

# Elmham News

NOVEMBER 2020

**OUR VILLAGE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE**



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to Jimmy Brown**

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## Editorial

"No sun, no moon, no morn ,no noon, no dawn, no dusk, no proper time of day", no bonfires, no fireworks, no Christmas! Apologies to Thomas Hood who wrote his poem in the 19th century but the times we are in are not inspiring much enthusiasm for November.

However, we are not disheartened and have produced , we hope, another interesting magazine for you to read. You will see we have not one but two cute cartoons, inspiration from Bev who ran her marathon, fun from the Guides and their brilliant chair covers and more memories of people and times past.

Whilst thinking about Jimmy's Memorial Garden, we realised that there are dozens of unsung heroes around the village, from gardeners, litter pickers, grass cutters, dog walkers and shoppers to church cleaners and what about the organisers of our clubs, without them, we would be lost. So if you would like to nominate someone, be they

a relative, or friend or just someone you know, please let us have their name, a few lines about why you nominated them, and we can nominate them to be our "Unsung Hero of the Month".

The Parish Council is planning to source a Christmas Tree and lights will festoon the Pavilion area to give us a focal point but obviously, there will be no lighting up do!

HOWEVER, one thing you can depend on is that Elmham News are offering a first and two runner-up prizes for our Annual Christmas Lights Competition, so start thinking now. We will let you know the judging dates in December's magazine.

Just a quick word, we were recently delighted to receive a donation plus a note that thanked us for "an interesting magazine, which is read each month from cover to cover by our whole household." Needless to say, we were all highly chuffed!

Stay safe, and stay well.

**PLEASE NOTE: Submission deadline for articles to be included in the DECEMBER/JANUARY edition is 14TH NOVEMBER 2020. Please email your article to each of the editors listed below asap before the deadline.**

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## Editor's Apology

Our apologies for making the article 'Hen Rescue' anonymous, in fact Diana Dann wrote it for the Elmham News. Di no longer lives in the village but the Kerrison family were long time residents of Elmham, Di is part of that family.

She said the hens have been busy growing new feathers, eating their heads off, responding to their names and laying lots of eggs. A good result.

## North Elmham Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday 9th September (via Zoom)**

*The following information is taken from the Draft PC minutes. The full official minutes can be viewed in the Post Office and on the Community website, once approved.*

*Minutes of the meeting held on 7th October were not available before we went to print.*

Councillors present were: Mrs. J. Borgnis (Chairman), Mr. M. Phillips, Miss A. Ferris, Mr. T. Fitzalan Howard, Mr. P. Grainger, Mr. J. Labouchere, Mr. M. Rayner and Mr. C. Smith

Also in Attendance: Mr. K. Webb (Clerk) and Mr. B. Borrett (County & District Councillor)

### Co-option of New member

Mrs. Annie Keeble was co-opted to the Parish Council and welcomed by the Chairman. Proposed by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Grainger. All in favour. The Clerk is to forward the necessary documentation by e-mail to Mrs. Keeble for completion.

### Land Management Matters

*Village Green:* A parishioner walking on Beetley Meadow had reported the appearance of some signs relating to litter. There are increasing amounts of litter in the Play Area and it was suggested that perhaps more signage was needed there. Messrs Smith and Grainger will write a piece for the Elmham News but, in the meantime, the litter situation will be monitored with a view to it being further discussed at the next meeting. The replacement elm tree has not yet been received but is being chased.

*Cathedral Meadows:* The task of modifying all ten of the kissing gates has been completed.

*Millennium Wood and Jubilee Wood:* There is a letter in the Elmham News referring to the decision not to put a picnic table in Millennium Wood. The Chairman is to speak to the parishioner who wrote the letter.

*Bridleway on Disused Railway Line and Other Railway Matters:* The Chairman and Mr. Rayner had met with Mr. Goff (landowner) and Mr. Robinson (Railway Company). They were later joined by Mr. Fish (farming tenant). It is very likely that the Church Lane bridge will be demolished and, whilst this work is being carried out, a right of way for pedestrians and an access route for farm vehicles will be provided. Both the Parish Council and the Church and Townlands Charity will need to agree, in writing, to this proposal. Mr. Borrett stressed the importance of having a defined time frame in the documentation.

