learn how to find their calm and happy place, which also links nicely to the PSHE topic of Feelings. In History and Geography we will look at North Elmham and create historical timelines and sketch maps of the local area. In RE we will be looking at Christian Beliefs and in ICT how to create spreadsheets to plan our dream party. We are all very excited for the term ahead



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After school junior sessions run on Tuesdays with LTA Level 3 coach, Jonathan Lindner, who runs fun drills, tactical and technical coaching, and games for children ages 4–15 years.

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Ages 10+	5.30–6.30 pm

Every Sunday from 9.00–10.00am adults can take part in group coaching with LTA Level 3 coaches Jim Biggie and/or James Buddell. Whatever your level, whether you last played at school, haven't played for years or wish to fine-tune your game - please sign-up online.

Annual General Meeting 11th October

To celebrate a year of unprecedented achievement for North Elmham Tennis Club, please join us for drinks and nibbles in the Sports Pavilion, on the Playing Field from 7.00pm on Tuesday 11th October. Over the past 12 months North Elmham has been named Norfolk Tennis Club of the Year and also won five titles from seven summer and winter campaigns.

Members are welcome to come along to raise a glass, take part in the junior and adult award presentations and provide your views on the Club's future at the AGM.

Quiz Night Social 4th November

North Elmham Tennis Club is presenting an evening of Quiz and Chips on Friday 4th November at the Memorial Hall North Elmham. 7.00pm start. Doors open at 6.30pm. This general knowledge quiz is to be hosted by Quizmaster, Mark Campbell. Fish and Chips (other options available) and cake included. £15 per person, bring your own booze! Non tennis club members welcome. Teams of up to six people. There will also be a raffle. Great fun evening!

Design Club Logo

Get your thinking caps on and your creative juices flowing... North Elmham Tennis Club is looking to design a logo.

Using a colour combination of white, blue and/or green, the committee is seeking a clear, modern design that is suitable for use on clothing, notices and other Club material. Consider space around the logo, colour palette, typography and font.

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NORTH ELMHAM WILDLIFE



Perhaps the most extraordinary event of 2022 in the Lepidopteran world (butterflies and moths, that is) related to a tiny (about $\frac{3}{4}$ cm long) mottled brown moth called a Beet Moth (photo 1). Beet Moths live on the saltmarshes and shingle coasts of southern Britain where their caterpillars feed mainly on Sea Beet leaves. At least that's how it used to be. In 2019 a friend found one near North Walsham – Norfolk's first ever record. Then there were four more records in Norfolk in each of 2020 and 2021, mostly at inland locations well away from where Sea Beet grows. I found my first here in May of this year, the tenth record for Norfolk, followed by lots more over the summer. One night I counted 209 of the little moths in my moth trap, making up well over half of all the moths of any species that I caught that night. My experience was mirrored by other moth trappers around the county and, to a lesser extent, elsewhere in the country. What caused this sudden population explosion? Well, it seems that as well as Sea Beet, the caterpillars are now content to chomp the leaves of Sugar Beet (which may explain why so many in Norfolk in particular, Norfolk being in the country's main Sugar Beet growing region) and also of Chard and Beetroot. It has been speculated that they may also now be feeding on some other closely-related plants which grow prolifically in newly-dried up wetlands, and which may have therefore had a good year in this summer's drought. Whatever the cause, it's got to be one of the most dramatic and rapid colonisation events that I've ever witnessed.

Most of the moths we see here are resident species – in other words they spend their whole life cycle in roughly the same place. But many species of moth migrate and visitors from overseas



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sometimes appear here. It's been a good summer for migrant moths, although I never seem to catch as many here as some people do elsewhere in the county. One very distinctive migrant moth that turned up here two nights running is called a Vestal. Nothing to do with the Roman goddess Vesta or her vestal virgins (though presumably whoever named the moth must have imagined a likeness) this moth is plain yellow with an obvious dark pink or brown stripe across the wings (photo 2), and they travel here from southern Europe or even Africa.



