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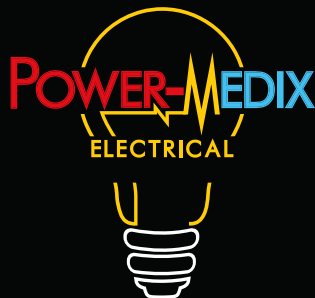
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EDITORIAL

Where has the year gone?! Here we are already in October.

Our front cover is a lovely photo sent to us by Peter Wade-Martins with the following text:

The Churchyard Ash Tree

Next time you are walking past the church do stop and look in wonder at this venerable old ash tree close to the churchyard wall. We have recently cut some branches off (with all the right permissions) the adjacent yew tree to give the old ash a little more light. We need to treasure this old inhabitant of our village. Any guesses how old it might be?"

We have no idea how old it is, perhaps someone out there might have an idea! Do let us know.

We were pleased to receive a thank you from Charlotte and Sam Rush who found the article (June edition) from the NELS group about recycling soft plastics very helpful. It's good to know that the NEWS is helping NELS to spread the message.

Don't forget to put your clocks back an hour on October 27th, an extra hour in bed!

Our thanks for donations go to Anon on Station Road.

NEXT DEADLINE: 14TH OCTOBER

We welcome contributions from everyone in the village. Please share your stories, events, club activities and heartfelt tributes to loved ones with us. Your participation is crucial in making the Elmham News a true reflection of our village. Please email your article to each of the Editors.

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NORTH ELMHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST, 2024

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) With reference to the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July, 2024, it was confirmed that the new drains on the north side of the church would be at two levels, with the two pipes converging at the eastern edge of the church. There will be an open soakaway. The Church Lane track will be monitored to ensure that no flooding results. An archaeologist will be present whilst the work is being carried out. The soil will be spread out across the field. The wall on the eastern side of the churchyard is to be rebuilt.
- b) It was asked whether the Parish Council response to the Local Plan Consultation could be placed on the website. This was agreed by all members.
- c) Concern was expressed regarding what was considered as discrimination against some graves in the churchyard with the newer part being badly maintained. The major part is in excellent condition but the unattended section is felt to be in an appalling state. The Parochial Church Council couldn't afford to cut the western side as financial resources are stretched. There is also a danger of tripping over the grave curbs and a new notice warning of this has recently been erected.
- d) A resident of Eastgate Street had identified a problem with surface water and was looking at the possibility of a soakaway. Mr. Rayner suggested that contact should be made with the Planning

Department at Breckland Council. Mr. Bambridge recommended that the Internal Draining Board (Water Level Management Association) should also be consulted in respect of any possible ecological or engineering problems.

Councillors Present Were: Mr. P. Grainger, (Chairman), Mr. M. Phillips (Vice Chairman), Miss A. Ferris, Mr. B. Gee, Mrs. A. Keeble and Mr. M. Rayner.

Also in Attendance: Mr. K. Webb (Clerk), Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor) and six parishioners.

Apologies for absence: Mr. T. Fitzalan Howard, Mr. J. Labouchere, Mr. N. Markwell and Mr. C. Smith.

Land Management Matters

Village Green: Mr. Gee has restored the damaged bench. A waterproof adhesive has been used which hopefully will result in it lasting longer.

Cathedral Ruins: The flat areas have been mown and the banks await the annual visit by the special mower.

Church Meadow: Please refer to "Public Participation", item above.

Highway Matters

The Chairman has taken possession of the SAM2 devices.

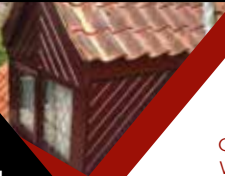
Pavilion and Playing Field

The Clerk contacted North Elmham F.C. and, as a result, the sum of £175 was duly received. This settles the fees owing for the season.

Brookside Development Update

The pile on the site has now been removed. An extra pipe has been put in after the previous flooding. The developer has put drainage into one garden and similar action is needed for two others.

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Defibrillators

Miss Ferris said that there had been some problems with e-mails with information being sent to the previous Chairman. Details are now being received, as required.

Breckland Council Call for Sites Update

A communication has been received from the Chairman of Breckland Council which refers to housing targets and changes to the national planning framework. The consultation period closes in the middle of September.

North Elmham Living Sustainably (NELS) Group

The Chairman has made an introduction to the Green Party's member on Breckland Council.

Sennowe Park Rave

Raving commences on 16th August.

Churchyards: Current Situation and Future Plans

The Chairman and Mr. Phillips had met with Sally Kimmis, Team Rector, and Catherine Newey, Treasurer of NEPCC. They confirmed that they will follow the advice of the legal service to ensure that the correct procedures are followed. The church accounts have been provided and due consideration will be given when the next annual budget is formulated by the Parish Council.

It was mentioned that two meetings had previously been arranged with the Nurture Group in respect of grounds maintenance requirements but the representative from that company had failed to turn up for either. The Clerk is to contact Nurture with a view to putting in place a suitable arrangement for all so that discussions can take place.

Report from District and/or County Councillors

*Election Report - Upper Wensum Ward
Breckland Councillor Gordon Bambridge*

This election, I did not get very involved, the virus that has kept me from travelling far has prevented canvassing etc, but it has not kept me from keeping up with all events and indeed Breckland matters on the internet.

In Mid Norfolk Constituency George Freeman won again with a very reasonable majority so for the moment the paths I take in bringing matters up with Parliament remain the same. The paths such enquiries will take from that point will be markedly different.

With matters of the Internal Drainage Board there is a new DEFRA Secretary of State in Steve Reed who I have not met. The internet does not give us a name for the drainage and water minister just yet, I met and was impressed with Emma Hardy who was shadow in that position last year as I wrote in my report last November.

We will have to wait a bit to see just how the change of government nationally will affect how District Councils work. Up to now Breckland has been a financially successful district which has led within the local government community in many ways, we hope this can remain so, but all local government relies heavily on the Westminster policies and support. There are suggestions of increases in council tax, ours is still the lowest district tax. We are also bound by changes in national policy not yet announced.

Major challenges specific to this ward would come from any change of policy including/regarding two key matters we have often spoken of in parish meetings:-

1. House building, which has been flagged, and the proposed new town for within our ward. This had been turned



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down by Breckland, but now matters may be taken from our hands?

2. Roads matters - the ward is directly affected by both the - dualling of the A47 from Easton to North Tuddenham which is hopefully so far advanced it cannot be withheld from going ahead.

The Western Link which will relieve not only Norwich from rat running, but also most of the villages in our ward and of course saving millions of hours travelling time and millions of pounds in travel costs for individuals and business not to say protecting our communities.

The new MP for SouthWest Norfolk has campaigned against both these roads, although they are not in or affecting his now constituency which has benefited from similar road improvements. I have spoken to him many times on this matter and will continue if needed.

