

A vibrant field of sunflowers under bright sunlight. In the foreground, a large sunflower is in sharp focus, showing its bright yellow petals and dark brown seed head. Behind it, a vast field of similar sunflowers stretches towards the horizon, slightly out of focus. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

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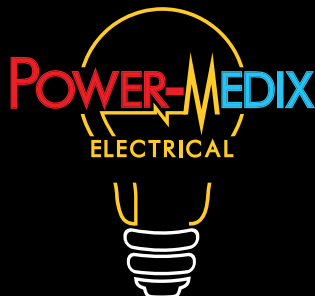
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## EDITORIAL

Thank you to Matthew who sent us the cheery photograph of the sunflowers that were growing locally. They really brightened up our day and we wondered what would happen to them.

The last few weeks have been somewhat unusual – extreme heat and drought, wind and then torrents of rain, floods and just when you thought it was settling, cold for the time of year. We heard about several folk who had to test out their winter heating!

Dare we even mention the road closures – the inconvenience, the doubt “Is it open?” the detours and the lost time deciding whether to risk “The Road Closed” sign or to just follow the Diversion signs!

Still, the Circus came to town and enlivened the young and young at heart. It’s always good to laugh and shout for fun.

We see Brisley Cinema is starting up again and if you haven’t been before, the village Hall has comfortable chairs, a bar and tea and coffee with ice creams. They have state of the art equipment, so it is an enjoyable occasion. Why not give it a try.

If you are a lover of old fashioned machinery, you might give Tracks Ploughing Match a look too. You can admire the ploughers, their machines and skill whilst feeling good for supporting the Big C with Sally and Neville.

New to the village, then you might like to take a walk with Susanna and Janet and learn more about the history of your new home on their Archive Walk.

This month we have received several items from the Surgery so please keep an eye out for those.

Our sincere thanks go to Tracey, our friends on Station Road and Sally and Neville for their donations. If you are a club or group and having a fundraiser, perhaps you can remember us too.

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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 3RD SEPTEMBER

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

**Councillors Present Were:** Mr. P. Grainger (Chairman), Mr. M. Phillips (Vice Chairman), Miss A. Ferris, Mr. F. Gillespie, Mrs. A. Keeble, Mr. N. Markwell and Mr. J. Sowinski.

**Also in Attendance:** Mr. K. Webb (Clerk), Mr. B. Borrett (County and District Councillor), Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor) and one parishioner (who left after Public Participation).

**Apologies for Absence:** Mr. B. Gee, Mr. T. Fitzalan Howard, Mr. M. Rayner and Mr. C. Smith.

**Public Participation:** A parishioner was concerned by the chaos created by the road closure in Holt Road which is seriously impacting village life. Work on drains and associated problems is being carried out by Anglian Water. A diversion should be in place and Mr. Borrett is to take the matter up with Highways Department. The barriers in the street have been regularly removed by motorists who have then continued on their journeys. A street lamp attached to a building has been smashed by a lorry squeezing through the restricted space. Both the parishioner and Chairman will write to Mr. Borrett detailing the problems being suffered.

### Reports from District and/or County Councillors

Mr. Borrett had submitted a report for September which can be read on the website. The first part of the bill to replace

Norfolk County and Breckland Councils with a unitary authority arrangement has been passed today. The deadline for submission of replacement proposals is 26th September. There are three different proposals – for one, two and three unitary authorities. There will be implications for, amongst a number of things, the Council Tax. The proposal for the west of the region will be published next week. The vote for a Norfolk and Suffolk Mayor will be held in 2026.

The Parish Council revised scheme for village gateways and other safety matters has Mr. Borrett's support and full details will be forwarded to him.

Mr. Bambridge stressed that the Call for Sites process is still open. He has been asked by Breckland Council to take a closer look at flooding issues.

## UPDATED INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING

### Land Management Matters

**Village Green:** Concrete slabs rather than bases are considered to be preferable for the two picnic tables to be situated on the Village Green. The much-awaited camel is also to be returned to its original home.

**Cathedral Ruins:** Mrs. Keeble reported that the banks had been cut by Hardy Landscape. An advice has been received from Ali Naylor who is the new Volunteer and Engagement Manager, South and East, for English Heritage. An arrangement is to be made for her to visit and meet to discuss the site.

**Millennium Wood (and Jubilee Wood);** There is to be no charge for the hire of the chipper for a further period as the work is being done as a gesture of goodwill. It has been reported that a dog managed to get under the new gate so Mr. Sowinski has attached a wire mesh to cover the gap.



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## **Allotments**

Mr. Phillips has booked the Pavilion for the evening of 9th October to enable the allotment rents to be collected.

## **Street Lights**

A broken lamp, caused by a lorry crashing into it, has been reported to T.T. Jones. This was a direct result of Anglian Water's inadequate road closure.

## **Highway Matters**

The alternative quotation for the village gates which are being provided under the Parish Partnership scheme is to be shared with the involved personnel. Mr. Gillespie has visited the residents regarding the overgrown hedge in Station Road and it is hoped that the appropriate action will be taken in the near future. If it isn't, the matter will be placed in the hands of the County Council in accordance with their previous request.

## **Pavilion and Playing Field**

Miss Ferris reported that some items related to football had again been left in the Pavilion. In addition, a number of footballing items have replaced some official Parish messages on the notice board.

An application/agreement form is to be used for clubs, groups and organisations booking the Pavilion so they are aware of their responsibilities and the conduct expected. Miss Ferris is to circulate a form for consideration by members before the next meeting.

