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## EDITORIAL

Hope you all enjoyed the temporary roadworks in mid-September on Holt Road near the Post Office. Nothing seemed to be happening and there were the tight queues as drivers seemed to forget that wide vehicles also are trying to pass! Well, you will be delighted to know that Norfolk County Council have designated Roadworks in that area for Monday 2nd October 8am to Friday 20th October 6pm with two way traffic control. Apologies to The Teapost for this facetious humour, we know it won't have been funny to you.

May we draw your attention to Nicola's piece, suggesting the formation of a support group for a greener future. This sounds like a good idea and if we can all just contribute a little time, it would be most welcome and useful.

On another positive note, we wondered how many other villages are fortunate to have a dedicated team of volunteers who run Tea at Two once a month. Wednesday afternoon sees a wide collection of folk arriving at The Memorial Hall in anticipation of a warm welcome. The hall itself is dressed

with crisp tablecloths and vases of flowers set out on the tables. Sandwiches, cake and tea are dispensed as soon as people arrive and are settled in. There can be a group of the younger children from our local school who will go from group to group to explain a project or a book and generally get used to interacting with older people. Music is always a key ingredient and varies from delightful classical performances to the rousing cheer and good humour of the Fakenham Ukes.

Last month was highlighted by the visit of Shirley Werrell and her daughter. Everyone who knew her was delighted to see her and made a point of saying hello. The Ukes were brilliant as always and dear Beryl had a fantastic singalong.

Everyone is always welcome, and you can arrange to be collected if you have no transport. Boxes of food are delivered afterwards to those that couldn't make it and the flowers are always given to the attendees. Another lovely touch.

We should be very proud of the volunteers, who under Jo Fitzalan's leadership do such a good job. Thank you all.

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# NORTH ELMHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST

*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.*

## Public Participation

a) A letter had been sent to Elmham News regarding the possibility of launching a Community Car Scheme. It was mentioned that there had been such a scheme in the village some years ago. There is an ageing population and there are people in the parish with disabilities. The cost of a taxi to Dereham, one way, is in the region of £20. It is very difficult for some older people to get to hospital. It was asked if the Parish Council would look at the possibility of having a feasibility study. Grants are apparently available for this particular activity. It was felt that, in the long term, the success of a project of this kind would be totally dependent on the number of volunteers it would be able to attract. In general, the proposal was welcomed, and the matter will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

b) It was acknowledged that the Community Speedwatch team is doing a great job. A comment was made that they are often seen at the bottom end of the village (the south) but not in the top part, (the north), in the Pump Street area. The scheme launched in June and there are four locations, including in the top part, for the approved activities. A decision was made to concentrate on the recognised hot-spots, e.g. the King's Head junction. More volunteers are needed and it was stressed that, if additional people would be prepared to come forward to join the existing team, more locations could be covered, including the area at Pump Street.

c) A suggestion had been made to set up a climate positive group in the village. The goal would be to engage the community in activities that make a positive impact on the planet and the people in the village, such as repair workshops, rewilding, litter collection and food sharing.

It was mentioned that some litter picking has been done in the past and it may be useful to liaise with that group. It was felt that there were rooms in buildings in the village that could support a group of this type. A number of volunteers would be needed and it was felt that the proposed group could be mentioned in Elmham News.

d) The Walking Football team was started about two years ago and has recently separated from North Elmham Football Club. The team members are not satisfied with the condition of the area of the pitch they use and state that improvements need to be made for safety reasons. They have recently been using the facilities at Northgate High School, in Dereham. For further details on this matter, please refer to later item. There currently are 22 members.

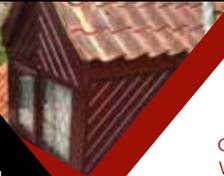
**Councillors Present:** Mrs. J. Borgnis (Chairman), Mr. M. Phillips, Miss A. Ferris, Mr. T. Fitzalan Howard, Mr. P. Grainger, Mrs. A. Keeble, Mr. J. Labouchere, Mr. N. Markwell, Mr. M. Rayner and Mr. C. Smith  
Also in Attendance: Mr. K. Webb (Clerk) and five parishioners.

**Apologies for absence:** Mr. B. Gee

## Updated Information And Matters Arising

### Land Management Matters

**Village Green:** There has been continued vandalism with a fire started a few days ago and offensive graffiti. There have also been incidents in other parts of the village. The shelter is to be dismantled and it is proposed that a solar powered light on a pole be erected. Quotations are to be obtained. Proposed by Mrs. Keeble and seconded by Mr. Smith. All in favour.



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Letters have been received from parishioners regarding two ash trees - see correspondence. It is agreed that the trees need attention. A survey is to be done and quotations are to be obtained by Mr. Phillips. Initially, eight trees are involved and early indications are that the cost is going to be in the region of £3,830. Proposed by Mr. Fitzalan Howard and seconded by Mr. Rayner. All in favour.

#### ***Millennium Wood (and Jubilee Wood):***

A sapling is to be trimmed down by Mr. Duffield.

#### ***Bridleway On Disused Railway Line And Other Railway Linked Matters:***

A parishioner had reported suspected weed killing by spraying on the railway line and is very concerned about the impact on wild flowers, bees, butterflies and pet dogs being walked. The matter has been forwarded to Mr. Robinson of the Mid Norfolk Railway but a response has not yet been received.