More general matters including changes to taxation systems, will be affecting the whole population and of course follow the voting wishes of the people. I am happy to discuss.

It has always been my policy to be a-political within my activities except at district election times, but I am a Conservative elected member.

I do however recognise that from the general population and in particular from the parish councils, there are people from every shade of political stance, and I also represent you. During the election period I have dealt with dozens of enquiries including political ones from residents of Upper Wensum, and will continue to do so. I am also aware that it is many years since our Conservative led district has had to work with a Labour led government so I am happy to listen to your views as we go forward.

Gordon Bambridge 09/07/2024

Mr. Bambridge mentioned the current review of car parks in the five towns in the area with people generally in favour

of paying. There are likely to be some boundary changes in the area with the Breckland district to be reviewed. There are also deliberations in respect of drainage and flooding. Mr. Bambridge has a meeting arranged in Parliament in October.

Village Hall

The Parish Council to agree to evaluate two potential sites within the village for the siting of a new Memorial Hall and to agree a provisional budget to cover initial advisory costs. The process is to include planning consultation with Breckland Council.

There are various buildings in the village and the proposal is for two potential sites to be considered:

- a) The Pavilion.
- b) The area at the top of the Village Green (the western end).

It was agreed that the Chairman and Mr. Rayner would progress preliminary matters by liaising with Breckland Council. A working party would be established, (Mr. Rayner not to be a member). Mr. Bambridge is to talk to the Planning Manager at Breckland Council and suggested that visits should be considered to view other village halls, e.g. Lyng, Western Longville and Bawdeswell. A good committee was considered to be essential. It was agreed by all that this course of action, together with the early involvement of Breckland Council, would be followed. (Proposed by Mr. Rayner and seconded by Mr. Phillips).

Planning Applications and Determinations

a) Applications

- i) Campton Cottage, 93 Eastgate Street – TRE/2024/0132/TCA – tree work.
- ii) Flint Cottage, 87 Eastgate Street – TRE/2024/0133/TCA – tree work.

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- iii) 5 Boars Hill, Holt Road – TRE/2024/0136/TPO – tree work.
- iv) Oakleigh Garden Shop, 25a Station Road – Mr. Mark Williams –3PL/2024/0263/F – change of use from dual use shop/dwelling to dwelling and proposed internal alterations and extension (amend site address from 25 to 25a – garage omitted) – no objections.
- v) Elle Findlay – dwelling on land at The Chapel, County School –3PL/2024/0571/F – resubmission.
- vi) 75 Eastgate Street – TRE/2024/0143/TCA – tree work.

An e-mail had also been received regarding a planning application for a dwelling on land at The Chapel, County School – 3PL/2024/0571/F. This property is in Bintree and is, therefore, outside our area. Mr. Bambridge is aware of this application and is to visit the site in the near future to meet with the applicants who will be advised by the Clerk of the position.

Determinations

- i) Campton Cottage, 93 Eastgate Street – TRE/2024/0132/TCA – tree work – no objection.
- ii) Flint Cottage, 87 Eastgate Street – TRE/2024/0133/TCA – tree work – no objection.
- iii) 5 Boars Hill, Holt Road – TRE/2024/0136/TPO – tree work – TPO work consent.
- iv) The Longhouse, 46 Eastgate Street – TRE/2024/0150/TCA tree work – no objection.

Correspondence

- 1) E-mail from Norfolk County Council confirming the continuation of the Parish Partnership scheme for 2025/2026.
- 2) Request to support the campaign on the safety of lithium-ion batteries and

their disposal –unanimous decision to take no action.

- 3) Letter from Breckland Council confirming dates for filling the current vacancy on the Parish Council. (Last date for a requested election is 16/08/24)
- 4) Breckland Council survey on open space and playing pitch provision.
- 5) Invitation to apply for free tree packs from the Woodland Trust.
- 6) Breckland District offering grants to fund the planting of community orchards.
- 7) E-mail from parishioner regarding the current state of the graveyard (see Public Participation above).

SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 2nd October at 7.30pm in the Pavilion. Parishioners are always encouraged to attend.

CHRISTMAS POP UP SHOP

After the success of last year’s effort, we are planning our Pop Up Shop for this year on:

SATURDAY 16th November
10.00am til 1.00pm.

Anyone is most welcome to book a table for the princely sum of £5. We already have the promise of a tombola, gifts and knitted games.

Please ring Meg on 01362 668302 to reserve a table.





ELMHAM GUIDES AT HAUTBOIS FEST CAMP

Elmham Guides were excited to attend a Festival Style camp this August when we joined over 700 other Guides and Rangers for four days of fun and adventure at Hautbois, our Guiding centre in Coltishall. As well as adventurous activities, everyone got a session in the Craft Area, the Animal Zone and the Pamper Zone – very popular! A cinema, silent disco and various stalls and smaller activities filled the days ensuring everyone was tired out and slept well! Luckily our new tents proved ideal and didn't leak like the old ones. Evenings were spent enjoying brilliant acts on the big stage, culminating in a neon party with fireworks and laser display on the final evening. To her astonishment Marion was presented with her 50 years service award on the stage (in

neon dress!). How did they all manage to keep that a secret!

Next summer we will be joining around five thousand Scouts and Guides at NORJAM, an International Jamboree to be held on the Norfolk Showground – so this camp was a very good taster for that.

Marion Morgan

Ed's note: Sounds exhilarating. Love the idea of a silent disco!

SOMETHING TO PONDER ON

This quote is from B.F. Skinner 1904/1990 who was an American psychologist, behaviourist, inventor and a social philosopher.

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COUNTY SCHOOL STATION

Another update from the station. Although summer is rapidly coming to a close, the station and tearoom will continue to be open until November, with the Wensum Valley Miniature Railway having operated public trains once more this season, on 15th September (the Heritage Open Day at County School).

Work continues all year round, with further painting being completed on the LMS van and DMU, the drive getting more attention and the formation at the northern end of the site seeing some restoration work.

The tracks of the WVMR also continue to develop, with their new station due to be operational in 2025.

GARDENING CLUB

There is no report on the evening with Norfolk Owls as it is not until the end of September. However, our speaker for the October meeting is Mark Hudson who will be explaining how to show vegetables. This advice will be extremely useful and interesting to anyone who plans to enter the Annual Gardening Club Show next year. There will be a raffle and delicious refreshments on offer. We always welcome visitors who might be interested in either the subject or just getting a taste before deciding if they want to join us.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday 24th October at 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall.

Meg White

Ps If you are on Facebook then no doubt there will be the report and photos of the owls by the end of September thanks to our intrepid photographer, Sarah.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS UPDATE & NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT

I am delighted to pass on some great news about my fundraising. Thanks to a donation which has been made direct to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust to add to my fundraising total, I have now hit my target of £75,000, in fact I raised just over £84,000! I couldn't have raised all this money without the support of everybody at my bingo's, buying my quiz sheets, putting my in the tree at the Fakenham Tree Festival and the general donations. I will always be eternally grateful to you all.