Plume moths are strange moths with long, thin, often feathery wings held out at right angles from the body. There are a few species, some common, others much less so. The Breckland Plume is mainly known from the Norfolk and Suffolk Brecks and a few other similarly sandy habitats in southern England. It seems to be spreading in Norfolk and I caught two in my garden this year for the first time (photo 3). Other nice moths found during the past month have included Canary-shouldered Thorn (photo 4), Lilac Beauty (photo 5) and Antler Moth (photo 6).



I came home from work one day recently to find a pot on my doorstep with a note from Julia W. In the pot were some plum leaves and a pale yellow furry caterpillar with a tuft of shocking-pink hairs protruding from its back (photo 7). Julia had found it on a plum tree and thought I might be interested – which I was! It was a Pale Tussock. The adult moths turn up in my moth trap regularly – quite large greyish moths with very furry front legs which they sprawl out in front of them when resting, but I don't see their caterpillars very often. This one hadn't eaten the plum leaves and wasn't interested in various other leaves I offered it, so I guessed it was ready to pupate and let it go to find somewhere safe to do so.





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One day recently when I was walking along the railway I noticed a small ladybird tucked into the base of a sow-thistle leaf. It had seven spots on the wing cases like the common 7-spot Ladybird but it was smaller, had a different pattern on its foreparts and the spots were positioned further back. It was an Adonis Ladybird – only the second I’ve ever seen (photo 8). A few minutes later I spotted two shieldbugs. At first I thought they were Red-legged Shieldbugs which I see a lot, but looking closer I realised that these had long sharply-pointed projections sticking out to the side behind their necks. They were a species I have been keeping an eye out for but had never previously come across – Spiked Shieldbug (photo 9).

Swallows congregate in the late summer before heading off on their long journey south to sub-Saharan Africa. At such times there is often a flock at the bottom of the Cathedral Meadows and I enjoyed watching these recently. Every now and then an adult (recognised by its brighter colours and longer tail streamers) would feed a juvenile mid-flight. I realised I could predict when this interaction was about to happen by a particular call type that they were making, but it always happened in a different place and each time it was over so quickly I never managed to get any footage of it happening. I did manage a few photos of the adults flying alone (photo 10) and the juveniles on the fence wires (photo 11).

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

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Reverend Sally Kimmis conducted a lovely service and Jonathon Dodds provided excellent musical accompaniment. It was wonderful to have the Church bells ring the newlyweds out so many thanks to the bellringers. Tish Moore and Gill King created two astonishing floral arrangements that looked perfect in both the Church and afterwards in the marquee. Ben and his team at the Teapost did us proud with a first-class afternoon tea followed by homemade pizzas in the evening. Humphrey and Jenni Borgnis helped set up the jousting which proved a great success. Andrew Waters provided top



notch luxury loos. Judy and Stewart Biggie were excellent chauffeurs in their vibrant camper vans. And finally, an extra special thanks to Tom and Jo Fitzalan Howard for their kindness in allowing the use of their beautiful park for the reception.

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WIVES PLUS ALL

Wives Plus All met on Thursday 8th September 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, North Elmham.

Janet Woodhouse who lives in North Elmham presented a very interesting talk on 'Changes in North Elmham' which she gave with reference to her own experiences of changes she has seen over the years. Janet is certainly the person in the village who people need to talk to if they wish to know more of the village's history because of her knowledge. Janet's talk was enhanced by the many interesting photographs of earlier village characters and properties she brought

along with her and which were laid out in the hall for us to look at. Many of the cottages and several shops in the pictures, like the butchers, the bakers, the hairdressers and bicycle shop are no longer here having been demolished or just changed, because life over the years has moved on to the village we know is loved today.

Thank you, Janet, for a splendid interesting and knowledgeable talk.

Next Meeting

Our next WIVES PLUS ALL meeting will be in North Elmham Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on THURSDAY 13th October 2022 when Matt Darge Chainsaw Artist will tell us about "Sculptures of birds and animals from wood."