***Church Meadow:*** Mr. Fitzalan Howard said that there is to be a meeting regarding a possible trench on 10th August.

#### **Allotments**

Mr. Phillips reported that an allotment had become free and there are still people on the waiting list.

#### **Street Lights**

Mr. Markwell advised that two quotations had been received and Mr. Phillips proposed that the submission from Jones Electrical of £367.50 + VAT be accepted, seconded by Mrs. Keeble. All in favour

#### **Pavilion and Playing Field**

Details are to follow regarding the North Elmham Junior Football event. There are to be two sessions in the pavilion for the training of referees.

The Walking Football team wishes to apply for a grant under the Football Foundation Scheme. They say that they are eligible for £1,920 per annum for the first two years, followed by a tapered

amount in the subsequent six years. The application has to be in the name of the land owner, i.e. North Elmham Parish Council, and the officers of the Walking Football Team have been authorised to complete the documentation, with it being approved and signed off by the Parish Council. The funds are needed to improve the quality of the playing service. Proposed by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Keeble. All in favour.

#### **Eastgate Centre**

A window has been broken. Decorating has been completed.

#### **Request For Funding From North Elmham Pcc**

An expression of thanks has been received.

#### **Breckland Council's Deployable Surveillance Cameras & Display Signage**

A response had been received from Lisa Turner, Environmental Enforcement Assistant, Breckland Council regarding the procurement of new mobile deployable surveillance cameras, which are to be situated in towns and parishes with high levels of anti-social behaviour and fly tipping, for trialling.

Only one camera has been obtained to date and further information will be given near the beginning of September.

#### **Pavilion Electricity Plan Renewal**

The current electricity plan for the Pavilion comes to an end on 21st August, 2023. The current expenditure is in the region of £1,030 and we are offered a one year fixed deal of £1,523.32 or a two years fixed agreement which is slightly cheaper at £1,501.10. It was agreed to proceed with a contract for two years. Proposed by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Labouchere. All in favour.

#### **CGM Group: Grounds Maintenance 2024**

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**APPROVED CLEARVIEW STOCKIST**

The Play Area was only cut once in July and various parts of the Village Green have been missed. The tendering process for 2024 will commence in November and contractors will be invited to apply for this work. In perhaps two years, Boars Hill will need to be added to the specification.

## **Planning Applications and Determinations**

### **Applications**

i) Land at Brookside Farm, 74 Holt Road – variation of condition 2 on 3PL/2019/0874/F – to revise plots 18, 19 and 22, amend the garage roofs to plots 11 and 12 and amend the layout of the private drive outside plot 22. Also seek revisions to the garage block for plots 18, 21 and 22 –3PL/2023/0751/VAR – no objections.

ii) Park View, Church Lane – Mr. and Mrs. N. Moore – new single storey rear extension – 3PL/2023/0677/HOU – no objections.

iii) 25 Cathedral Drive - proposed single storey front and part replacement of garage two storey rear extension – Mr. A. McKay and Ms E Henderson – 3PL/2023/0580/F – no objections.

### **Determinations**

None

### **Correspondence**

1) Email from parishioners regarding a proposal to set up a climate positive group. – please refer to “Public Participation”

2) Email from a parishioner regarding an ash tree near their garden at 43 Eastgate Street – matter to be rectified by the Parish Council.

3) Email from a parishioner regarding an ash tree overhanging properties 41 and 41a Eastgate Street – matter to be rectified by the Parish Council.

4) Email from a parishioner reporting suspected weed killing along the railway line.

5) Letter of thanks to Mr. Goff for all his help with the recent work at Broom Green.

6) Confirmation from members of the North Elmham Walking Football team that they will be attending the Parish Council Meeting on 2nd August – see Pavilion and Playing Field item

## **Agenda Items For Next Meeting**

a) Car Scheme

b) Climate Positive Group.

## **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 6th September at 7.30 p.m.

## **October Meeting Date**

Wednesday, 4th October at 7.30 pm.

## **CANDLES**

The recent two long power cuts in certain parts of the village made us think about when they were a regular occurrence. Candles, matches, torches, batteries and even camping stoves were all useful and ready to hand. This time had us scrabbling around for lighters and hoping that the torches were all charged. Because so many of us have phones that sit on a special base, these too refused to work. Fingers crossed, it will be a long time again before there are any more but just in case have you got plenty of candles ?

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These extended bus services to Fakenham via North Elmham, Guist, Ryburgh and Colkirk started from 4th September and run up to every hour.

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Aren't we lucky to have so many different routes to tap into – we are all aware of the convenience of having a car which is necessary for work and shopping but do give the bus companies a go, let them take the strain.

The timetables are all online but the **Charleston Route** bus times are on a board near the bus shelter. OURBUS timetable is on a lamp post very close to the church.

If we don't use the buses, we will lose them.

*Janet Woodhouse*

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## CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

This is a list of people who can be contacted if you would like to know more about any of the following:

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## BRECKLAND LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

After a quiet period over the summer, a new consultation has been opened for Breckland's Local Plan, with a deadline for submissions currently given as early November. This is a continuation of the previous Issues & Options Consultation to which I'm sure many of you made comments. Although there is no specific mention of a New Town in this new phase, you may wish to make comments about the idea of one, along with comments about where, in general terms, development should be placed across Breckland in the period up to 2046, as well as about the other topics included in this consultation.