My next fundraising event is a Christmas Bingo on 18th November at the Memorial Hall in North Elmham, with eyes down at 7.30 p.m. (doors open at 6.30.p.m.). There are a variety of prizes on offer including Christmas hamper, bottles of wine, bottles of whisky, tins of sweets, various Christmas items, etc.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

Sharon

LETTER TO EDITORS

Hi!

A couple months ago I read in the June Elmham News about soft plastics recycling From the sustainability group NELS by returning them to supermarkets. I just want to thank them, I would not have had a clue. I thought it was much more complicated than it is! It couldn't be easier, we now recycle far more, and it feels so good knowing it's not going to landfill. So, thanks to them and you for putting it together to print!

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Transporting food across the world uses a huge amount of carbon. Eating more locally-produced food can help reduce our carbon footprint as well as help local business. Whilst walking around the village the past few weeks I have noticed a real abundance of the humble blackberry. This got me thinking of some great recipes to use them in as it's fun to get out on a walk to pick them and food for free right on your doorstep, it always feels special.

BLACKBERRY LIQUEUR

This keeps for about a year in a sealed bottle and gets bonus points for making an excellent Christmas present for little outlay.

Ingredients

600g blackberries
750ml red wine
500g caster sugar
Large glass of vodka or gin

Method

Clean off any leaves and stalks from your freshly picked blackberries and pour into a bowl with the wine, mash together with a potato masher. Cover and leave to steep in a cool place for two days.

Sieve mixture and then heat in a pan with the caster sugar, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Simmer for around 5 minutes and add your gin/vodka. Leave to cool and then you can pour into sterilized bottles to keep.

This also makes an excellent cocktail called a Bramble.

BRAMBLE COCKTAIL

Shake together ice, 50ml of gin, a squeeze of lemon juice and a teaspoon of sugar. Then pop in a glass and pour your blackberry liqueur over the top. Enjoy.

BLACKBERRY FLAPJACK

100g butter
100g light brown sugar
100g golden syrup
225g rolled oats
25g ground almonds
300g fresh blackberries.

Heat oven to 160C (fan)\180C

Melt the butter, sugar and syrup gently in a pan. When melted and combined, add the dry ingredients. Mash the blackberries in a separate bowl.

Put two thirds of the flapjack mixture in a lined and greased tin and press down firmly and evenly. Cover this with the layer of pulped blackberries.

Top with the remaining flapjack mixture and gently press to even the top.

Bake for 15-20 minutes and leave to cool before cutting into squares

Blackberries are great to enjoy this time of year. Always leave a few for the birds and creatures too.

Beth Winterbourn

Ed's note: Sound yummy and easy to make. Don't forget Bramble and apple pie or crumble too.

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animals and teddies, ready for families to win at the November Christmas Pop-up Shop. Also, our collection of knitted colourful garments is growing. We already have several warm scarves, hats and glove sets etc. which would make good Christmas presents.

June has knitted four absolutely beautiful matinée jackets for the autumn babies that have possibly arrived since our last fete. Hopefully there will be something for everybody. All money goes to charities, so come and support us.

Our next meeting Tuesday October 1st in the Pavilion 2 til 4 pm.

Eileen Cotterill
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DATES TO REMEMBER FOR OCTOBER

Tues 1st	Knit and Natter	Pavilion	2.00pm
Wed 2nd	Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion	7.30 pm
Sat 5th	Quiz Bowls Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Wed 9th	Tea @ Two Mobile Library visits	Memorial Hall The Heath to Orchard Close	2.00 pm 2.30 - 5.20 pm
Thu 10th	Wives+All Crab Drive	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Thu 24th	Gardening Club	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Mon 28th–1st Nov HALF TERM			
Thu 31st	Royal British Legion	King's Head	8.00pm
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OUR LITTLE HOUSE DOWN THE GARDEN

At the bottom of our garden is a small brick building, just big enough to get inside and close the door – it was the toilet – for a long time... it was probably early Victorian.

When I say a toilet it, was nothing like today's toilet. It was well built with local bricks (there were brick works along the Brisley road near the wood) probably the same time the houses here were built in the early 1800's. It was essentially a wooden seat with a hole in it and a bucket underneath, but not too near the house!

The lavatory was emptied by the council (Mitford & Launditch) when I was a small child, the lorry had a tank on the back and the smelly buckets were emptied right outside your gate then trundled on down the street. However I am not sure where it was emptied.

In the past if you needed the loo in the middle of the night you probably used a chamber pot which was pushed under the bed (sometimes known as a goezunder) and emptied by Mum in the morning. You weren't going out in the dark and cold if a pot would do.

I'm not sure how long the lorry (we children called it the 'Honey Cart') had been coming to every house in the street to empty this effluent – previously it was probably just spread on the garden! Good for rhubarb I am told!

In the very cold winter of 1962/63 we were frozen for weeks. The ground was frozen and it was hard work for the men digging trenches in our streets. They were dug along the sides of the streets and pipes were put in and connected up to water. What a time for celebration! Every house suddenly had water on the turn of a tap and so did the WC's. So now the

small buildings were redundant but ideal as small watertight buildings for storage. Over the years many have fallen down and are no longer here.

We used our small building as a home for the lawn mower and gardening tools and then suddenly we realised if it was to survive it needed some TLC. What should we do? Our little shed was built with next door's adjoining it so if we knocked ours down, next door's would go as well.

We gave it a lot of thought and finally we decided to bring it back to life – but not to use it as a lavatory.

We didn't know who to ask to do it up, then we remembered Tim Sainty from Dereham who had previously done some work for us. We asked if he fancied the job, he looked dubious then said he would have a go!

He repaired the roof, painted the walls, took up the bricks on the floor and relayed them – then he made a wooden seat with a shaped hole in the middle and a wooden front. Our lav was taking shape and Tim was on a roll!

We had remembered that the small buildings usually had a candle inside, so we put a candlestick and candle inside and a nail in the wall with squares of newspaper hanging there to wipe bottoms! Makes me shudder but there was no toilet paper a hundred or so years ago. Woe betide anyone who tries to use this little toilet!

Tim was rightly pleased with this assignment and so are we. We have named it the Thunderbox, 1d to go... just for fun!

We are wondering if anyone else in the village has one of these little buildings still intact.

Janet Woodhouse



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LETTER TO EDITORS

WHERE ARE ALL THE PASSENGERS?

Due to my car being off the road recently, I was forced to use the local bus service a few times.

However, what is concerning is that there appears to be so few passengers, particularly to Fakenham, on what is a very reliable service. I just wondered if it is realised that there is now an hourly service to Dereham and Fakenham throughout the day, apart from a short gap in the afternoon.

There are connections to King's Lynn, Wells, Hunstanton and Norwich, most of the time from Fakenham.