Mr. Rayner said that some silt has been cleared from the level crossing. Mr. Robinson had mentioned that raising of the height of the level crossing will not happen next year or in the foreseeable future.

*Prince William Wood:* The sign in the wood saying "pedestrians only, no cyclists" has gone.

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*Other Matters:* The new parking area in Eastgate Street has been finished and is to be monitored over the next two months. All agreed that a payment of £20 should be made to Mr. Labouchere to cover expenses incurred in respect of the provision of signage for the Jimmy Brown Memorial Garden.

### **Allotments**

The tap has been repaired. One more allotment has been let.

### **Highway Matters**

As previously arranged, Dr. Wade-Martins had produced a very useful report which had been circulated to members. Mr. Grainger is to manage the three Parish Partnership bids.

### **Pavilion and Playing Field**

The junior football club is in the process of setting up a bank account and they wish to purchase some goals. Mr. Smith reported that a red bin is in place and the bottle bank is to be emptied. Slimming World is to recommence shortly and permission has been given for them to put up a banner. Mr. Smith and Miss Ferris have devised a hiring form which covers all current requirements. Miss Ferris stressed that every club or organisation using the pavilion has to carry out and submit a detailed risk assessment.

Mr. Smith has located the water meters and the readings are:- Pavilion – 196350 and Field/Allotments – 19283970.

The Institute is currently closed and a full deep clean is being carried out. When it reopens, it will do so on the same basis as the Pavilion with booking forms and risk assessments. It is not likely to be open for some time. The cleaner at the Pavilion is to resume her duties in the near future.

It was agreed by all to make a seasonal charge to North Elmham Cricket Club on a reduced pro rata based on the number of games played last year (seven) and this year

(five). Therefore, the invoice for this season will be £258.86 made up as follows:-

- a) Five matches at £13.20 per match = £66
- b) Grass cutting £270.00 x 5/= £192.86

### **New Bin for the Skate Ramp**

The Clerk will establish the current position with this item.

### **Youth Club Facilities**

The leader of Breckland Council, Sam Chapman-Allen has responded and suggested that contact should be made with Steve James which Mr. Fitzalan Howard will do. He is also to visit some villages which have skate parks and will talk to various members of those parishes. The Chairman has obtained a basketball pole with backboard.

### **Brookside Development Update**

Under the S106 agreement, the bridge is to be transferred directly to the School rather than via the Parish Council. Members expressed their sincere thanks to David Rayner for all his work on this matter. Similarly, appreciation was recorded for the invaluable efforts of Mr. (Michael) Rayner. The Chairman and Mr. Phillips are to sign the S106 agreement. Proposed by Mr; Labouchere and seconded by Mr. Grainger. Approved by all.

### **Duties of Members**

This matter will be fully discussed at the next meeting. In the meantime, and on a temporary basis, the Chairman and Mr. Phillips will assume responsibility.

### **Virtual Meetings With Housing Associations**

All agreed to virtual meetings with three Housing Associations with hosting to be done by Breckland Council. These are to last for 40 minutes each on 15th September and presentations will be made by Saffron, Broadland and Hastoe. Mr. Rayner is to circulate a CPRE guide.



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## **Planning Applications and Determinations**

### **Applications**

Ivy Properties Ltd – Variation of Condition, changes to barns – Vicarage Farm, Church Lane (3PL/2020/0700/VAR) –  
WITHDRAWN BY THE APPLICANT

Mr. Barry Johnson – retention of existing caravan for carer – Spong Hill Caravan 1, Dereham Road (3PL/2020/0875/F) – no objections

Ivy Properties Ltd – Variation of a number of conditions – Vicarage Farm, Church Lane (3PL/2020/0940/VAR) – no objections.