Two quotations for HIK Vision CCTV Systems have been received - £5.3K and £5.0K. Quotations from three different companies are needed and the Chairman will attempt to obtain these, failing which the suppliers will confirm that they are not interested in tendering for the business. All agreed to proceed, in principle, with this CCTV solution.

It is the opinion that the current trade waste bin provided by Biffa is not fit for purpose. It has been agreed by all to terminate the contract and move the business to Breckland Council. Proposed by Mr. Gillespie and seconded by Mr. Phillips. A fee is required in respect of an early exit from the agreement, but this will be contested in view of the poor service. CCTV has recently showed people gaining ready access to the bin.

Tiles on the guttering require fixing and it was agreed by all that the work should be done as soon as possible.

## **Eastgate Centre**

The Chairman wrote to the Police Liaison Officer regarding the CCTV evidence passed to the police which showed the recent vandalism. Advice was requested but no response has been forthcoming. The matter will be chased.

## **Brookside Development Update**

There has been a complaint in respect of the new gate recently installed at the bottom of the Boars Hill footpath. The gate is for access to enable the grass to be cut. It is felt that a parked trailer will obstruct access to properties in Cathedral Drive. Mr. Phillips is to draft a letter in response.

A certificate raised by Orchard Homes had been sent to the Company who we hope will manage the administration of the EV charging process. No response has yet been received. The Clerk has continued discussions with E-on Next regarding the proposed charging regime for the EV facility and it is hoped that they are finally able to understand the position.

It was agreed by all to have a second dog waste bin at Boars Hill. In addition, a replacement bin has been requested on the Village Green. Mr. Gillespie will inspect to see if this is necessary. Mr. Phillips proposed a second bin for Boars Hill and



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a replacement bin for the Village Green, if considered appropriate. Seconded by Mr. Markwell. All in favour.

### **Defibrillators**

Miss Ferris reported that the defibrillator at the Surgery definitely requires a new battery which will be purchased.

### **North Elmham Living Sustainably (NELS) Group**

Mr. Fitzalan Howard is dealing with this matter and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

### **New Village Hall**

A valuation has been received for the Memorial Hall but one is awaited for the Eastgate Centre. This will be chased.

### **The Future of the Churchyard**

A copy of the Caution Property Register has been forwarded to the parishioner requesting information regarding the right to access the Churchyard via the farm track.

### **North Elmham Football Club Facilities**

It was noted that, on arrival for this meeting, all the lights in the Pavilion had been left on. There was also a lot of mud, presumably from football boots, on the floor of the building.

### **To Consider Planning Applications and Determinations**

#### **Applications**

- i) Erection of one self-build/custom build dwelling – land at 4 Spring Meadow – PL/2025/1092/FMIN (comments to be made to the District Council)
- ii) Erection of one self-build/custom build dwelling – land between Hay Meadow and Spring Meadow – PL/2025/1211/FMIN (comments to be made to the District Council)

iii) Creation of cart lodge on site of previous garage. Lapsed planning consent 3PL/2019/1139/HOU. Re-submission with minor alteration to west elevation – PL/2025/1144/HOU – no comments.

iv) Proposed installation of 14 No PV solar panels to east, north and west roof elevations – 7 Eastgate Street – no comments.

v) Various tree works (oak, magnolia, cherry, thuja and ash) in Holt Road – PL/2025/1227/TCA (received for information)

Above action proposed by Mrs. Keeble and seconded by Miss Ferris. All in favour.

### **Date of the next Meeting**

Wednesday 8th October, 7.30 pm at the Pavilion.

## **NORTH ELMHAM HISTORY WALK**

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Sadly, our September meeting is too late to be reported on but our meeting on 23rd October is already being greatly anticipated.

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Thursday 23rd October, Essence Foods, Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm



## A TRUE PAT DOG

Max, a black Cockapoo, has been registered with the charity Pets as Therapy for many years.

One afternoon each week he has set off to Elmham school to 'work'. Although this work has involved a lot of lying around, being fussed over and given treats, he has enjoyed sharing stories with the children and encouraging them to read their own reading books. He has even helped a few individuals overcome their desperate fear of dogs.

Sadly Max is no longer able to get into school as Sue his owner has become ill. However, as can be seen from the photo, many children still see him being walked around the village and he is most certainly a true PaT dog.

Ps As Max's owner, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the village who have sent their love, cards or flowers. Your kindness and support is heartwarming and means a great deal to me.

*Sue Graves*

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## KNIT AND NATTER

With the Autumn weather arriving and the grand children back to school, our group are getting down to some serious knitting. Little snow men, and Father Christmases are arriving at our meetings and lovely hand knitted decorations for the Christmas Tree which will be situated on the Pop Up Christmas Shop, to be held in November.

To give us an extra boost we were pleased to receive a gift of 10 balls of Christmas coloured wool from the Norfolk Knitters and Stitchers. Thanks go to Linda Brown and fellow workers.

I, personally, stopped the Holt Road traffic, when a large bag of toy stuffing was whipped out of my hand by the wind, as I was unloading in the Pavilion car park. It rolled directly in front of the oncoming cars, which thankfully pulled up and gave me a big cheer as I ran into the road to try to collect it, as gracefully as I could. Less said the better, but it was very windy that day.

Next meeting, Tuesday October 7th 2 til 4 in the Pavilion.