Unless this service is used, it will no doubt not survive and there appears to be very little promotion by the bus companies.
Derek Mummery

Ed's note: Thank you for your observations. Sadly, living in a village means that many people rely on their cars, and it is only in an emergency that they need the bus.

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THE CHAOS COLLECTIVE AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, 24th August, was a memorable evening in the Church for those who attended the concert given by the Chaos Collective String Quartet.

Special thanks to Rachel for arranging to bring her colleagues together to give us such a fascinating repertoire which covered several musical genres including the lively Danish folk tune "Peat Dance", the beautiful arrangement of Norwegian "Folk Tune from Sunnmore" by Karl Eidem, and Shostakovich's stirring Quartet No. 8. The concert closed with a performance of Vivaldi's well loved Four Seasons.

Providing the music were Fran Mattishent (violin 1), Jim O'Toole (violin 2), Rachel Stacy (viola) and Ivan McCready (cello).

An audience member, Joseph (from Lincolnshire) puts it this way "You could say I'm a Chaos Collective groupie. Every concert is unique the snacks were a wonderful touch... the event had a strong air of community, I was very pleased to attend and look forward to coming again."

Thanks must go to the Rev Sally Kimmis and to all who attended, to those who provided and served the refreshments and helped in any way whatsoever and filled our beautiful Church with music and warmth.

Jenny Cunningham



NORTH ELMHAM COUNTRYSIDERS

We hope you have had a great summer. We have now started our new Countrysiders year. Our first meeting of our year was crabbing at Wells Quay. We were joined by North Elmham Young Farmers Club for a "start of the year crab off". What a fantastic evening we had. The weather was kind to us although a bit of an autumnal nip in the air by the end of the night. Everyone had their own idea of what bait was best. It seemed bacon was a clear winner, although chicken wings a close second. Crabs, shrimps, and even small fish were caught. The final tally of crabs caught was... Countrysiders 195 (Plus 55 shrimps and fish), Seniors 120. Well done everyone.

We have many interesting competitions and meetings coming up. You don't have to be a farmer to be a Countrysider or

Young Farmer. Come along and see what we are all about.

For more information email north_elmham_cs@norfolkyc.co.uk or find us on Facebook and Instagram or call Wendy on 07557388228.

DEREHAM WALKERS ARE WELCOME

Please come and join us for a walk in the local area. Our short walk of around four miles is always on the first Friday of the month. Our last longer walk of the year is in Beetley on October 16th. We will go there on the bus and enjoy the countryside on the way back to Dereham.

We are continuing our walks of just two miles for those wanting an easier walking experience. For up-to-date information, please check our website derehamwaw.org.uk, email KenHawkins: ken-awkins@tiscali.co.uk or call him on 07505 426750.

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NORTH ELMHAM YOUNG FARMERS

Most of our young farmers have been busy over the summer getting the crops in and working long hours, but now the days are getting shorter, we start meeting ready and preparing for the year of competitions & raising money for charity!

Last year we made an outstanding £6000 for charity! This is being split between 2 charities that are close to the club. The Big C and Heart UK. As a club we work hard to make as much money as we can, while also having a great time doing it. By working together, we were able to host a Dinner Dance in February, a Back to the 80s social in May, a shoot in January as well as Drag Bingo!

As the new year starts, we have a new chairman, Robbie Bell, as well as a new committee. Our aim this year is to make

as much money possible for our new charity, the Brittle Bone Society. So far we are planning a tractor run, a dinner dance and a social as well as a shoot again. Another aim for the upcoming year would be to win as many competitions as we can and get more members.

At the moment we have 35 members signed up to North Elmham, and we would love to see some new ones! Over the course of the next year, we have many meetings and tours of places, feel free to look on our social media pages for all upcoming events and meetings, don't be afraid to message us on there on any questions!

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A poster for an event titled "OCTOPER MUSIC NIGHT" on Friday 11th October. The main act is "KILL ME KATE", running from 8:00PM to 11:30PM. The poster features a wooden background with autumn leaves and a banner. Contact information is provided at the bottom.

QUIZ NIGHT

SUNDAY
20TH OCTOBER
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A poster for a "QUIZ NIGHT" on Sunday 20th October at 6:00 pm. The poster has a blue background with white question marks and a dotted border around the title. It includes details about team sizes and entry fees.

RETRO GAMES NIGHT

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A poster for "RETRO GAMES NIGHT" on Sunday 27th October at 6 PM. The poster features a collage of gaming-related items like dice, cards, and a game board. The text is in a bold, retro font.

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A poster for a "PHILIPPINES NIGHT" on Thursday 7th November at 6:00PM - 9:00PM. The poster features the Philippine flag and the text "MONTHLY THEME NIGHTS" and "NOVEMBER IS....".

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BRISLEY AND NORTH ELMHAM CC

Brisley and North Elmham concluded their season in style with an historic triple triumph for the Saturday 1st team. Having already won the T20 Cup, they clinched the Division 1 West league title on the final Saturday of the season and then the following week strolled to victory in the play off against Division 1 East champions Easton. They now await a decision on whether the application to progress into the Norfolk Cricket Alliance will be accepted, a decision due at the end of September.

On the same Saturday as the play off final, the Social team illustrated the other side of the ethos of the club with a repeat of last year's inaugural fixture with the Old Contemptibles, an eleven based on retired senior army officers. This match was played in true amateur spirit, keenly contested but inclusive with all players having the chance to contribute. The following day was a celebration of the

season with an inter – club game, food provided by the star catering committee and the presentation of Awards and trophies. Full details in next month's issue.

RESULTS

Saturday August 10th

B&NE 1s lost by 51 runs. S'ham Toney 279-4, B&NE 228 (Futter 63 Jaggard 36)

An understrength B&NE suffered a convincing loss to title rivals Saham Toney who plundered a weakened attack. Only a strong partnership 7th wicket partnership between Futter and Jaggard at least gained maximum batting points which might prove vital in the run-in.

Premier Seeds MoM: Callum Futter for his 63 runs.

B&NE 2s lost by 135 runs. Ashmanaugh 221-5, B&NE 86 (Laing 36).

Losing key players to the first team proved decisive as the seconds suffered a significant loss as all the visiting batters

made double figures while only Laing and skipper Bend did so for the hosts.

Aspire Mortgages MoM: James Laing for his 36 runs.

Saturday August 17th

B&NE 1s won by 67 runs. B&NE 267-4 (Futter 112 no O Hall 86), Drayton 200-7 (Ali 3-57).

Back to winning ways as the race for the title heats up. A magnificent 174 partnership between in form skipper Futter and Ollie Hall set a formidable target which Drayton never looked like reaching although frustratingly the hosts failed to gain maximum bowling points

Premier Seeds MoM: Callum Futter for his undefeated 112 runs

B&NE 2s lost by 161 runs. Horsford 316-5 (Wiseman 2-57), B&NE 155 (Laing 52).