### **Determinations**

Garrod New Homes Ltd – additional room above garage to plot 1 – land off Eastgate Street, 1 Hay Meadow (3PL/2020/0785/F) – approved

### **Correspondence**

- a) Clerks and Councils Direct magazine for September, 2020
- b) Police Community update for August
- c) Letter from Barclays Bank confirming mandate amendment
- d) E-mail from parishioner expressing concern with speeding on Back Lane
- e) Anonymous letter querying whether a property in Cathedral Drive is being used for business – query raised with Breckland (response awaited). There are problems with a verge and this is a matter for Highways (NCC). It was agreed not to deal with anonymous correspondence in future.
- f) A parishioner has raised the matter of an outstanding issue with the verge near to the property. Highways were previously dealing with the problem and Mr. Grainger will follow this up with them.

- g) Letter from a parishioner querying the reason behind a past resignation by a member and conflicts of interest policy. Appropriate replies were given.
- h) Letter from Norfolk Police seeking volunteers for Recruitment Panel Support.

### **Dr. Peter Wade-Martins**

Members wished to record a formal vote of thanks to Dr. Wade-Martins to acknowledge his long and sterling work whilst on the Parish Council over a considerable period of time. He has undoubtedly made an outstanding contribution to the local community and there is sincere appreciation for all he has achieved.

## **Festive Fundraiser for EACH**

Hi, I would just like to let parishioners know about a festive fundraising event happening in Brisley to raise funds for the charity EACH, but equally as important to give everyone a festive lift.

Its 12th December, 10.00 am–2.00 pm at Brisley Village Hall.

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After running 26 miles in the Virtual London Marathon on Sunday 4th October, Bev Marshall had a "little bit of help" having to carry Phoebe the last 100 yards. Having entered the 2020 Virgin Money London Marathon as runner number 30008, Bev joined thousands of entrants across the UK and the rest of the world in a "virtual" race. Her route started in Station Road and went through Worthing, Hoe, Beetley, Old Beetley, Gressenhall, Bittering, Longham, Dereham and Swanton Morley before finishing on the Village Green, completing the 26.2 miles in 3 hours 38 minutes.

The real London Marathon is on a flat course with thousands of other runners and supporters cheering you on. Running on hilly route mostly on your own with a

few supporters dotted around must have been really hard, and all done on a cold wet windy day. So well done Bev.

Bev is raising money for The Miscarriage Association and would be grateful if you could spare anything to support her. Donations can be made online at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/BevMarshall>

## Memories Part 2

Firstly, apologies for not including dates that changes have taken place over the years, my memory does not store this information I am afraid!

To continue up to the Post Office corner, a new telephone exchange was built on land belonging to the Shettles which was owned by the Kerrison family.

It was just after the second world war that the idea of forming a tennis club was muted, as the Kerrison family kindly let members use their tennis court.

The shop opposite the Shettles was owned by Mrs. F Kerrison who ran this as a grocery shop and sold household items. This was later taken over by Mr. George Kerrison after the war.

Further along the road stands a large house behind a very tall wall. This wall was used as a back wall for lean-to greenhouses. In the front garden stands a very tall spruce tree which is a landmark for the village. I was told by my Father that somebody shot the top shoots off the tree to stop it growing! Whether this is true I do not know!

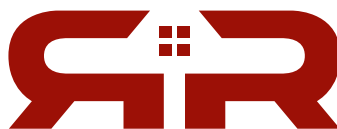
Just past this house was a chapel, now a private residence. Next door is Rackham House which was used as a Doctor's surgery. Dr. Harrison practiced there, he had a small consulting room and a small waiting area to seat about six people in the entrance lobby. Dr. Harrison was joined by Dr. Earle just before Dr. Harrison retired



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to a new house he had built in part of the garden of Rackham House.

Dr. Pearson joined the Practice, and a new surgery was set up in converted outbuildings at Rackham House. Later when patient numbers increased, they moved to the White House next door to the existing surgery.

The field opposite Rackham House was owned by Norfolk County Council where my Grandad farmed as a smallholder. When he was taken ill my Grandmother had to farm it with Spencer, one of their sons. Grandmother had to retire through ill health and Spencer carried on farming the land until his health deteriorated. The top of the field was sold for building plots and about 2.5 acres sold to Breckland District Council and was later developed, and bungalows built, which we know as Spencer's Close.