There will be refreshments and a raffle. We look forward to seeing you.

And Another Diary Date

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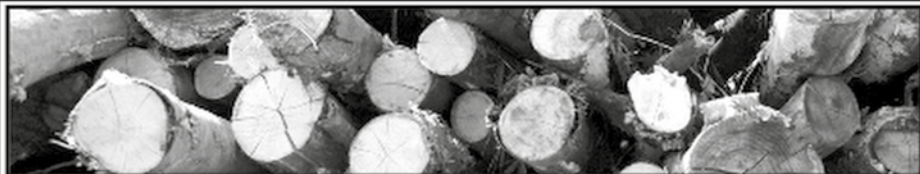
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JACK LAST (PART 2)

Here is another piece about Jack Last's very busy life – taken from his book 'Life and Thoughts of a Countryman.'

I realise that Jack was born in 1915 and his life was very different to most village children's way of living. They probably all helped at harvest time with odd jobs on the farms but Jack's life was dictated by his father's working life as Gamekeeper here in Elmham. Jack's love of the job shines through in his writing.

Twelve Years Old and Jobs with Father

At twelve years almost grown up. He made rabbit snares, could load cartridges and make purse nets and long nets. Then in the Winter, on Saturdays he was taught how to use the nets – and use ferrets too.

He was bitten by the ferrets... and rats!

Jack said that a screaming rabbit would bite you if you happen to put your hand near its mouth... and that's worse than a ferret or rat bite! If the bite turned septic it was poulticed with a bread poultice (bread broken on a saucer and hot water added. Surplus water was squeezed out, the bread put onto a rag and placed over the wound and left till morning). Then some ointment was put on the wound maybe Boric ointment or Vaseline.

It wasn't always just work. Once a year there was a Flower and Vegetable Show on the Park. A big tent as well as small ones were put up and there was a display by the Watts Naval boys. There was also a fair, just inside the lodge gate in front of the church. Simple pleasures for village folk.

Jack said at Christmas time he and his siblings had a present each and a few nuts, sweets and an orange. His Father's Boss always gave them some 'good toys'

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at Christmas and Mr Probyn who lived at the Hollies (opposite the present Vicarage) gave the family a hamper of fruit.

In the summer there was always a Sunday School Fete and tea. I assume this was held at the Vicarage home of the Reverend Townsend.

Once a year the family went to the seaside – strange I thought, with two railway stations in the Parish they could have gone more than once in different directions to the sea but perhaps the cost of tickets for a family was prohibitive and they couldn't afford it.

He did buy himself a bike from the Head Master's wife for twelve shillings (60 pence today). He was the only boy in the village to have a bike!

One thing he said he did enjoy – playing in the ponds on the estate. Many of those same ponds have now been filled in and also playing on the lake if it froze over.

On Monday mornings he would collect money from houses for clothes for their families at Harvest holiday time. The Head Master took the money and banked it. Then vouchers were issued to people and they could go shopping in Dereham or Fakenham and buy clothes for the winter.

On Tuesday morning he collected money for the Hospital Association of St Giles Street in Norwich. This was 1 penny a week for single people and 2 pence for married people. This covered their children as well. Can you imagine allowing a child to do this today!

More another time. It was a hard life and a gamekeeper was expected to be on his toes and make sure there was always plenty of game for shooting parties.

Janet Woodhouse

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Dear Friends,

The death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has left an enormous hole in the life of the Nation. Our prayers continue for King Charles III and all the Royal Family. The period of national mourning may be over, but grief continues.

I, for one, shall be very interested to see how King Charles' time as Sovereign develops; whether we'll see much change, or whether he'll model his own kingship on his mother's 70 years as Queen.

As always when someone dies, we can look back and remember – and we have certainly had plenty of media coverage to help us do that! We can give thanks for this year's Platinum Jubilee, for all that we enjoyed about it, as well as the pleasure the celebrations gave to the Queen and the Royal Family. You may have personal memories of the Queen which you can treasure for ever.