Another heavy defeat against a somewhat loaded Horsford team and the visitors could not afford to spill so many catches. The visitors did however put in a credible batting performance lead by MoM James Laing

Aspire Mortgages MoM: James Laing for his 52 runs

Saturday August 24th

B&NE 1s won by 6 wickets. Hardingham 112-8 (O Hall 5-17), B&NE 116-4 (Tuthill 52 no).

In a game reduced to 25 overs because of weather, B&NE maintained their lead at the top of Division 1 and now only require 4 points from their final game to clinch their 4th successive title. From 84-2 the visitors succumbed to the guile of Ollie Hall and posted just 112. B&NE were wobbling a little at 52-4 but opener Tuthill and skipper Futter saw them home with 3 overs to spare.

Premier Seeds MoM: Ollie Hall for his 5-17 off 6 overs.

Saturday August 31st

B&NE 1s won by 253 runs. B&NE 325-6 (Futter 135 no Tuthill 88 Harvey 49), Overstrand 72 (Jaggard 5-23).

On reaching 160 B&NE clinched the Division 1 West title, a solid foundation laid by the openers James Tuthill and James Harvey. Fireworks followed as skipper Futter smashed an unbeaten 135 with 9 sixes and 15 fours. Overstrand offered little resistance with Jaggard claiming his second five wicket haul of the season including a hat-trick of clean bowled.

Premier Seeds MoM: Callum Futter for his undefeated 135 runs

B&NE 2s won by 68 runs B&NE 267-9 (Laing 77 Moon 65 Greef 43), Winterton 199-9 (Greef 4-21 M Wiseman 3-35).

The seconds concluded their League season in style, recording their highest total of the season with Laing reaching 300 runs for the campaign. All players contributed to this third victory in their debut season with everyone batting and seven bowlers used, a strategy consistently implemented by skipper Phil Bend.

Aspire Mortgages MoM: Adie Greef for his 42 runs and 4-21

Saturday Sep 7 League Play Off

B&NE won by 8 wickets. Eaton 39 (Hassan 5-12, Ali 3-2) B&NE 40-2 (Futter 21 no)

B&NE dominated this play off against Division 1 East champions Easton who had no answer to the all pace attack lead by Najam Hassan and ably supported by Abdul Ali and subsided to 39 all out in the 18th over. Skipper Futter took B&NE to victory in the sixth over and the match was finished by 2.30.

Photo: Shows Mr Mark La Cock of scoreboard sponsors Aspire Mortgages officially unveiling the electronic scoreboard with the second team prior to their fixture on August 10th.



Every now and then readers of Elmham News get in touch with me about something they've seen and I always appreciate hearing from you. I mentioned last month that Janet had brought an Elephant Hawk-moth caterpillar round to show me (photo 1). Later in the month I had an email from Cornelia attaching a photo of another Elephant Hawk-moth caterpillar. She had found a few in her garden.



The Elephant Hawk-moth is so-named because its caterpillar is supposed to resemble an elephant's trunk. The adult moth is completely different, a beautiful pink and mustard-yellow insect (photo 2). It's one of our commonest hawk-moths and I'm lucky to catch good numbers in my garden moth trap every summer, sometimes several in a single night.



Ann also emailed me about some insects she had seen in her garden. She sent me a photo of a tiny metallic blue-green ormyrid wasp. There are at least three species of these and it's not easy to tell them apart but I think Ann's was probably *Ormyrus nitidulus*. This species doesn't have an English name yet (one author recently dubbed it the Red-eyed Ormyrid Wasp but as all the other ormyrid wasps also have red eyes I don't think that was his most inspired name creation). In any case there is a suspicion that what we're identifying as this species might actually be a complex of lots of different undescribed species which look the same but parasitise different species of insect.



One species or many, they are fascinating insects that are associated with galls on

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Oak trees. They don't actually cause the galls themselves, but they parasitise the insects that do cause the galls, typically other species of parasitic wasp. A parasite like this that parasitises another species of parasite is called a "hyperparasite". They're not very easy to find but I've come across these at three sites around the village (photo 3).

Ann also described how she watched a leafcutter bee go about her business in her garden. Female leafcutters use their mouthparts to cut out fragments of leaves which they then use to build their nests. I've only ever seen this once and it wasn't round here, so this was a really interesting sighting to hear about.

Sarah contacted me to tell me there are Little Owls residing in her neighbour's garden. This is great news as Little Owls seem to be declining locally. I used to see them regularly at the Cathedral Meadows and sometimes on the way up to Broom Green, but I haven't seen them at either site for ages. Very occasionally I hear one calling from home so I knew they couldn't be far away, and a while back someone else who lives further down the road told me he still sees them. It's great to know they're still around.

Although not in North Elmham, I recently saw Little Owls at my work patch after I'd been surveying for moths and other nocturnal insects. As I drove out there were two on the track in front of me – one flying off and the other staying put. I suspect it was a young bird as it was very reluctant to move very far. My photos aren't great as at 3.20 in the morning it

wasn't very light, but it was close enough to the headlights for me to get a few grainy photos (photo 4).

Jo and Tom let me know about some enormous beetles that had entered their house. Jo's photos looked like an unusual species which I'd not seen before and they kindly kept hold of one so I could come and see it (photo 5). They were Tanner Beetles, a declining species that isn't at all common in Norfolk. They're active at dusk and at night and are known to be attracted to light. They are incredibly big and powerfully-built beetles, heavily-armoured with strong spiky points running down the side of their neck shield. Apparently they're called Tanner Beetles because of the leathery texture of their bodies resembling tanned leather.

When I wrote about green moths earlier in the year I neglected to mention the Light Emerald (photo 6). It's turned out to be a really good year for this species and I've caught more than ever. Milly let me know via the North Elmham Living Sustainably (NELS) group that she'd found one in her house. What moths do you find in your house? Do let me know or send me a photo if you don't recognise them.

Despite not having had much time to get out round the village I too have had my fair share of interesting observations

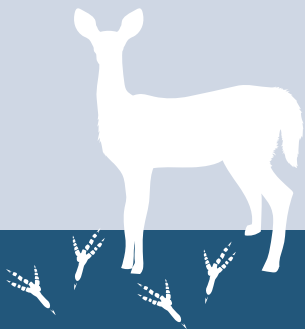




over the last month or so, mostly from my garden moth trap. Most moth-trappers would agree that one of the most exciting moths is the massive Clifden Nonpareil. Once an almost legendary rarity it has very recently started breeding in Norfolk. I caught one in 2021 and have mentioned it a couple of times in these columns already but I was very happy to catch another one this month (photo 7).