*Eileen Cotterill 01362 668380*

## BULBS FOR MILLENNIUM WOOD

### Are you lifting and dividing any bulbs in your garden?

Volunteers working in Millennium Wood would love to give them a new home! They are looking for bulbs such as snowdrops, bluebells, daffodils, etc to help brighten the woodland floor.

If you have any to spare, please pop them into the carrier bag that will be placed for the first two weeks of October on the gate leading into the wood from Boar's Hill.

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Services like Anglo Doorstep Collections offer free collection of old phones and other items.

### Old Holiday Money & Coins

**What to save:** Unused foreign coins or notes from holidays, old British coins or notes (even pre-decimal), coins you find in drawers or jars.

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The excitement didn't stop there!

On Sunday 21st September, the Countrysiders were joined by our Senior Club and took part in the Hunstanton Soap Box Derby. The last meeting in September saw us diving into the traditional craft of butter making.

### October Diary

Sunday 5th, Harvest Festival at Norwich Cathedral

Mon 6th, Phoenix Rescue 7–8.30 pm  
Memorial Hall

Mon 20th, Halloween Fun 7–8.30 pm  
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4. Which of our Vicars became Chaplain to Queen Elizabeth II at Windsor in the 1950s?
5. What were the houses called that were at the bottom of Church Hill?
6. In the 1950s we had a Fish and Chip Shop run by Mr & Mrs Shailes. Where was it?
7. What was sold by the Love family in the shop near the King's Head that is now Elmham Supermarket?
8. The Jubilee Green used to be farmed by an Elmham gentleman who lived in the village. Who was he?
9. What was the name of the business in Eastgate Street that collected milk from local farms?
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## TOWNSEND'S ELMHAM PART THREE

The older inhabitants of Elmham in 1920 must have looked back nostalgically to the days when Lord Sondes had lived at Elmham Hall and hosted lively society events there. With its final sale in 1919, the house was gutted of anything saleable and stood ready for demolition until 1924 when the park and house were sold to Mrs Edward Birkbeck, a widow of a member of a leading Norfolk banking family, who was looking for somewhere to build a suitable house for her daughter, Angela, to settle with her new husband, Francis (later Air Marshall) Don. The new house was completed in 1929 and mother and daughter soon became involved in local life. (Angela was to spend more time over the following years away from Elmham moving from one air-force posting to the next). The elderly inhabitants of Beech House, Gressenhall (the former poor law institution and now the Rural Life Museum) were entertained annually at the Hall and both Scouts and Guides met in outbuildings there. Angela and her mother were involved in the Childrens' Country Holiday Scheme, whereby from 1934 to 1939, children from Deptford spent a holiday in the village, presumably staying on the local farms and in the homes of the more well-off villagers.

By 1938 preparations began to be made for the outbreak of another war against Germany. In November fifteen air-raid wardens were appointed, and a course of first aid lectures was arranged. In July 1939 there was further Air-raid patrol (ARP) training and four 'incidents' were staged. 'No emergency will see the village unprepared,' wrote Townsend in the parish magazine. In the event, although rationing and government controls over food production affected the people of North Elmham as elsewhere, the village saw little action. The airfield at Swanton



Morely must have led to a certain amount of activity in the sky and a sadly on the 27th May 1944, a New Zealand Airforce plane crashed just off Back Lane killing Flight Lieutenants John Paterson and John Mellor. Recently, a memorial has been erected close to the spot on Back Lane. Rumour has it that a decoy airfield was created beside the river near Grange Farm to deflect German planes from their intended target.

We know very little about the Revd Townsend as a person. No photographs of him survive except a rather poor one in the Institute. He lived alone in the large vicarage at the top of the hill beside the ruins and near the church. Janet Woodhouse tells the story of his housekeeper, Polly Skipper, who lived in a tumbledown cottage opposite Nelson House. Every morning, she would go down to Grange Farm with a milk can which was filled, but on her way back to the Vicarage she would stop off at the village pump at the back entrance



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to the park for some refreshment from the can. She would then top it up from the pump before delivering the rather diluted milk to the vicarage for the Reverend's breakfast.

Norman Lowe remembered him coming into the school for scripture lessons. He was a major promoter of the Institute and remained on its committee all his life. He was not a well man and his diaries frequently recorded that he was feeling 'very seedy'. This often resulted in him being away for long periods. In December 1943 he had a heart attack and resigned as vicar in January 1946 having been the vicar of Elmham for 48 years. He died the following year and is buried near the church gate. His gravestone describes him as a 'devoted, faithful, well-loved and revered vicar'. His death ushered in the post-war era, and he would have been amazed to see his fears of depopulation unfounded and instead the areas of new housing for the ever-expanding village. Increasing car ownership has instead made for a more mobile society less focused on village life.

However, as demonstrated by the events described in Elmham News and endorsed by the views of new arrivals in the village, Elmham is still a vibrant community in which newcomers very soon feel at home and welcome.

*Susanna Wade-Martins*

## **WIVES PLUS ALL**

After a summer break in August Wives Plus All commenced their Autumn programme of meetings in the North Elmham Memorial Hall on Thursday 11th September 2025 at 7.30pm. We were pleased to receive a visit again by Kathy Dentten, who lives locally. Kathy gave a talk on "Costumes for the Stage". Kathy's career was as a Costumier, making and providing chorus stage costumes mainly for amateur

productions for Theatrical Societies both in the UK and also world wide.