This consultation is not asking questions about specific sites which were put forward in the 'call for sites' phase – it is expected that this will happen once Breckland has assessed all of the sites and decided which of those are not practicable for various reasons. The remainder will be termed the 'preferred options', which are likely to cater for more houses than will be needed, so these will need to be reduced. The resulting consultation, at some point in 2024, will be the time when residents will be able to comment on the remaining possible sites for housing, in the preferred options consultation. We very much hope that the proposed New Town will not appear as a preferred site, but if it does it will be at that point that a concerted effort will be made to submit comments covering all aspects of why the proposal is the wrong one for the proposed site.

At an introductory preview event for Parish Councils, residents were encouraged to participate to give their views. It was stressed that previous comments will still be valid, suggesting there is no need to repeat what you may have said before. However, there is no reason why you shouldn't put in further comments at this stage.

There are various ways to submit your comments: online via Breckland's Commonplace website at <https://brecklandlocalplan.commonplace.is>, or by email to [planning.policyteam@breckland.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policyteam@breckland.gov.uk) or by post to Planning Policy Team, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, NR19 1EE. Further details of the consultation are available online at the commonplace website, or at various drop-in events. The most local of the latter is to be held in Dereham Market Place between 10.00am and 1.00pm on Tuesday, 17th October, where you will also be able to give your opinions. I and/or CANT will provide further updates as the Local Plan review progresses, particularly when it becomes possible to submit comments on individual sites.

*Michael Rayner, Councillor & Planning Lead, North Elmham Parish Council*

## GARDENING CLUB

Our October meeting will be on Thursday 26th of October, 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

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*Meg White*

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I imagine this small bridge had stood there for hundreds of years, but was now unsafe so the county council said. The river was deep under the bridge and this part of the river was used by us village children as a swimming pool! Daring older boys would stand on the wall of the bridge and dive into the water. That was how they all learned to dive. Youngsters weren't molly coddled in those days!

A new bridge was to be built and a straighter road would be replacing the centuries old road .But the hump backed bridge had to go. So it was decided the best way to get rid of it would be to blow it up!! Everyone was saddened to think about that little old bridge being flattened. It put up a fight and took two goes with gelignite before it landed in the water. Bang went our swimming pool!

The road was to be realigned, straightened out not with a wiggle as before and a spanking new bridge built, strong enough for much bigger lorries. This was in the early 1950's. This new bridge was the first to be built of pre-stressed concrete- now used for most bridges, and the first to be built by council workmen instead of civil engineers.

This bridge had a shelf life of 42 years before it was deemed unsafe .Contractors May Gurney in 1991 were working having to de-stress it by dismantling it piece by piece. They were working from the original plans, drawn up in 1949 to take it apart before building another new bridge of the same design.



BEARING THE PLUNGE: It's a well known fact that in August 1951 a lot of water babies was to be seen at the local river. These youngsters were the children of Billington's children.

### Billington Bridge

On the bridge: Peter Purfitt, Davy Taberham, Chris Cushion.  
Tail boy on the ledge: Michael Cushion

Sadly, the plans did not show the exact route of all of the 18 miles of thick wire which pull the bridge together. The call went out for help and a foreman who was involved in the building of this pioneering modern-style bridge more than 40 years before came forward. Mr Bert Pestell who was now 91 visited the bridge over the Wensum on the B1145 and was able to give advice. The site agent said "He is the original foreman, it's amazing. He was able to tell us a few things about the bridge".

The road was closed to traffic for 16 weeks whilst a new bridge was being built. The surrounding villages were up in arms as more traffic would be trying to get through them, especially large lorries many of them coming to the bridge.

It was not a happy time for Elmham!

Wonder how long this present bridge will survive, it is now over 30 years old.

*Janet Woodhouse*

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## NORTH ELMHAM BOWLS CLUB

Congratulations to our North Elmham Bowls Club who are the Age UK winners for the second year running, beating teams from four leagues around Norfolk in a play off held at Horsford. Photo: (back row) Dave Garner, Chris Hazell, Tony Langford, (front row) Irene Lambert, Dawn Spiteri, Jo Ashmore.

The Jumble Sale on Saturday 9th September at the Memorial Hall raised £465.35 for club funds. As well as jumble, a tombola and excellent refreshments were enjoyed. Thank you to all who supported us.

## DID YOU KNOW?

There are many interesting facts about our village that many folk are unaware of! Having lived here for 45 years, I was surprised to find out that during World War I, there was a Royal Flying Corp military landing ground here, (although our village historian Janet Woodhouse did know!)

The RFC 51 (Home Defence) Squadron was formed at Mousehold Heath aerodrome in Norwich in 1916 and then moved to Thetford in June 1916 operating B.E.2, B.E.12 and Avro 504 aircraft to defend Norfolk from air attack. (Interestingly, B.E. stands for Bleriot Experimental). For a short period in 1917, the Squadron operated from a Military Landing Ground in North Elmham although records don't show if that was the complete Squadron or a Detachment. Intriguingly however, exactly whereabouts the landing strip was located seems to be difficult to pinpoint!

It would be interesting to hear if anyone can add to the story, particularly where the Landing Ground was situated. You will find Janet's and my email addresses in the Elmham News!

*Brian Wheeler*

## KNIT AND NATTER

A few less members attended the August meeting due to holidays, family commitments, summer colds etc. but a warm welcome was given to those who did manage to come - cake, tea, coffee supplied as usual.