The Marbled Fern is a small moth that's native to Australia and New Zealand. It was found in Dorset in 2009 having probably been accidentally imported with ferns to supply the horticulture trade. They clearly found the UK hospitable and, perhaps assisted by other accidental introductions, spread across much of England. It was first discovered in Norfolk in 2020 and was soon found to be numerous in Horsford Woods. It was another couple of years before it made much progress spreading around Norfolk but based on the distribution of records over the last couple of years it was one I was expecting to catch before long. I did so this month (photo 8) but it didn't look quite like the ones others have found in Norfolk. The white markings were as I was expecting but normally this is a much more orange moth with the brown largely restricted to the middle of the wing – mine was mostly brown with just small spots of orange. I have not yet got to the bottom of it but it seems that this colour variation is quite common in Australia and New Zealand but for some reason rare among the population that has now become established in the UK and Europe.



Some species of moth vary in colour according to how warm it was when their caterpillars or pupae were developing so perhaps that might explain it?

The most unexpected visitors to my moth trap in the last month or two have not been moths at all, but bugs. That's bugs in the strictest sense of the word, members of a particular group of insects rather than the generic term that's often used to describe any small insect or other creepy crawly. Both of them were species that were first found in the southern England in 2006 but unlike the moths mentioned above, neither seem to have become particularly common in the UK. There have been a few more records of both, spanning quite a few counties, but until I caught these two in August and September neither species had been recorded before in Norfolk. Neither bug has a pronounceable English name yet but they are the attractive minty-green spotted *Reuteria marqueti* (photo 9) and another green bug, this time with a yellow edges to its wings forming an M-shape, *Brachynotocoris puncticornis* (photo 10). Two firsts-for-Norfolk in under a month can't be bad!

It's always great to hear what you've been seeing so do please keep letting me know. You can email me at appleton.dave@googlemail.com or phone me on 668431.

Dave Appleton





NORTH ELMHAM CEVA PRIMARY ACADEMY

Welcome Back

We welcomed our children back after the summer break. It has been so wonderful to see the children back in school, they have settled so well into their new classes and we are really proud of the lovely start they have made to the school year!

This year, we have two classes; Acorn and Oak. Here is a little more information about each class.

Welcome to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Acorn's teaching team is Miss Scarlett, Mrs Hunter, Mrs Boggis and Mrs Wright.

Acorn class aims to provide a nurturing environment that places the child at the centre of their own learning. Acorn class has an excellent learning space with quality resources for learning and independent exploring. We are fortunate to have access to an amazing outdoor area that the children have access to rain or shine. Children can get busy building in our construction area, den building, gardening, cooking in the mud-kitchen, bug hunting and much more. The use of these areas enhances the children's learning development. The children never run out of things to do!

Welcome to Oak Class

Oak class consists of children from year 3, 4, 5 and 6. We are a class that holds the values close to our daily life in school. Our aim is to stretch the learning at every opportunity, support our peers, share experiences with our friends and have fun.

The teaching team is Mr Arter, Mrs Hunter, Mrs Rees and Mrs Chater.

Over the course of the year we will be exploring 'Our World', 'A World of bright

ideas, where would we be without them' and 'Everyone's welcome'.

"From little Acorns mighty Oak trees grow"

Our Class News

Acorns (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

It has been a busy start to the year for Acorn class! Year 1 and 2 were straight to work making welcome cards and pictures for our new Reception children. All children have worked together to make our classroom a safe and fun place to learn, from creating class expectations, to looking after one another. The children have recapped their sounds and shown their adults their reading skills, our reading corner is never empty! Many of the children have been to work in our toy shop as we venture into our history topic - How Toys have Changed Over time! We have been exploring 'The Colour Monster' story and relaxing with our very own Colour Monsters in the calm shed. Our outdoor area has been full of bug hunters, gardeners and obstacle creators. Not to mention, our construction and creation station is constantly jam packed with ideas and imagination. We are very excited for the term ahead.

Oak (Year 3 to Year 6)

Oak class has had a wonderful first week returning to school. From the circus to swimming, the children have been working hard to try their best in every aspect of their school day. This half term theme is based around Responsibility. We have spent time in our Geography lessons completing map work where we locate rainforests around the world. We have used this to help inform our guided reading lessons based on the book 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. Alongside this the children have been completing French lessons based on the phonetic French language, maths lessons geared around place value and computing lessons based on research techniques whilst using the internet.

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Whole School News

Whole School Circus Visit

We were so lucky to have the circus visit North Elmham! We had a special preview and had time to learn some of the circus acts!

Do you have a child who will start school 2025-2026?

If you are interested in a place for your child next academic year, we have planned Open Days later this term, see our website for details. We would welcome you and your child to come and look round our wonderful school and see what we have to offer!

Currently we also have places in other year groups so please contact the school office if you are interested in a place for your child.

Nursery

Good news! We are looking to open our own Nursery in the near future! If you have a child aged 2-4 and would be interested in our provision please contact the school on 01362 668338 to register your interest!

WIVES PLUS ALL

At our September meeting in the Memorial Hall, Melissa Collins, National Trust Representative gave an extensive talk with power point presentation on "the History of Felbrigg Hall".

The estate which lies at Felbrigg near Cromer is said to have been built before the Norman Conquest and then enlarged by the Felbrigg family. The name of Felbrigg is a relic of the Danish invasions and the Norman's Domesday Survey in 1086 mentions that the village of Felbrigg was amongst the many possessions of the Bigod family and an early 11th century record is of a family called Felbrigg namely Ailward de Felbrigg, who was joined in marriage to the Bigods. The first Lord

of the Manor was Sir Simon de Felbrigg who is thought to have died in 1351. The Estate was retained by this branch of the Felbrigg family until the Lancastrian coup of 1399 when Sir Simon was deprived by the new King Henry IV of the estate's Keepership and when he died in 1442 his Will instructed that Felbrigg was to be sold and it passed to the Norfolk Windhams and then on to the Wyndham relatives of Somerset, namely Sir John Wyndham. There then followed many Wyndhams over the following years until William Frederick Windham born in 1840.

As William grew up, he was said "to be mad" and he developed a great interest in trains and the internet tells that having acquired a guard's uniform William could be found on the platforms of local stations causing chaos with unauthorised whistle blasts!

The end of the Windham era began in 1861 when on a visit to Ascot William fell for a glamorous woman called Agnes Willoughby who captivated him. Agnes had a guardian who was a timber contractor known as Mahogany Roberts who soon became unhealthily interested in Felbrigg Woods and William agreed to a marriage settlement to provide an income for Agnes. Needless to say, the marriage didn't last long and by 1863 William's out of control debts resulted in the Estate passing into the hands of his Bankers.

The Estate was then purchased by the Norwich merchant John Ketton who had made a fortune in oil cake and cattle feed for £77,238.7s.1d. The equivalent of 7.7 million today and the family moved to Felbrigg in 1863. Where upon they inherited an unkempt home, all the contents of the house built up over many years, with furniture covered in dust sheets, along with a butler of 30 years, a cook and a maid. The Ketton's kept the archives of Felbrigg inventories and records thus helping the National Trust to research it's collections. The diaries of Rachel Anne Ketton from 1863 to 1870

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on life at Felbrigg are in the archives there. On widow Rachel's passing and the eldest son John having been disinherited, the house came into the possession of Robert who lived there with his two sisters Marion and Gertrude. Unfortunately, they died prematurely in the 1890s and Robert being devastated became a recluse and the house became decayed which resulted in the sale of assets and in 1924 Robert gave up and handed Felbrigg Hall over to his nephew Wyndham Cremer who added by deed poll in 1924 the name of Ketton.