*Norman Lowe*

## Gardening Club

We all love butterflies and bees in our gardens and know which plants attract them but give a thought for moths and insect eating bats, our evening and night-time visitors and how we can encourage them to our gardens.

By planting sweet perfumed and luminous glow plants and shrubs. Here are a few of the night-time nectar providers, verbena bonariensis, common jasmine, evening primrose, globe artichoke, sweet rocket and tobacco plants.

Leaving areas of long grass, wild plants and dead matter at the end of the year will help as caterpillars and pupae may over winter there. Also, plants that provide food for caterpillars before hibernation are fuchsias, holly, ivy, stinging nettle, common hawthorn, salix and currant bushes. Hopefully by using some of these

suggestions we can all help our night-time visitors.

Some of you said they missed my tips for the month. So not to disappoint you, here are the following for November :-

- ✿ Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent water logging
- ✿ Plant tulip bulbs
- ✿ Continue to lift dahlia tubers, begonias and gladiolus corms, store dry over the winter
- ✿ Prune roses to prevent wind rock

Last month's photo from June and John was of banana tomatoes not peppers, as some thought

Take care

*Ray*

## Hand Me Downs

Since my mother died in 2008 I have been using her bread knife daily. Before my mother used it so did her mother for cutting bread.

It now looks battered but still does the job. It has a battered handle, long since lost its paint but on the blade it says "Loyal Service Bread Knife. Made in Sheffield by Genuine Ex-Service Men". At the side of the writing there is a double circle, within this circle are the letters S J C ? S M at the top and at the bottom Association. In the middle of the circle are two crossed flags with the Union Jacks on them.

Obviously there were jobs created for disabled soldiers returning home from the War but does anyone know the history of my bread knife?

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*Janet Woodhouse*



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## Elsa Hewett

Elsa Francoise Vandenheuvel Hewett was her full title when mum arrived in North Elmham. She was born in Brussels on 24th December 1926 and had a younger brother Guillaume. Her teenage years were far from happy, as she lived under German occupation for four years. Mum met dad, Ralph Hewett when Brussels was liberated by the British. He was an army cook and he wooed Mum with steak and chocolates etc.

They got married on 19th January 1946 in the Grand Place, Brussels with Dad's brother, Horace, as best man. In April Mum got passage on a troop ship to Norfolk. What a shock this must have been for a 19 year old, having lived in a big city to come to a small village in the middle of the countryside! These first few years were tough for Mum, as she lived with her mother in law and brought up her young children. In those days a foreigner in the village was a rarity and they would

talk to my dad, when they wanted to ask mum a question, or speak loudly to be understood. Of course, mum's English was impeccable as in Belgium all children learnt it at school. One of the most challenging aspects was trying to understand the jokes people told and some of the sayings. Like Dad, many people had lived in the same village all their life. Having lived with Ralph's parents for a few years they then moved into a council house in Orchard Close, where they raised three children, Mike, Phil and Odette.

Mum's first job was as a bookkeeper with a motor dealer in Dereham, then after a few years moving to Swanton Morley as a farm secretary/bookkeeper.

In 1965 she took a big step in deciding to train as a teacher at the Keswick College of Education in Norwich. Her first year as a probation teacher was in Reepham before transferring to a school in Dereham where she taught various subjects. Mum was a firm believer in education and encouraged us all to better ourselves.

Mum was a Catholic and followed her faith all her life and played the organ at services for many years at her local church in Dereham.

She was always busy with her hobbies, which included gardening, lace-making, knitting etc. She was also an accomplished seamstress, making my wedding dress.

When Mum took early retirement, she started painting and many of the pictures adorn the walls of family members. She also carried on with her needlework and foreign travel as well as becoming a prison visitor (not as an inmate!!!). Mum also joined various societies including the wives club, art club and amateur dramatics, etc where she played Yenta in a local production of Fiddler on the Roof.

Mum and Dad frequently took their winter holidays in Portugal and Malta.

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*Odetta Sykes nee Hewett*




## Not Everything Has Stopped!




Thought you might like a quick reminder that the following are in full swing (as we go to press), Guides, Junior Football, Mobile Library, Sanders Coach on Wednesdays and Tennis Club.