At the time of writing, I am on my summer holidays enjoying the beautiful Snowdonia scenery and, of course, the Welsh weather. On my travels around, I have amazingly noticed Christmas cards that are already available in the shops. They will be soon selling Easter eggs next, or perhaps they already are. Come to think of it, we, as a group, are thinking about Christmas fairs already.

Net meeting Tuesday 3rd of October, when we hope all of our regular knitters will be back fighting fit.

*Eleen Cotterill 668380*

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## CATCHING THE LIGHT

Gill Rawlinson captured these great dawn and dusk photos (opposite) on the Village Green at the beginning of September. Thanks for sharing them with us all.

## CAMPAIGN AGAINST NEW TOWN (CANT)

We are extremely grateful to the writer of this piece, John Hoskins who is keeping us all informed about the necessity of not letting our politicians just paying lip service the group.

The summer holidays for political types is over and it's time to re-awaken everyone's awareness of the absurd possibility of a new town being built on the sleepy farmland between Bintree, Billingford and North Elmham.

We (the CANT group) met Jerome Mayhew MP in July, who promised to state publicly his antipathy to the plan. He hasn't, and we will chase him down.

Councillors Bill Borrett and Gordon Bambridge promised us a clear timeline of the next steps following the Issues and Options Consultation. It has not appeared, and we will chase them down.

Breckland Council have suddenly announced that they are holding two meetings in September for Parish Councils at which they will 'preview' the community consultation on the Local Plan. Who knows why they need to do this when they have already done the Issues and Options Consultation? Key members of the CANT team will be at the meetings to find out what (on earth) is going on.

After giving us encouragement in July by emphasizing the need to concentrate on brownfield first, Rishi Sunak has now shot himself in the foot with the announcement that polluting rivers is fine as we need to get on with building

houses. OK, that's not what he meant, but that's how it came over. Michael Gove then claimed that overall river pollution would in fact be decreased, because they had a plan to ensure both water companies and farmers drastically reduced nutrient run-off. However, if that was really the case, why did he not announce that first, explaining exactly how it was going to work, before allowing the re-start of housebuilding under new, strict, clear regulations?

In truth, it was inevitable that the politicians would break the stranglehold on building caused by the nutrient neutrality issue. And although we may all strongly dislike the announcement, it may not be a critical factor in our campaign. Any new proposal for 5,000 houses is obviously going to claim that it will have the best water-treatment plant on the planet, together with several off-set strategies that would fit whatever the regulations might be at the time. Yes, the Wensum is the most sensitive of rivers, but the developers know this and obviously believe they can work around it.

As you all know, the powerful arguments against the proposed new town include lack of demand, lack of access, lack of employment and lack of infrastructure. These are backed up by environmental issues that include not only impact on the Wensum but also on the aquifer beneath the site; together with a huge (unnecessary) increase in local traffic because of the deeply rural situation and a loss of prime farming land. Anyone reading this will be able to add many more detailed points, all of which we will gather together, if and when the argument has to be made against a specific proposal.

### Next Steps

After the Council's meetings we will update you with what (we think) their intentions are. At the same time, we will let you know further news from the MPs and our local

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Councillors. In the meantime, please send letters to any of them (and the press) expressing outrage at whatever fires you up the most. We will try to ensure CANT come over as a measured, reasonable lobby group, but individuals should say what they like without fear! See some contact details below.

If you are keen to resist the government's changes to the nutrient neutrality rules you are best to work through one of the many organisations who are already protesting. Some of the key ones are also listed below.

With regards,

*John and Julia Hoskins*

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Since this letter both Gordon Bambridge and George Freeman MP have written to me to confirm their continued commitment to our campaign against a new town.

*John Hoskins*

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## BEEKEEPING CHALLENGES

Beekeepers are now taking off the last of the summer honey, or as I like to call it, amber nectar, and will start applying insecticides. We do not apply chemicals until the last of the honey is removed as this would tarnish the raw honey.

The chemicals are needed to control a blood sucking mite called varroa. I would like to explain some of the life cycle of this particular mite. Not only does it suck the blood of the mature bees, it also carries viruses which cause the bees to have deformed wings which means the bees cannot fly and therefore fall out of the hive and die. The queen bee lays her egg in a cell and the varroa mite lays six to seven eggs in the same cell before that cell is sealed with a wax capping. The Varroa mites hatch and mate within the cell and attach themselves to the bee larva. On emerging from the cell some of the mites disperse and attach themselves to other, un-infected bees and so the infestation in the hive spreads. This leads to a heavy infestation very quickly. This

will eventually destroy the complete bee colony. The newly hatched mites are already fertilised ready to carry on their life cycle.

We then feed the bees to see them through the winter.

There is another threat for the bees. The ASIAN HORNET. It has been sweeping up through France for the last ten years and is out of control there with hundreds of nests being reported. This hornet has now arrived in southern England and it is gradually creeping up the country. Unlike our European hornet, these hornets are capable of killing a complete hive in a matter of a few days. If anyone finds a nest it is vital that it is reported to the local bee keeping association as soon as possible. The Asian hornet builds its nest high up in trees. These are football size nests and very difficult to locate. Specialist suits are worn to deal with the nests as a normal bee suit does not give enough protection. So, the bees and the beekeepers have yet another challenge in the years ahead.