She demonstrated how having one costume a production, for a female and/or male chorus member, could be adapted with the addition of accessories to initiate several changes of costume within a Stage Show. She dressed our other evening's "female guest" - her Clothes Dummy - who wore a plain long sleeved dress. Kathy added to this dress various accessories ie a cape, collars, jewellery, belts, hats, head garlands skirts, thus taking her through times, from a Medieval lady to a Panto Mob Cap Maid, a 1920's Flapper, to the 1930's and 40's attire. Thanks go to Kathy for presenting an interesting and enjoyable evening.

Wives Plus All MONTHLY meetings are on the 2ND THURSDAY of the month and over the autumn we will see a visit from - a representative of the Cats' Protection League, a return visit by Chris Bell, Senior Meteorologist/Weather Quest & Look East: and a Christmas Celebration Meal at The Railway Arms on Station Road.

## **OCTOBER MEETING PLEASE NOTE DAY CHANGE**

The next meeting of Wives Plus All will take place on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm in the Memorial Institute Village Hall, North Elmham

Laura Reeves representative of "Cats' Protection" will give a talk

Donations of the following items for Longham Cats Home - blankets for bedding, old towels, toilet/kitchen roll tubes, wood based cat litter & wet cat food will be gratefully received.

There will be a raffle and refreshments  
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*Ann Ferris*

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Work has started at the church which will probably last two or three weeks. Now that the drainage along the north side of the church has been improved the damp in the north wall is drying out and the damaged plaster is to be repaired and the wall limewashed. This will be dusty work, and the rood screen has been covered to protect it, but it will greatly improve the appearance of the interior of the church and completes this phase of church improvement. The next and far more ambitious project will involve the installation of a loo and kitchenette in the north-west corner of the north aisle. The church larder has been moved to the south aisle.

*Susanna Wade-Martins, PCC secretary*

## DEREHAM WALKERS ARE WELCOME

Please come and join us for a walk in the local area. We have two regular walks each month. Our shortest, easiest walk of around two miles is on the second Tuesday of the month and a slightly longer one of around four miles is on the first Friday of the month. We plan to have our next longer walk early in the New Year.

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We welcome you to the new academic year at North Elmham, and offer a particularly warm welcome to our new families joining the Flourish Federation community. We are delighted to have them with us as we embark on another exciting year of learning and growth together.

I am pleased to share that we have recently started a comprehensive redesign of our Early Years Foundation Stage outdoor area, which will encompass our new nursery provision. The first stages of this were completed over the Summer holidays. This enhanced learning environment will provide our youngest pupils with enriched opportunities for exploration, creativity, and development through purposeful outdoor play and learning experiences.

Furthermore, I would like to celebrate the successful implementation of our extended wrap-around care provision, which now operates from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. This will support our working families within our community while ensuring pupils receive quality care and supervision throughout the extended day.

### Woodland Room - Nursery

We are thrilled to announce that our Woodland Room has officially opened its doors! Our warm and welcoming environment is ready to support your little ones in their first steps into learning, playing, and growing together.

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We look forward to welcoming our new families into our setting this week.

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### Acorn Class

Our Infant Class has settled in beautifully this term and are already enjoying the exciting new indoor areas and our fantastic outdoor classroom. The children have been busy exploring amazing pockets of play, using their imagination and curiosity to guide their learning. Year 1 and 2 spent time creating maps, gifts and cards to welcome our new reception children which were greatly appreciated. As the seasons begin to change, we've noticed our outdoor area is now sprinkled with acorns – very fitting for our class name! We're looking forward to using our senses across the curriculum this term, including learning about the parts of the body, trying expressive painting, creating paper toys, and continuing our outdoor adventures. These hands-on experiences will help the children develop their creativity, fine motor skills, and understanding of the world around them, while encouraging independence, confidence, and a love of learning through play. We are very excited to see Acorn class flourish through this year.

### Oak Class

Our Junior class has settled back into school life brilliantly. We began the year by completing various team building activities and focusing on the word responsibility. We are working well as a team to further understand, respect and take pride in our role around the school. This work has seen some of our children flourish into creating fantastic pieces of art, work tirelessly in their history and even have a go at swimming – a skill that for some was their first time trying.

As we move deeper into this Autumn term we will be exploring the Vikings, understanding diets/digestion in science whilst exploring books like 'The Twits' in Roald Dahl.

**Ed's Note:** We would like to welcome your new Head Teacher, Mrs Carol Jeary, who was previously, the Deputy Head Teacher. Ms Victoria McConnell has been seconded to a school in Essex.



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## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The AGM was held at the Kings Head on Tuesday 9th September at 8pm, with all members attending.

The committee resigned, and nominations received and duly re-elected without change.

It is hoped to have a stall at the Pop up Christmas Shop in The Eastgate Centre on the 15th November,

Preparations are well underway for Remembrance Sunday on the 9th November at St Mary's. It is also hoped that the Girl Guides and the Countrysiders will be playing more of a part in the service this year. A donation was given by the branch to The Memorial Institute towards the new flag.

On behalf of my committee, and myself we would like to thank Joe Sowinski for his restoration of the Memorial Seat

opposite the Surgery. Thank you very much indeed.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday the 4th November, King's Head at 8.00pm.