## Mobile Library

Our mobile libraries have now restarted. We have updated some routes - please see the information below for more details on specific routes. Please note the libraries will not visit playgroups and nursing homes yet.

Please read the following guidelines before visiting the mobile library:

-  You will be required to wear a face covering when you visit.
-  The mobile library will be operating on a one customer (or one household of up to three people) at a time basis to reduce the number of people inside.
-  Please remember to bring your library card with you.

-  We will ask you for your contact details for 'test and trace' purposes.
-  Hand sanitiser will be available for use on the way in and out and surfaces that are commonly touched will be regularly wiped down.
-  Returned items will be quarantined for up to 72 hours.

We look forward to welcoming you back on board. Please bear with us if we run a little late due to limiting the number of people on the mobile library through the day.

### Mobile Library Route

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Heath Road – High Trees	14.45–15.00
Brookside	15.10–15.20
Cathedral Drive	15.25–15.45
Spencers Close	15.50–16.05
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Orchard Close No. 20	17.05–17.20

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## Jimmy Brown Memorial Garden

Did you know that the garden which Jimmy Brown lovingly tended alongside the Green Field hasn't always been there?

Before 1981, the Playing Field came much further out into the road. The B1110 ran close to the shop and alongside the pavement towards the King's Head but at the end of 1981 the road was widened. We think this was to increase the visibility at the Kings Head junction.

As with all things, the planning of this took some time. One of us went to the Record Office to look at the old Parish Council Minutes because even though three of us on the Editorial Committee of the News have lived here for ever, we couldn't truthfully say why the road needed widening.

The notes were sparse. The work was going to be starting in November 1981. It said in the PC notes that the old Elmham Sign was to be set in the new retaining wall. It never was! There was subsidence so the contractors were asked to hurry

up, but the original plan wasn't what the Parish Council had agreed to. Not sure what happened about this, the notes don't say.

It was obviously decided that various shrubs should be planted on the top of the wall. Eventually Mr George Kerrison, Chairman of the Parish Council said that 250 heathers and 20 dwarf conifers were planted under the direction of Mr Nigel Taylor of Brinton Grove Garden Centre who was asked to give professional advice.

So for years, this garden was called 'The Heather Garden', tended by George Kerrison and then Gerald and Eva Marsh.

When Jimmy retired from his job as a lorry driver in 2006 he joined the Parish Council. Within a year or two he had adopted the Heather Garden and bless his heart, as things died or gave up the ghost, he replaced the dead plants with a variety of others. We are guessing by now there are very few heathers left along that wall but being gardeners ourselves we appreciate the work that Jimmy took on lovingly looking after that garden. It is always a beautiful splash of colour as you come into the village.

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From now on this strip of garden is to be called 'The Jimmy Brown Memorial Garden'. The garden has two new volunteers to keep it ship shape now. They are Chris and Hazel Hazell who live in the village and have taken up where Jimmy left off. We feel sure they can't go wrong as doubtless Jimmy has got his eye on them! We wish them well with this task.

The photo above shows the original planting of the heathers by volunteers.

## Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday will always the nearest Sunday to the 11th November. The 11th day of the 11th month at 11th hour was when "the war to end all wars" was finally over, when the Armistice was signed by Germany and the Allies. We quickly learned that it wasn't the war to end all wars, as everyone had hoped, because others continue to happen.

The 11th November is always the day to remember everyone who has died in conflict somewhere around the world. Times are different this year, but we can still remember what the 11th November means.

Here in Elmham, thirty six men and one woman died in World War One and nine men died in World War Two. They are resting in many foreign cemeteries as well as our churchyard and at Worthing.

They were all village lads doing different kinds of work, many associated with agriculture in one way or another. The young girl was a housemaid and was a driver in the First World War, our village Bobby was killed, another was already in the regular army, one in World War Two lied about his age to enlist. They all had stories to tell, they all had families to mourn them and we owe them a huge ongoing debt.

Here in Norfolk in the early 1940's you could hardly put a pin in the map without

hitting upon an airfield or aerodrome as they were called. Some of them were ours, some were dummy airfields and some were home to the Americans who came to help with their heavy bombers. What a cultural shock it must have been for rural Norfolk.