*The ever learning Beekeeper.*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue 3rd	Knit and Natter	Pavilion	2.00 pm
Wed 4th	Sewing Parish Council Meeting	Tumbleweed Eastgate St Pavilion	2.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sun 8th	Tracks Charity Ploughing		10.30 am on
Wed 11th	Tea at Two Mobile Library visit	Memorial Hall The Heath to Orchard Close	2.00 pm 2.30–5.30 pm
Thu 12th	Wives+All: Dog's Trust	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Tue 17th	Breckland Planning team	Dereham Market Place	10.00 am–1.00 pm
Thu 26th	Gardening Club - Clematis	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Sat 28th	Clocks go back		

***Please remember, we can only print dates that YOU give us.***



## BRISLEY AND NORTH ELMHAM CRICKET CLUB

The weekend of August 19/20 will be remembered as one of the greatest periods in the young history of Brisley and North Elmham CC. On the Saturday, the League team snatched victory from the jaws of defeat by taking their opponents' last 7 wickets for 20 runs to win by 5 runs but the best was to come the following day as they met Hales and Loddon, yet another Division 1 team, in the T20 Final at Manor Park the home of Norfolk cricket. And yet again their illustrious opponents were put to the sword. Having lost the toss, B&NE batted first, and Harvey (29) and Jaggard got off to a flying start, accelerated even more when Abdul Ali smashed 53 off 23 balls. Skipper Futter added a brisk 26 and Najam Hassan hit two sixes to conclude the innings at 159-6. Two wickets in the first 2 overs put Hales and Loddon on the back foot and when Ali claimed a brilliant catch to

dismiss the dangerous Anderson, they collapsed to 68 all out, Futter claiming 4-19 and Ali 2-5 with 2 stunning runouts by Josh Hall and then his brother Ollie. The official MoM award went to Abdul Ali for his runs, wickets and catch but in truth every member of the squad contributed both on Finals Day and throughout the competition.

### Results

#### ***August 19 v Ketteringham Hall (H) League***

B&NE 187, Ketteringham Hall 182-9, B&NE won by 5 runs

An early collapse by the home team was again rescued by Ollie Hall's 86, well supported by the lower order who all contributed runs but in truth this was a below par score to set the visitors who were still in the race for the second promotion spot. And at 163-2 they were well in control until Abdul Ali grabbed 3 quick wickets and an inspired decision by Skipper Bend to bring on Ollie Jaggard for the penultimate and his only over was more than vindicated

as OJ claimed 3 wickets for 1 run and Ali's final over was far too pacy for the visitor's tailenders to get anywhere near scrambling the runs required.

Premier Seeds MoM: Ollie Hall for his 86 and 1 wicket

### **August 26 v Aylsham St Giles (A) League**

B&NE 258-4 Aylsham 94 B&NE won by 164 runs

Victory in the final League fixture of the season saw B&NE finish with 398 points, the highest total across all 9 divisions. After Jason Miller marked his final game for the Club with a cameo 23, the Hall brothers, Ollie (108no) and Daniel (45no) put on an unbeaten 167 partnership. In reply, Aylsham collapsed to 42-8 in the face of a quick spell of bowling by Callum Futter (5-20 for his best return of the season) and only a late flurry of runs gave some respectability to their total.

Premier Seeds MoM: Ollie Hall for his unbeaten 108 and 1 wicket

*Mark Ballman  
Chair*

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The AGM was held at The Kings Head on the 7th September, and as the hotel was very busy we held the meeting outside at the front of the hotel. After the exhortation was read, the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed off. The treasurer, Nigel Parker then submitted the accounts for the past year which were approved and passed.

As our next meeting was scheduled for the 2nd November, it was agreed that we hold another meeting on October 5th, in order to make final arrangements for Remembrance Sunday on 12 November, as this will be the last magazine to be printed before that date. After the Church service, both memorials to Bryan and Gerald will be dedicated by our vicar

Sally, with one on either side of the flag pole outside the Memorial Hall, where refreshments will be available.

Please make an effort to attend as both gentlemen played a very long and important part in the life of the village and the Legion.

*Mike Aston  
Branch Sec*

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## ELMHAM WILDLIFE

There are at least nine different species of hawk-moth which you could see in North Elmham – perhaps more if you're very lucky. Hawk-moths are placid, friendly moths – if you find one resting you will most likely be able to encourage it to sit on your finger, allowing you to take a good close look at it. They are big, striking moths that have the power to lure people into a life-long fascination with moths.

Take James Lowen for example, a Norwich-based nature-writer and photographer. In his recent book "Much Ado About Mothing" (which I recommend) he recounts an encounter with a Poplar Hawk-moth. Previously indifferent about moths, this experience of being shown a Poplar Hawk-moth ("huge and glorious and utterly wrong") changed his life. He was hooked, and moths are now an important part of his life.

Poplar Hawk-moths (photo 1) are lovely velvety grey moths. The wings have scalloped edges and their veins are marked by pale lines. They are unique in the way that in normal resting position their hindwing protrudes forwards in front of their forewing. If disturbed or alarmed, they open their wings wide revealing a flash of red at the base of the hindwings, presumably serving the purpose of scaring predators.

They're one of our commoner hawk-moths. I catch quite a few every year and if you're lucky you could even find one without a moth trap. A neighbour found one recently and brought it round to show me. I don't know if it had quite the same effect on her as it did James, but I think she at least appreciated its beauty, and I appreciated her sharing it with me.