Robert Wyndham Ketton-Cremer (1906-1969) known as The Squire inherited Felbrigg Hall from his father. Robert didn't marry. The tragedy in his life of the death of his younger brother in 1941 resulted in the planting at the end of the 2nd World War the Victory V Avenue behind the house to celebrate the Allied Victory and commemorate his brother Richard (1909-1941). Robert The Squire played a full part in the life of his County becoming High Sherriff of Norfolk, a JP, actively involved in the founding of the University of East Anglia who conferred an honorary D.Litt on him in 1969 and to whom he bequeathed his working library of books on Norfolk History.

He dedicated his life to preserving Felbrigg Hall and Estate and bequeathed it to the National Trust in 1969.

All information is on the internet and It further states Felbrigg Hall Gardens and Estate is a truly hidden gem. It's a 17th Century English country house near the village of Felbrigg, Norfolk owned by the National Trust. The 17th century house is noted for its Jacobean architecture and fine Georgian interior and outside there is a walled garden, an orangery and orchards.

Thanks go to Melissa for entertaining the Wives Plus All with a very interesting and informative subject. - obviously close to her heart.

Wives Plus All meet again on THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER 2024 at 7.30 pm in the North Elmham Memorial Institute Village Hall when a Crab Drive will be held kindly organised by Pat and David.

There will be a raffle and refreshments

Come along and have some fun.

Ann Ferris

MEN'S SHED

Are you a community group or similar ? Do you have something which is past it's best ? Would you like it refurbished ? If so, get in touch with the Men's Shed, based at Northall Green, near Dereham. We are on the lookout for projects that we can work on, not just refurbishing, but also building from new.

I joined the Men's Shed at the beginning when they were looking for a Treasurer. I went along to their inaugural meeting, where we started with an interesting presentation from Mandi Clyndert, MD of Bill Clyndert & Co, bespoke furniture manufacturers, based near Fakenham. I was surprised at the variety and quality of the furniture that they manufacture. There then followed a good discussion on how the Shed could operate, with lots of enthusiastic people and loads of ideas. Roll forward 12 months, and the Shed now meets from 10am to 2pm every Wednesday at Mulberry Farm, Northall Green. Most of the work so far has been fitting out the area donated by the owner. You can just turn up and chat or get involved in any jobs that need doing. No skills required, which I can personally verify and there is always somebody around who knows what needs to be done.

So, if you want to pop down, just turn up and meet the friendly bunch. And if you bring a project for us with you, then even better. '

Jon Pennells



25 YEAR CAREER IN THE YHA

High above the River Wye, on the edge of the Forest of Dean, stands St. Briavels Castle, in the village of the same name. It belongs to English Heritage but is run as a Youth Hostel. It was the next hostel to Welsh Bicknor, apart from a small one in Monmouth. We were friendly, obviously, with the manager of the Castle, one Laurie O'Leary, as he was, in effect, our next door neighbour. He was Liverpool Irish, and had been at St B's for 21 years, and we never expected the hostel to become available, but he and his wife, suddenly upped sticks and moved to Dingle in Ireland. We applied for the managership and got it. We moved from Borth, on the Welsh coast, back to the Forest of Dean, on the Welsh border. So began a new chapter in our career, one I had always hoped for. This appointment was different to any that had gone before, even to the names of the rooms. Most hostels identified the bedrooms with numbers. At the Castle, the rooms had ancient uses, so we tried to name them appropriately. We had a Prison, Hanging Room, Oubliette, State Room, Guard House, etc.. The lounge was the Solar, and the study was the ancient Chapel. All these rooms had at one time or another, fulfilled these functions. During the 17th Century, the Prison was indeed a prison. There was graffiti etched into the plasterwork. Various initials, two or three crude windmills, and a lengthy piece by an inmate which read:

*Robin Belcher
Thou hast sworn against me
The time will come
When thou shalt answer for it. 1674*

Obviously someone had been imprisoned on the evidence of one, Robin Belcher, and was pretty annoyed. Unfortunately, as is ever in these cases, the records are not



complete, and we do not know who he or Robin Belcher were, but interesting.

We were custodians of a building which was built over 800 years ago, had been a hunting lodge of King John (it's original purpose), part of Edward 1st's "ring of stone" around Wales, administrative centre of the Forest of Dean and the Hundred of St Briavels, a prison, a school, and a doss house for vagrants when it fell into disrepair. English Heritage took over the property, spent a good deal of money on it, and leased it to the YHA, so that it is, currently, a Youth Hostel. Because of this history and interest in the building itself, we took hosteller tours of the property, mainly school children. In the Prison room I always asked the children what they thought was the most common sentence handed down to the guilty in the 17th century. Never look into the mind of a nine year old. It is a sadistic place. Every group came up with various tortures and amputations. Surprisingly, at least I found it surprising, never in 13 years of these tours, did any child suggest stocks or pillories.

This then was the background to our next 13 years with the YHA, not to mention, ghosts.

Photos: St. Briavels Castle, Gloucestershire, and interior, showing the dog spit.

John and Eileen Cotterill

WENSUM VALLEY BIRDWATCHING SOCIETY

In Autumn, the focus for birdwatchers can be seen to shift, from the tuneful Warblers and Hirundines to waders and then geese at the later part of the year. We are expecting to see passage migrants stopping off at our reserves to rest on their journeys South, like Pied Flycatchers or Redstarts, or arriving to spend the winter here like the Pink-footed Geese.

A group of 13 members met at Titchwell on a pleasant summer day and recorded a total of 81 species. On the way down to the beach, the freshmarsh had plenty of Avocets and Black-tailed Godwits, plus Dunlin, Redshanks and Ruff, some of the latter still showing the remains of their spectacular breeding plumage. A dozen Whimbrel also flew over, recognisable by their pipipipipipi call. There were Spoonbills and Little Egrets to be seen, birds that were scarce not so long ago.

Sea watching was not very productive, although Sandwich and Little Terns flew by and a Great Crested Grebe was on the water. Back at Parrinder hide they added Little Stint and Golden Plover to the tally. Later brought sightings of a Turtle Dove, an endangered species that is still in decline, so a real treat. On the pool waterfowl included Pochard and Gadwall, plus a Little Grebe and a Great White Egret, and walking back a Kingfisher flashed by.