Following the pledge the Queen made on her 21st birthday to devote her whole life to service, she went on to say:

"I shall not have the strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in with me, as I now invite you to do... God help me make good my vow and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it."

She knew, absolutely, that a mere accident of birth, coupled with her uncle's abdication as King and the upbringing she had, were not enough to equip her for the task ahead. She called on all of her subjects to join in the enterprise of sovereignty.

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Yours, in Christ,

Revd Sally

MORE2LIFE

September was quite a month. At the beginning, we knew we were getting a new Prime Minister, but not that we would also have a new King.

There has been lots of outpouring of emotion for our late Queen from around the world. Despite her age, no one seemed to see it coming. Many are in shock. Some didn't think they would care so much, but have found themselves overwhelmed with emotion, needing to draw close to places that were dear to her, not least, here in Norfolk, Sandringham.

I have been most taken with the fact that, a lot of the commentary on Queen Elizabeth's death has spoken of her desire and duty to serve her country, the Commonwealth, and the overseas territories; and also, perhaps lesser known, to her Lord; yet she has repeatedly referred to her faith over the years, particularly in the last few years. Adopting the way of the Lord Jesus, she chose to serve others. I don't know if she ever thought, 'I can't be doing with another function,' but she certainly didn't let it show; living her life with grace and dignity. In so-doing she earned the respect of the world.

Throughout the outpouring of emotion though, there has been a family who have had to share their grief publicly with all of

us. No matter their status or wealth, their grief-stricken faces as they face not just the loss of a Queen, but the loss of their mother, grandmother, and much-loved family member. In this way, we identify with them as ones who have also lost loved ones along the way.

Death may be one certainty in life, but in times of uncertainty may we, and our new king, be able to say with our late Queen and the Psalmist (Ps 31:14-15)

"I trust in you, O LORD. . . My times are in your hand"

Every blessing,

Anne-Marie Fewell

Pastor, More2Life Christian Fellowship

WORTHING NEWS

This year, the annual event organised by The Norfolk Churches Trust, sponsored Bike, Stride, Car event went ahead on Saturday the 10th September only hours after receiving the very sad news of the passing of our beloved Queen. It is a difficult time and whilst in National Mourning for our Queen, 10 visitors were able to visit St Margaret's Church and in relatively warm sunshine.

For those that took part and visited Worthing, and from other parishes, we are all grateful for your continued support. Should anyone still wish to donate to The Norfolk Churches Trust, for more information, please visit their website:

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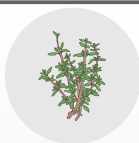
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October Sunday Services

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5.00 pm	Foxley	Evening Prayer (informal)

9th October – 17th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am	Bawdeswell + Zoom	'The 10.30'/Harvest Festival
10.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Worthing	Holy Communion

16th October – 18th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am	Bawdeswell + Zoom	All-Age Communion
10.30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Stibbard	Morning Praise
4.00 pm	Foulsham	Sung Evensong

23rd October – Last Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am	Bawdeswell + Zoom	Word & Praise
10.30 am	Guist	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Wood Norton	Morning Praise
10.30 am	North Elmham	Morning Praise
10.30 am	Worthing	Iona Morning Praise

30th October – All Saints' Day

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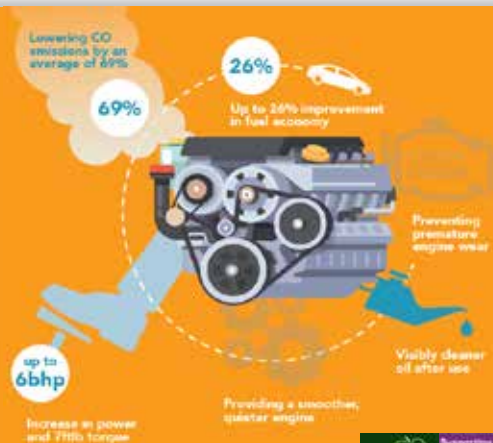
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