Another friend always insisted that he would never be interested in moths. After much badgering, he eventually joined me for some moth-trapping at a site not far from North Elmham. He insisted that it would be the first and last time he came





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'moothing' – unless perhaps if I was able to show him a hawk-moth. By midnight I had failed to do so and he decided he had had enough. "I'll give it five more minutes" he said. Just in the nick of time, not one but two Elephant Hawk-moths arrived (photo 2). He was in awe! Within a week he had bought himself a moth-trap and over the last ten years there's barely been a night when he hasn't been looking for moths. This year he's managed to see well over 1,000 different species of moth around the county in just a few months.



From above, Elephant Hawk-moths are a mix of olive-yellow and pink but from underneath they're shocking pink. It's not the adult moth that gives them their name, but the caterpillars which are supposed to resemble elephants' trunks. Most years they are the commonest hawk-moth in my garden.



Much scarcer is the closely-related Small Elephant Hawk-moth. As the name suggests, it's rather similar to the Elephant Hawk-moth, but smaller (photo 3). I don't catch them in North Elmham every year but in a good year I can get several.



Another hawk-moth I catch regularly in North Elmham is the Eyed Hawk-moth. It's another big one and when it's at rest it looks velvety and lovely but when it spreads its wings it flashes a brightly colourful pair of "eyes" – no doubt to scare predators away (photo 4).



A hawk-moth I've seen more of in recent years than I used to here is Pine Hawk-moth. I suppose they're not as colourful as some but they're certainly impressive (photo 5). Their caterpillars feed on pines and spruce so if you go to somewhere like Bintree Wood you can find them more easily.

The biggest of our resident hawk-moths is the Privet Hawk-moth. It's having a run of bad years. This year was especially bad and I only caught one – some years I've caught well over ten. Lots of moth



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species cycle through good and bad years so hopefully numbers will improve again over the coming years. There's nothing gentle about Privet Hawk-moths, at least in their appearance. They look sinister, big, pointed moths that will fill your hand, a black 'cap' and dark top set against paler grey lower wings. When they open their wings they reveal a thickset body covered in rows of black and candy pink bands and their hindwings reflect this pattern (photo 6).



Lime Hawk-moth is a species that I don't see very often. I've only ever caught one at home and one at the Cathedral Meadows (photo 7). Elsewhere I've seen a few and I suspect if my garden was closer to some lime trees I would catch plenty. I bet they're in the lime trees that line the road up to County School for example, but apparently they can also feed on birch, elm or alder.



These seven species are the only resident hawk-moths that I've seen in North Elmham, but there's another that I wouldn't be very surprised to find. The Broad-bordered Bee Hawk-moth is scarce but fairly widespread and may well be round here in small numbers. Let me know if you've seen one! They're much smaller than most hawk-moths and are seen during the daytime, often hovering at flowers like Red Campion. They have clear wings (except for the broad dark border that contributes to its name) and short furry bodies like a bee. The nearest I've seen them is near Holt (photo 8) but they have been recorded much closer than that and I wouldn't be surprised if they sometimes appear, for example along the railway where there is plenty of Red Campion to feed on.

Another hawk-moth you're most likely to see hovering at flowers during the daytime is Hummingbird Hawk-moth. This is a migrant species which comes to the UK in varying numbers each year. I've rarely seen them in North Elmham

so my photo (photo 9) is from elsewhere, but probably if I was better at growing suitable flowers in my garden I would see them more often. I suspect those of you who are better gardeners than me might see this moth more often than I do.

Another migrant hawk-moth that only visits us from overseas is the *Convolvulus* Hawk-moth, a huge moth – bigger even than our Privet Hawk-moth. I've only ever caught one in North Elmham (photo 10), but some moth-trappers up their odds of catching one by growing Tobacco Plant (*Nicotiana*). *Convolvulus* Hawk-moths have such a long proboscis they are able to reach the nectar in the long tubular flower heads of the Tobacco Plant. If you grow *Nicotiana* then pop out with a torch shortly after dark when they're in flower and if you're lucky you might see this huge moth buzzing around your flowers.

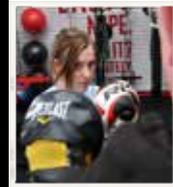
One day I hope to share with you news of another rare migrant hawk-moth, perhaps a Striped Hawk-moth or even a Death's-

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head Hawk-moth. The latter, with a wing-span that can exceed 12 cm, would be a dream find! If you've ever seen "Silence of the Lambs" then you'll have an idea what they look like. Friends who have seen them tell me that they make a squeaking noise, something that I've never heard from any other moth. Someone I know caught one in Great Ryburgh last year so I live in hope of finding one in my moth trap here in North Elmham.

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 email me at appleton.dave@googlemail.com, phone me on 668431 or message me via Twitter at @ElmhamMeadows).

*Dave Appleton*

## SWEETIE QUIZ

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- 14 Wise Guys (8)
- 15 Sport of princes (4)

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to the masses.

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rolled past. now hard to recall when  
seeing him last.

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none. Oh! I wish I knew where respect  
had gone.

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# TENNIS CLUB

## Social Mixed Doubles Tournament

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The BBQ, organised by Linda Smith was excellent, and thank you to Sandra and Joanna Hammond for all the tournament organisation.