*Mike Aston  
Branch Sec*



## DATES TO REMEMBER: SEPTEMBER

Mon 6th	Countrysiders - Phoenix Rescue	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Tue 7th	Knit and Natter	Pavilion	2.00 pm
Wed 8th	Tea at Two Mobile Library visits Parish Council Wives +All	Memorial Hall The Heath to Wensum Drive Pavilion Memorial Hal	2.00 pm 1.15–4.40 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm
Wed 15th	Walking Group Lunch	Memorial Hall	12.00 noon
Mon 20th	Countrysiders Halloween Fun	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Thu 23rd	Gardening Club: Essence Foods	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Fri 24th	Brisley Cinema: WONKA	Brisley Village Hall	6.30 pm
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# ELMHAM WILDLIFE



Rather than focus on a single species this month, I'm going to explore a collection of related species, a group of moths known as sawflies. They mostly fly in autumn, so this is the time of year to find them. Although they fly at night, you don't need a moth trap to see them – just go out with a torch on a relatively mild night and have a look at some flowering Ivy – there's a good chance that you'll find some along with a range of other moths and other insects.



I'm always keen to disperse the myth that moths are boring and brown, but truth be told quite a few of the moths that fly at this time of year are a bit on the brown side. There are some brilliant exceptions though – several colourful species can be found, and among these are some of the sawflies.



The first of the commoner species to fly is the Centre-barred Sallow (photo 1). I've already seen a few of these this year and by the time you read this their season will have come to an end, except perhaps for the odd late straggler. As with many species of moths, adults are only on the wing for a short period, and in the case of the Centre-barred Sallow they fly from late August to late September. They lay their eggs on Ash trees and the caterpillars hatch in the spring. The caterpillars then pupate and the adults emerge from the pupae in late August. In some species of moth, the adults never feed at all (they don't even possess mouthparts), surviving just long enough to breed, but the sawflies are among those that do feed as adults. The various sawflies all feed on nectar from a variety of flowers, and as they move between flowers they act as pollinators.





The flight periods of the other three common species of Sallow overlap and are close enough together that they don't always appear in the same order. But typically the next one to start flying is the Sallow – just Sallow with no descriptor (although older books may refer to it as The Sallow). Sallow caterpillars feed on a variety of plants but especially poplar trees. The adults begin to appear in early to mid September and are over before the end of October. Adult Sallows have two distinct forms, an attractively marbled form with a pale yellow background and pinkish-red to brown pattern (photo 2) and a plainer yellow form with a faint reticulated pattern and a pair of prominent dark spots (photo 3).

The Pink-barred Sallow (photo 4) is my favourite Sallow. Its caterpillars feed on a variety of plants including poplars and Sallow (that's the tree with the same name, not the moth!). The adults usually start flying in mid September (although in 2022 I caught an exceptionally early individual in mid August) and they are usually finished by the end of October. The adult moths are quite similar to the marbled form of Sallow with a mottled dark pinkish band across their yellow wings, but on this species the head and thorax (the bit of the body behind the head) are also dark pinkish.

The last of the really common Sallows is the Barred Sallow (photo 5). The names of these moths are quite confusing with Centre-barred Sallow and Pink-barred Sallow but also Barred Sallow and just Sallow! The colour palette of the Barred Sallow is similar but the pattern is different with a broad band of darker pink colour crossing the ends of the wings. Barred Sallow caterpillars feed on Field Maple and Beech and the adults are usually the last of the Sallows to start flying, emerging in late September. They peak in October but the last of them can be found well into November.





There are two scarcer species of sawfly that aren't so colourful as their commoner relatives, including the Dusky-lemon Sawfly whose caterpillars feed on Wych Elm. I've not found one in North Elmham yet, but it probably does occur here. I caught two or three at my previous house in Bawdeswell, so they're certainly not far away and are worth keeping an eye out for round here. Some of them look a bit like darker duller versions of the marbled form of Sawfly, while others are even daker (photo 6). The "Dusky" in its name makes sense – but I'm not so sure about the "lemon".

The Pale-lemon Sawfly is usually considered to be the rarest of this group of sawflies, but I've caught it twice in my garden here in North Elmham. It's not particularly pale and it doesn't look lemon at all to me – in fact it's the brownest and least colourful of all the sawflies I've covered here. One helpful distinguishing character is a tiny whitish round spot on each of the forewings. Their caterpillars feed on poplars.

The Orange Sawfly is a species whose larvae feed on lime trees. It looks quite different from the other sawflies, a pale sandy-brown colour with darker lines along the veins of the wings and a series of dark lines cutting across the wings (photo 8). You can see these up to early October although they start flying in August.

I suppose for completeness I should include the Dusky Sawfly. This isn't actually very closely-related to the sawflies – the connection is really just in its name. But it's a very attractive moth (photo 9) so I'm happy to include it here. Although these do come to light at night-time, this species is also active during the day and you can often see them feeding on nectar of knapweed flowers in the summer.

Some of the species I've covered today are doing alright – Barred Sawfly and Centre-barred Sawfly are both increasing. But others are declining including Sawfly



and the scarcer species. One thing we might be able to do to help them is to avoid cutting back flowering Ivy. Ivy is a much maligned plant but it provides a fantastic food source and shelter for a huge diversity of wildlife. It flowers later in the year than many plants which makes it a really important source of nectar for species that need it during the autumn. There are good reasons why you might not want it in every place that it crops up so I'm not saying it should never be managed, but think twice before you cut it back – is it really doing any harm, or might it be better off staying put where it can help support out declining wildlife?