9 members made it to Frampton Marsh in Lincolnshire in mid-August and they were not disappointed. No wonder, with a Hobby and a Sparrowhawk in the first few minutes. They had to be dragged away from the picture windows in the visitor centre! On the pools – a huge flock of Black-tailed Godwit, 4 Green Sandpiper, a Common Snipe skulking in the reeds, and a fantastic view of about 7 Spoonbills sifting through the water. Another dozen or so were dozing with their bills under their wings! There was a large number of Greylag Geese, a few Canada Geese, Wigeon, Lapwing, Ruff - the list went on! On the opposite side of the path we found another 2 Green Sandpiper, a Meadow Pipit and then a Skylark flew down for a drink. It was lovely, unusual sight. They were amazed by the huge views of saltmarsh and sky that greeted them when they finally reached the sea wall. Almost immediately they located the Temminck's Stint and had lovely views of it feeding



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in the mud. The birding went on being excellent, including Little Ringed Plover and several Spotted Redshank, until they returned to the visitor centre for lunch.

On 23rd August We were lucky to have the opportunity of a private visit to the Hawk and Owl Trust reserve of Sculthorpe Moor. Beavers have been introduced and are confined to a very thoroughly fenced but large enclosure. We spent our evening walk, inside the enclosure, observing the works of the beavers, including dams and their lodge. We did get good views of the animals themselves, and also of some good birds such as Kingfisher, Great White Egret and Green Sandpiper.

Following a very well received talk about the new Norfolk Wildlife Trust reserve of Sweet Briar Marshes, on the edge of Norwich, Matt Wickens had agreed to lead a walk around the site, and 23 of us took him up on it. We met on a mild and sunny at times day. There is a gradient across the site, so that on the higher side (a full 8 meters) the soil is very sandy and free draining, whereas the lower side nearer the river is in fact a flood plain and can be pretty wet for much of the year. This area is an SSSI, recognised for its plant and insect species. Matt took us around, mostly on public paths but venturing off into woodland to see the

small herd of British White cattle that graze the area. They make use of the latest technology as the cows wear GPS collars which can be programmed to control their movements and restrict them to chosen areas of the reserve. They had been enjoying the woodland for a few weeks and were due to be moved on to the flood plain to graze before it becomes too wet in the winter

Forthcoming Events.

Indoor meetings:

These are held at Great Witchingham Village Hall on the third Thursday of each month. Visitors are welcome for a small charge (£3.00).

Thursday 17th October – Neil Calbrade, BTO, on Waterbird Surveys and Goose and Swan Monitoring

Thursday 21st November – Nick Acheson on 10 years of bird and wildlife watching in Bolivia.

Outdoor meetings:

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AGM 12TH SEPTEMBER

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The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed off. The Treasurer's report was read out and duly signed off. The resignation of the present committee and nominations were:

Eileen Bent nominated for president, but declined the position, Carl Bean said that he would continue, which was passed.

No nominations were received for the Chairman, and Derek Shoemsmith did not indicate he would re-stand, a nomination was received for Andrew Marsh which was passed, no nominations were received for vice chairman, treasurer or secretary, therefore they were reinstated.

The date of the next meeting was set for 31st October in order that any final matters could be arranged for Remembrance Sunday.

Other matters raised were for the Poppy appeal, which Ian Taylor said was already in hand, it had been suggested at a previous meeting by Jenny Dagless that large poppies be placed around the village, this would be looked at.

The committee wished to thank Derek Shoemsmith for his three years of service as Chairman of the branch.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Mike Aston, Branch Secretary

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Welcome to Autumn proper. As I write this in early September the nights are already drawing in fast and a nighttime low of 3°C is a potent reminder of what is to come. With the harvest already in and perhaps a late Harvest Festival service to attend, with the fruit and vegetables already collected, it is the autumn flowers and foliage that are spectacular just now in our gardens. The October birth flowers are the Marigold and Cosmos. Indeed the daisy family, Asteraceae, dominates at this time of year with Chrysanthemum and Dahlias at their best. The Japanese Anemone also gives a good show now.

In the church we are still in ordinary time. We do have several Saints days to celebrate with Saint Luke on the 18th, Saint James on the 23rd, and Saint Simon and Saint Jude on the 28th. There are no bank holidays this month unfortunately, but we do have a half term week for the school children at the end of the month.

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Of course, right at the end of the month we have All Hallows Eve, otherwise known as Halloween. This starts the three day season of Allhallowtide. Christians have mixed views of celebrating Halloween. It was originally a pagan festival to mark the start of the darkness of winter, the winter solstice. People would ward off the spirits of the dead by wearing masks. It was transformed into a Christian festival and All Saints Day was then moved to November 1st, and the night before All Saints Day became All Hallows Eve. Christian traditions on this day include praying, fasting and attending worship services. So perhaps we can take this as an opportunity, not to concentrate on the darker side of Halloween, but to see it as an opportunity to build bridges from the community into the church and celebrate.

Looking around in the shops it is abundantly clear that we have a lot of celebrations to look forward to!! It will soon be Christmas!

Yours in Faith

Colin Ferris

Authorised Worship Assistant, Heart of Norfolk Benefice.

WORTHING NEWS

This year, the annual event organised by The Norfolk Churches Trust (NCT), returned on Saturday the 14th September to raise funds to sustain and support our local churches together with NCT through sponsorship and by visiting as many churches by walking, cycling or travelling by car.

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October Sunday Church Services

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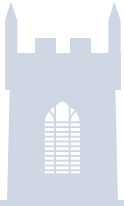


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10:30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Stibbard	Holy Communion
11:30 am	Wood Norton	Harvest Festival + Lunch

13TH OCTOBER - 20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10:30 am	Bawdeswell + Zoom	The 10:30
10:30 am	Worthing	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Stibbard	Morning Praise

20TH OCTOBER - 21ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10:30 am	Bawdeswell + Zoom	Harvest Festival
10:30 am	North Elmham	Iona Holy Communion
10:30 am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion

27TH OCTOBER - LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9:00 am	Guist	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Bawdeswell + Zoom	Word & Praise
10:30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10:30 am	North Elmham	Morning Prayer
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MEETINGS

Held on 1st Wednesday of the month in the Pavilion at 7.30pm. All parishioners welcome. Public participation takes place at the beginning of each meeting. County and district councillors attend meetings whenever possible.

Between meetings specific matters for the Parish Council can be notified according to the list below.

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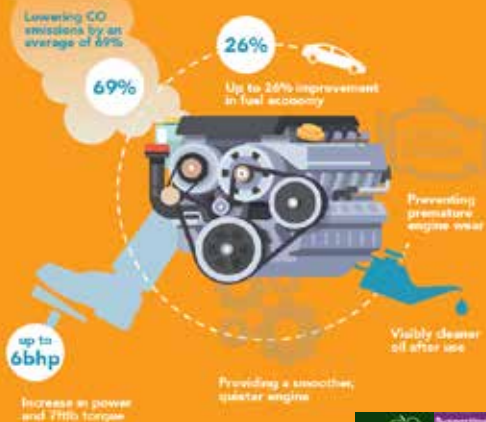
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