## Tuesday Junior Coaching

Group tennis coaching is underway on Tuesdays at North Elmham Tennis Club. Three LTA Level 3 coaches, led by Jonathan Lindner, provide fun, technical sessions for children ages 4+. Sign up online at [www.northelmhamtennisclub.co.uk/Coaching](http://www.northelmhamtennisclub.co.uk/Coaching).

Ages 4–7: 3.45–4.30 pm

Ages 8–9: 4.30–5.30 pm

Ages 10–14: 5.30–6.30 pm

## Coming Up

On Tuesday, 7th November, the Club will host its AGM, awards presentations and prize giving, in the Playing Field pavilion at 7pm. Norfolk LTA President, Mike Walker, will be present.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Quiz Night and fish n' chips social at the North Elmham Memorial Hall on Friday, 24 November. Doors open at 6:30pm, with the quiz getting underway at 7pm with our excellent, regular quizmaster Mark. The price is £15 per person.



If you would like to book your place, please contact, Linda on [lindasmithatwork@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lindasmithatwork@yahoo.co.uk) or Sandra on [sandra@hendersons.co.uk](mailto:sandra@hendersons.co.uk).

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## BEV'S CHARITY SKYDIVE

Thank you to anyone that took the time to read about my skydive in last month's Elmham News. I raised £290 for Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services with another donation still to follow.

I was a mixture of excited and nervous on the day, but my tandem instructor put me right at ease - especially when he joked and told me he had only started jumping the week before!

We climbed to 13,000ft (about 2.5 miles high) and I sat and enjoyed the most beautiful views until the plane door opened. My stomach sank as I shuffled along the plane floor and was dangled out. Then came one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Words really can't describe how it feels to be falling about 120mph to the ground and it's hard to understand why anyone would want to, but I would 100% do it again if I had the chance.

*Bev Marshall*

**Ed's Note:** Well done Bev and what a fantastic cover photo for the News this month. There is still time to make a donation please visit: [www.justgiving.com/page/bev-marshall-1691066018421](http://www.justgiving.com/page/bev-marshall-1691066018421)

## WIVES PLUS ALL

After a summer break, Wives Plus All met again in the North Elmham Memorial Hall on Thursday 14th September. Members enjoyed a social get together, playing a competitive game of Crab Drive. After much noisy gaiety and rattling of dice, the winner Neil, with the most points, was presented with the Winning Gift and the Booby prize went to John who had the least points.

It was reported at the meeting that the Wives Plus All Club were making a donation to the RNLI local charity who

do great volunteering costal rescues and at sea, as we had learnt when we were visited and given a talk last November by local RNLI Coastguard of 40 years Jerry Woolley.

The next meeting of Wives Plus All will be THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER 2023 at 7.30pm, in THE MEMORIAL HALL, NORTH ELMHAM

Emily Matthew of Snetterton Dogs Trust will visit us and give an illustrated talk on

"The Dog's Trust, Past, Present and Future"

There will be refreshments available and also a raffle.

PLEASE COME ALONG as ALL WELCOME.

*Ann Ferris*

## WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

### St Andrews Church Attlebridge Autumn Lectures

4th October

Sally Bate: Humphrey Repton in Norfolk

11th October

Brendan Chester Kadwell: A Lost History- WWI German POWs in Norfolk and Agricultural Camps

18th October

Pat Bucklet: Metal Detecting and it's Importance to Archaeology

25th October

Trevor Garrod: The Coming of the Railways

All 7.30-9pm £5, contact Virginia Furness on 01603 860786

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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 them.

The selection for Friday 6th October is The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry. This is a 2023 British drama film directed by Hettie Macdonald. It is based on the 2012 novel of the same name by Rachel Joyce. The film stars Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton.

Retired pensioner Harold Fry lives in Kingsbridge with his wife Maureen, whose marriage to him has become despondent and quiet. One day, Harold receives a letter from his old friend, Queenie Hennessy, who is dying in a hospice in Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Harold then decides to walk the length of England to reach Berwick-upon-Tweed without the use of transport or support from Maureen. Along the way, he encounters a variety of people who show interest in his hiking achievement.

Ice cream bars, tea or coffee will be available to purchase 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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### **Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall**

Friday 6th October at 7.30pm  
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Tickets are £20 from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/what's-on/dereham](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/what's-on/dereham).

Wednesday 25th October at 2.00pm  
'Splat!' is a highly acclaimed physical theatre show for 3-7 year olds, with mime, clowning and lots of fun. Sitting on the floor cushions you bring (!), tickets are £6 for adults (there are loose chairs for adults) and £3 for children from [ticketsource](http://ticketsource). Direct from Cambridge Junction and the Yvonne Arnoud Theatre !

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For up-to-date information, please check our website [www.derehamwaw.org.uk/](http://www.derehamwaw.org.uk/),

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH

Dear Friends,

I was lucky enough to take a short break at the beginning of September to visit Amsterdam, which has long been on my 'bucket-list'. It was a kind of cultural pilgrimage to the wonderful collections held in the Van Gogh Museum and the Rijksmuseum. It was blisteringly hot, as it was in the UK at the time, and I couldn't help thinking about climate change and the strange seasons we have been experiencing.



One of Van Gogh's early paintings is 'Harvest' (which I knew from childhood, as a print of it hung in my family home).

The picture takes us back to the days when the Harvest was gathered in by men and horses, with family members coming along to provide food and drink to sustain them. It would be a very different picture today.