Many German and Italian prisoners incarcerated here in POW camps helped on the land. The Germans I have been reliably informed were polite and hardworking, the Italians not so.

Two of our men talked to me about their time as Japanese prisoners in WWII. They both said the same thing, no one wanted to listen to them and their stories when they came home to Elmham. Every family was so weary, tired and worn down by the constant battle to find enough food, as well as working all the hours of the day just to keep the country going, there was little time to talk to strangers. It must have been so difficult to chat naturally to a close relative who had been imprisoned, possibly starved and tortured for most of the war.

Remember these chaps had been gone from here for at least four years and were very different from the young chaps they had been in 1941/42.

Also remember the news hadn't filtered down about the German and Japanese atrocities until several years later by which time the men who had come home had picked up the threads of their lives again and just wanted to keep those memories buried.

Remember too, the airmen of a Mosquito who crashed on the Dereham side of the Back Lane and were killed in April 1944.

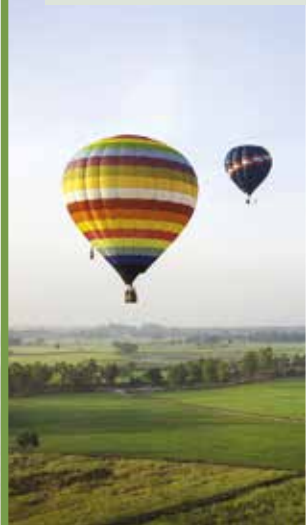
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We are very lucky that Guides can meet indoors again, subject to various rules to keep us all as safe as possible. But how do you keep to the same chair all evening when they all look alike? Our solution was to design and paint chair covers. Luckily, we have a good collection of fabric paints and stencils to help those of us not quite so artistic to achieve these bright professional looking results.

Our next challenge is willow art, then of course fires and sparklers in November, as well as our usual games and challenges. If you know of any girls aged 10 or over who would like to join us, do get in touch [morgan\\_marion@hotmail.com](mailto:morgan_marion@hotmail.com)

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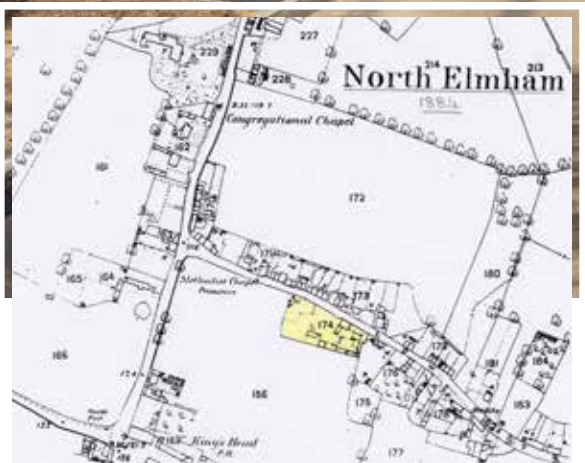
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## Potter's Yard, Eastgate Street

Some older residents may remember opening a wooden gate (opposite nos 33–35) and going through a yard of buildings to the tennis courts in a corner of the King's Head field. About 160 years ago, that was Potters Yard. Peter Wade-Martins remembers a date stone on one building 185 and the lettered inscription ending in P. for Potter.

There was a brick wall which started at Oakridge going down the street to what is now called The Chimes, this was the boundary of Potters Yard, but was probably built at a later date.

John Potter (1833-1875) was listed in Harrod's Directory of Norfolk in 1863 as a Corn, Ale and Porter Merchant (Porter is a dark brown bitter beer). His business was in Eastgate Street or Low Street, now occupied by nos. 28–36, and partly by no. 26. A lot of the boundary walls

and parts of buildings still survive and more have been uncovered recently with the excavation of the grass verge and resurfacing for parking.