Let me know if you come across any of the sawflies. I always appreciate hearing from you about the wildlife you've seen so please keep the reports coming. You can get in touch by emailing me at [appleton.dave@googlemail.com](mailto:appleton.dave@googlemail.com) or phoning me on 668431.

*Dave Appleton*



## **NORTH ELMHAM YOUNG FARMERS CLUB**

September brings the start of a new year in the Young Farmers calendar. As harvest draws to a close, we start planning for the year ahead. For our club we have already been busy; we hosted our first event of the year on Saturday the 12th of September with the help of Dee & Mindy we held a Drag Bingo evening at the Kings Head. This has become an annual tradition for the club with this year being our most popular. We hope to see the same turnout at our events in the coming months.

We have also started our Wednesday night meetings, our most recent being a visit to RAF West Raynham SHQ which is our charity for the year. They provide a safe space for veterans and ex-service personnel around Norfolk.

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### **Saturday 16th August**

*1sts v Felthorpe (A) League  
Felthorpe 326-6 B&NE 232  
Lost by 94 runs*

Felthorpe showed why they lead the division as the visiting bowlers struggled to stem the flow of runs, Futter and Sinclair alone conceding less than 5 per over. In reply Ali smashed 10 sixes in his 94 off 33 balls as at least B&NE achieved maximum batting points.

*Payne Crop Nutrition MoM  
Callum Futter for his 3-44 and 28 runs*

*2nds v Beeston (H) League  
B &NE 134 Beeston 138-7  
Lost by 3 wickets*

A disappointing batting performance from the home team cost them dearly in this local derby, with extras top scoring with 35. Beeston's first wicket put on 80 before Bridges and Greef restored some pride with 7 wickets between them.

*Payne Crop Nutrition MoM  
George Bridges for his 28 runs and 5-31*

### **Sunday 17th August**

*Ladies v North Runcton (A) League  
B&NE 110-8 North Runcton 111-1  
Lost by 9 wickets*

Defeat in their final match saw the Ladies finish 3rd in their Pool with their hosts looking to finish top. The visitor's innings started brightly with Alice Waters smashing two sixes, but momentum faded. In reply, the home side lost a wicket to the first ball of the innings but from there coasted home with almost 5 overs to spare.

*Black Schuck WoM  
Catherine Newey for her 28 runs*

### **Saturday 23rd August**

*1sts v Sandringham & Dersingham 2s (H)  
League SD 230-6 BNE 208  
Lost by 22 runs*

The losing run continued at the hands of bottom side and already condemned to relegation. Facing an achievable target several batters made starts including debutant Tom Chamberlain (36) but none could go onto to make the decisive big score as 8 home players were clean bowled.

*Payne Crop Nutrition MoM  
Ollie Hall for his 42 runs and 2-36*

*2nds v Sandringham and Dersingham 3s  
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*Payne Crop Nutrition MoM*

Phil Bend for his 5-13 off 10 overs.

## Saturday 30th August

*1sts v New Buckenham (A) League*

*New Buckenham 98 all out B&NE 101-3*

*Won by 7 wickets*

The losing run ended in style away at already relegated New Buckenham thanks to an exceptional bowling display. The wickets were shared between all bowlers with the pick being Tom Donnelly's 3-14 as New Buckenham were bowled out for 98. In reply B&NE started like a train with Abdul Ali smashing an 11 ball 50 before being out for 79 in 23 deliveries, with victory achieved within 15 overs. This secured a slightly disappointing 4th placed finish for the season.

*Payne Crop Nutrition MoM Abdul*

Ali for his 79 runs

*2nds v Thornham (H) League*

*B&NE 182-6 Thornham 150-7*

With overs reduced to 35 per side due to the weather forecast, B&NE set an imposing score with good knocks from Daimon Wheddon (29) and Adie Greef (44 not out). In reply the B&NE side delivered their best performance of the season with the ball to restrict Thornham to only 150 in their 35 overs.

Stand out bowler was Adrian Cottey with 4-19 and catch of the season to Darren Ildman. This secured an improved 10th out of 12 finish in League 4W

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The whole of the team!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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## CATHEDRAL RUINS GRASS CUTTING

### **Ever wondered how the grass is cut?**

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the answer quite by chance at the end of August while out walking the dogs.

Watching the skilled handlers at work was fascinating, and I couldn't help but feel the child in me longing to have a go!

*Sarah Felton*



# Elmham Group Of Practices Newsletter



## Anima replacing AccuRx

As of the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 we are pleased to announce we will be going live with Anima online triage which will be replacing the current AccuRx

The access will be the same via our website however the form will look different and may ask different questions.

Please do not worry. The new online form will be just as easy to use, and we are always here to help anyone who may struggle to fill out the forms. You can find a demo and further instructions on the website.

## Cervical Screening Programme

From September, the NHS plans to start sending digital results from the NHS Cervical Screening Programme, utilising the NHS App.

In September, those who have a negative test result will be notified of this by an NHS App message. It will also appear as an NHS App notification. Abnormal result letters will continue, for the time being, to be sent by post. This change follows the successful rollout of digital invitations and reminders in June 2025. Since the launch, 9 out of every 10 invitations are being sent digitally, with the remainder being sent by post.