Time moves on, but our need of food never changes. The churches in our Group have been celebrating the Harvest, giving thanks to God for his bountiful provision as well as giving thanks to our farmers and all who work the land on our behalf. At the same time, we must spare a thought for those who struggle to put food on the table or provide for themselves or their families. Please do consider making contributions to the Foodbanks in Dereham and Fakenham,

or supporting the Church Larder in North Elmham St Mary's, if you are able to do so.

Here's a link to the Foodbank, with their current shopping list: <https://midnorfolk.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

With Harvest blessings,

Yours in Christ,

*Revd Sally*

## MORE 2 LIFE

There has to be more. There has to be more to life than same old, same old. There has to be more to life than the continual failures of some to execute justice. There has to be more to life than chasing dreams that taste sweet for a while... but that sweetness is short-lived; leaving only emptiness, or a desire to chase something greater, behind. There has to be more to life than chasing grades; than dealing with constant disappointments and pain. There has to be more to life than just being born, living for a short breath, and death.

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it in all its fullness." We are 'they'. Jesus wants us to have life in all its fullness. Without the Groundhog Day. Without the continual chasing of dreams that are here today and gone tomorrow. Without the need to be the top achiever of the class or workplace. A life that is full and abundant even in the midst of earthly pain and injustice that often seems to get worse; not better.

Jesus offers us a hope and a purpose. It is when we know the Lord Jesus Christ, we can know our true purpose in life. We can know the 'more to life' he promises. We can be set free from the pressures and chains of this world. If you would like to know more, please get in touch.

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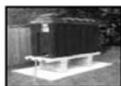
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For those that took part and visited Worthing, and from other parishes, we are all grateful for your continued support. Should anyone still wish to donate to The Norfolk Churches Trust, for more information, please visit their website:

<https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/support-our-work/donate-now/>

Thank you to everyone, and we hope to welcome you again next year if not before.

### October Services

On 8th and 22nd October both services start at 10.30 am. Refreshments will be available after each service together with an opportunity to meet up and share in some friendly banter.

We hope you can join us.

### Samaritans Purse: Operation Christmas Child

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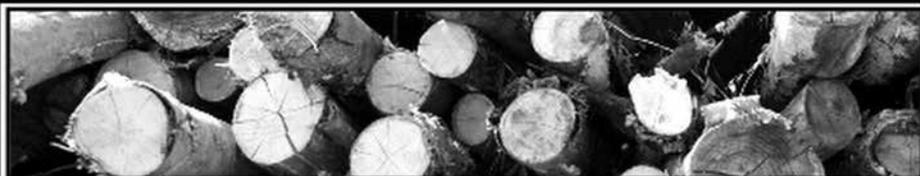
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## Heart of Norfolk Group Services for October

### 1st October – 17th Sunday after Trinity

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10.30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Stibbard	Holy Communion
11.30 am	Wood Norton	Harvest Festival & Lunch in Church
3.00 pm	Themelthorpe	Harvest Festival & Tea in Church

### 8th October –18th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am	Bawdeswell*	The 10.30
10.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Worthing	Holy Communion
3.00 pm	Stibbard	Pet Service – giving thanks for our companions, past and present

### 15th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am	Bawdeswell*	Holy Communion
10.30 am	North Elmham	Morning Praise – What do Christians believe?
10.30 am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
12.00 noon	Stibbard	Baptism. Wilbur James Percy Spencer-Ashworth
2.30 pm	Stibbard	Baptism. Angus Patrick Woodhouse
4.00 pm	Foulsham	Choral Evensong

### 22nd October – 20th Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am	Guist	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Bawdeswell*	Word & Praise
10.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Worthing	Iona Morning Praise
5.00 pm	North Elmham	'Come & Sing' Evensong**

### 29th October – Last Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am	Guist	Group Holy Communion & Thanksgiving for the repairs
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\*Services at Bawdeswell Church are also available on Zoom.

\*\* 'Come & Sing' Evensong – do come along at 2.45 pm to learn the music and join the choirs of Fakenham Parish Church and the Heart of Norfolk, or come to the service at 5pm, followed by refreshments. All welcome!

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Meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of the month and take place in the Pavilion, commencing at 7.30pm. Parishioners are entitled to attend and are most welcome. Our County and District Councillor is also in attendance whenever possible. If, in between meetings, you wish to raise a specific matter for the attention of the Parish Council - please refer to the contact list above.

**And finally...** have you got something interesting you would like to say or think others might be interested in something you do - why not email the Editors (see front of magazine for contact details) and let us know, we are always on the lookout for new contributors.

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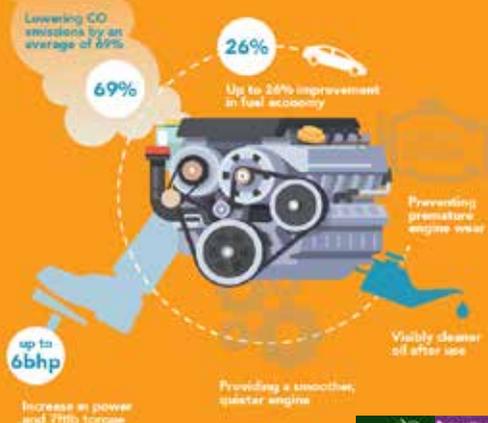
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