## Medication from hospital

- If you are chasing a medication, please initially ensure 7 working days have passed. If this is a medication we have prescribed you can track your prescription on the NHS app, SystmOnline or call the surgery and speak to our dispensary (Monday - Friday 09:00 - 12:00)
- We cannot prescribe medication suggested by the hospital until we get a written letter stating the exact medication, dosage and frequency.
- It can take 2-3 weeks following on from your hospital appointment for the clinic letter to be sent to us.
- It is hospital policy that to avoid delay they should prescribe an initial 2 week supply of emergency medication.
- If we do not have the hospital letter and it is an urgent prescription we may insist that the hospital team is contacted to provide the initial medication prescription.

## Patient Charter

Further information on contacting your general practice can be found on the NHS website under "you and your general practice".

## Upcoming Vaccination Campaigns

- We would like to encourage all of our patients, if you have not yet booked please contact the surgery to book in your Covid and flu vaccines.
- Please remember Covid and flu can be administered at the same time.

## Why can't I get an appointment?

- In the month of **AUGUST** a total of **108** patients failed to attend their appointments which could have been offered to other patients.
- This has cost the NHS **£28,480** so far this year in missed appointments.





## KING'S HEAD BOWLS

The King's Head Bowls Club have just won the Mid Norfolk league knock out final beating Swanton Angel Bowls Club 64 to 34.

The game was played on the 7th September at Whissonsett and the KH team was:

Stuart Cleverly, Sarah Stimpson, Nigel Ferry, June Howes, Simon Le Marquand, Roger Duffield, David Phillips, Sally Lloyd and Damian Lloyd.

## BRYAN TIDNAM CHALLENGE SHIELD

The Bryan Tidnam Challenge Shield bowls match was held on Sunday 31st August between the King's Head, and the Elmham Institute bowls clubs.

The winners of this friendly but competitive game were the Institute.

Members of the winning team:

Ray Norman, Hazel and Chris Hazell, Tony Langford, Colin Allen and Maurice Upton.



# Elmham Group Of Practices

September  
Newsletter

## Dispensary News

### Are you chasing a prescription?

It is important you allow 7 working days before you chase a prescription. If this is a medication we have prescribed you can track your prescription on the NHS app, SystmOnline call the surgery and speak to our dispensary (Monday - Friday 09:00 - 12:00)

### Is it something the hospital has prescribed or asked us to prescribe from a letter?

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- It can take 2-3 weeks following on from your hospital appointment for the clinic letter to be sent to us.
- It is hospital policy that to avoid delay they should prescribe an initial 2 week supply of emergency medication.
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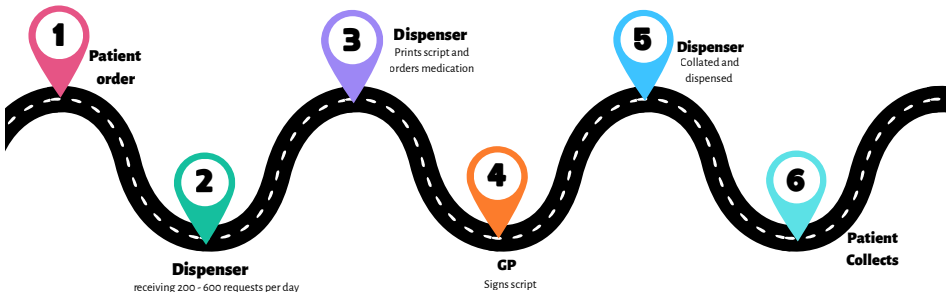
### Respect for our staff

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#### Upcoming closures for staff training

12/11/2025 - 12:00 - 18:00

### WHY DOES IT TAKE 7 WORKING DAYS TO PROCESS MEDICATION?





## THE CIRCUS

I had been plodding around in the garden for it seemed like hours and was glad when lunchtime arrived. I could sit down with a plate of cheese sandwiches and a mug of coffee in front of the TV to watch the Ladies Rugby World Cup.

My reverie was disturbed when I realised that it was Saturday and the Circus had arrived! This I had to see, so I abandoned my sandwiches and headed round to the Circus.

Children of all ages were greeted by Martin the clown and Grandma, and once we had purchased our popcorn and candy floss, we settled down to watch the show.

It was predictable that adults would be the butt of the clown's jokes, but the children enjoyed the fact that the clown was on their side. They were invited to go into the ring and, waving colourful light sabres thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to make a lot of noise! Shouting "Wobble" when the spinning plates threatened to fall off their pins, was another occasion when shouting was positively encouraged.

To see everyone connecting with entertainment was good to see and hopefully it will go on for a long time.

As for me, well I'm glad I can still appreciate all the effort put into setting up the Big Top and creating a bit of magic for a short while.

Now where did I put my light sabre?


*Eileen*

## SERVICE OF LIGHT AND REMEMBRANCE

A Service of Light and Remembrance, to remember our loved ones who have died, will be held on Saturday 1st November, 4.00 pm, at St Mary's, North Elmham.

If you would like us to remember someone at the service, please email me at [heartofnorfolkrector@gmail.com](mailto:heartofnorfolkrector@gmail.com) or call 01362 668850 (even if you are unable to attend).

*Revd Sally*



Dear Elmham News Editors, Peter Wade-Martins asked if anyone has a hedgehog visiting their garden. Here's a picture of the hedgehog that comes to our garden every night for the plate of hedgehog food and the bowl of water.

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH

Dear friends,

Throughout September and into October, the Church of England has created a period of Creation-tide, to celebrate the wonders of nature that God has given us. During this period many of our parishes will have held Harvest celebrations, thanking God for the bounteousness of the earth.

It is also a time when we need to reflect on what we are doing to the natural world around us. How we are treating the creatures that share his earth with us. Doing so is nothing new, think of St Francis of Assisi and his connection to the birds and beasts. If you have time, please try to read his Canticle of the Sun.

In a recent reflection, I related the story of the Glass Cabinet by Terry Jones of Monty Python fame. In the fable, the cabinet can provide anything you want

including pots of gold as long as you put something back in. Thieves stole the cabinet and plundered as much as they could. Eventually, the obsession got to one of them and he smashed the cabinet and all three immediately died. The King melted the glass and remodelled it into a globe emphasising its fragility.

Our world is like that globe. It is a fragile ecosystem that can so easily be put out of kilter by the actions of any part of that system. Unfortunately, it is us humans that have done much of the damage.

In the Creation story God gave humans dominion over the earth. For far too long humanity, including the Church, has taken this to mean we can use the earth's resources as we please. I believe that it is not what God intended. Thankfully, the Church has started to change its emphasis to one of caring for all parts of the ecosystem in which we exist.

*Wednesday*

*11th June*

*9th July*

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*10th September*

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## WORTHING NEWS

### Bike Ride & Walk & Drive

The Norfolk Churches Trust annual event, returned on Saturday the 13th September to raise funds and to support our local churches. The 13th weather-wise was quite temperamental. The morning sunny – great for our cyclists and those either walking or visiting by car, but the afternoon brought intermittent showers and at one point a complete “downpour of rain.” Thank you for braving the weather! May we take this opportunity of thanking all those that took part on the road and also, a huge thank you for sponsorships secured. We are all very grateful for your help and support.

Should anyone still wish to donate to The Norfolk Churches Trust, further information may be found on their website: [norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/support-our-work/donate-now/](http://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/support-our-work/donate-now/)

We hope to welcome you again next year if not before.

### October Services at St Margaret’s

Oct 5th at 9.00am and Oct 19th at 10.30a. 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.

### Christmas is Approaching!

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### 12TH OCTOBER – 17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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10:30 am	Wood Norton	Harvest Festival
10:30 am	Bawdeswell	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion

### 19TH OCTOBER – 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10:30 am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Worthing	Iona Morning Praise
10:30 am	Bawdeswell	The 10:30

### 26TH OCTOBER – LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10:30 am	Guist	Holy Communion
10:30 am	North Elmham	Morning Praise
10:30 am	Stibbard	Morning Praise
10:30 am	Bawdeswell	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion

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October 2025

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***M S Phillips***

For and on behalf of The Trustees  
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# NORTH ELMHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCILLORS

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## PARISH CLERK

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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.

## VILLAGE FACILITIES

Allotments.....Martin Phillips

Broom Green & Pound .....To be confirmed, contact Parish Clerk

Cathedral Meadows.....Tom Fitzalan Howard, Ann Keeble

Cathedral Ruins.....Ann Keeble, Tom Fitzalan Howard

Eastgate Centre.....Martin Phillips, Paul Grainger, Tom Fitzalan Howard

Millennium & Jubilee Wood.....Joe Sowinski

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Village Green .....Colin Smith, Brian Gee

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## SERVICES

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Highways.....Paul Grainger, Fraser Gillespie

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Planning.....Michael Rayner, Martin Phillips

Street Lighting.....Tom Fitzalan Howard, Nick Markwell, Colin Smith

Tree Warden .....Tom Fitzalan Howard, Nick Markwell, Colin Smith

Website.....Martin Phillips

## PARISH CHARITIES

There are a number of charities that make grants to individuals resident in the parish. Please consult the community website for information [elmham.org.uk/parish-council/village-charities](http://elmham.org.uk/parish-council/village-charities).

# NORTH ELMHAM DIRECTORY

**Elmham Surgery, Holt Rd - 01362 668215**

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**POLICE: Non Emergency Dial: 101 - EMERGENCY Dial: 999**

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Breckland Dog Warden	Confidential message or texts 07771 617417	01362 858500
London Express Tickets	Travel Centre	01362 694211
Sanders	Wednesdays to Norwich	01263 712800
Konect Bus		03300 539358
Community Website	<a href="http://www.elmham.org.uk">www.elmham.org.uk</a>	

Dereham Library, 59, High Street, Dereham, NR19 1DZ - 01362 693184

Opening times: Mon–Fri 09:30–19:00, Sat 9:30–16:00, Sun 10.00–16.00 (Open Library access only)

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Anglian Water		0845 7145145
Dereham Leisure Centre		01362 693419
UK Power Networks	Power Cut (24 hours)	0800 31 63 105
Samaritans		116 123
Citizens Advice Bureau	<a href="http://www.ncab.org.uk">www.ncab.org.uk</a>	0800 144 8848

## Clergy - All telephone numbers local code (01362)

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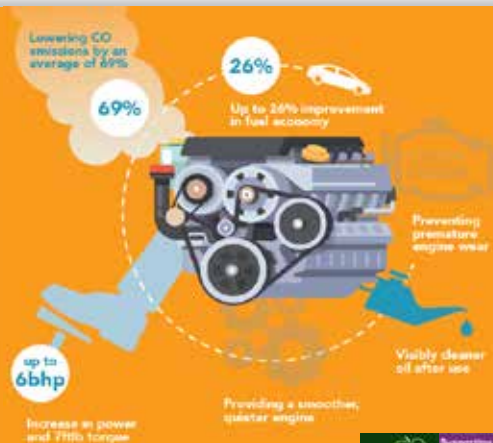
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