John Potter was born in Caston, Norfolk in 1833. The 1851 Census tells us that he was a Miller's apprentice to Charles Clare, who owned the windmill at Bixley, (21/2 miles S.S.W. of Norwich.) By 1861 John was a merchant, boarding in Norwich Road, East Dereham. John had a relative, Charles Potter also born in Caston was a Corn and General merchant, living with his wife, Henrietta, on the Dereham/Holt Road, North Elmham in 1861. John may have worked with him and eventually taken over the business. Although this was established by 1863, it is not known when the land in Eastgate Street was purchased

and the buildings constructed. As the datestone was 185- it could have been Charles Potter who bought the land.

The first available plan is the O.S. map of 1884 and the first description appeared in documents of 1891 as 'a parcel of land with granaries, stables, buildings and a yard in Low Street, North Elmham, measuring 3 roods and 20 perches' (A rood = 1/4 of an acre, and a perch = 51/2 yards).

The plan, description and area correspond closely to that defined by existing walls. There are no earlier plans, but it may well be the same as in 1863 (The layout differs little on the 1884, 1906, and 1952 maps). There were granaries to store the corn, stables for the horses and other buildings for carts and wagons, and the storage of Ale and Porter. There was also a Pump and well. Was he brewing his own ale from malted barley or just dealing in the final product? He may just have been a middleman, as he is described as a merchant in 1863, not a brewer.

The business was well located, in the large village of North Elmham (population 1,126 in 1861) with two public houses, a beer retailer, three bakers, and five grocers/ shopkeepers in 1863.

There were two watermills, Elmham Mill on the River Wensum, and Worthing Mill on the River Blackwater. There were rail links to Dereham and Fakenham enabling the carriage of corn for milling, and barley and malt for brewing and distilling. In Dereham there were large maltings and granaries around the station and by 1850 it had become the largest malting centre in Norfolk. There was a brewery on South Green, and many inns and public houses also brewed their own beers and ales. These were the places for corn trading until Dereham's Corn Exchange was opened in 1857.

In 1864 John Potter married Elizabeth Clarke Vincent (born about 1834 in Mattishall). In 1871 they were living on

Dereham Road, North Elmham, in the house previously occupied by Charles and Henrietta Potter. John and Elizabeth had six children, born between 1864 and 1874. In 1872 they bought the house on the Holt Road (known since about 1916 as Newton House). Sadly on 29th August 1875 John Potter died, aged 41. His brother Amos Potter, a farmer at Cranworth, was appointed Executor and Trustee of Potter's Yard. Elizabeth and her family moved to Dereham, probably in 1880, when the house was rented to Peter Ransom, our village doctor at that time. Elizabeth had a private income, probably from the rental of Potter's Yard and the Elmham house. She died on 19th December 1920.

We do not know whether John's business had carried on after his death, managed by his wife or somebody else. It may have been rented out for another purpose. Only the Trustee's records for the period between 1875 and 1920 could tell us that. We do know from the late 19th century, censuses and directories that there were many people involved in the corn trade in the village - Farmers, Merchants, Millers, a Clerk and a Porter.

In 1921 when the yard was sold, it had been lately occupied by Oliver Smith, who we know from later records was a farmer at the Kings Head Farm living in the farmhouse there.

Almost a year after Elizabeth Potter's death, Newton House was sold by her son and Executor Charles Potter, Innkeeper, to Miss Emily Faircloth, who had been renting it for at least five years. Two days later, on the 4th November, the Yard was sold by Willby Smith, a Fakenham Accountant and Trustee.

Sidney Abram (1884-1960), a Bicycle Agent bought the Western part of Potter's Yard. His business grew and in 1923, 1927 and 1929 he bought land from Steward and Patteson, Pockthorpe Brewery, Norwich.

He then owned land up to the houses now on Holt Road. In 1929 he was listed as a Motor Engineer and in 1939 as a garage Proprietor and Haulage Contractor.

The eastern part of Potter's Yard was sold in 1921 to the Lambert brothers, George (1889–1953) and Ernest (1895–1951).\*\*

In 1933 they were listed as Haulage and Carting Contractors, and Omnibus Proprietors and in 1943 as Farmers. However, it is known that they had been farming from the 1920's. A local resident remembers pigs being kept in the Yard. In 1943 the Lamberts bought more of the yard from Sidney Abram. They lived with their sister Sophia Lambert at No. 37 Eastgate Street.

In 1951 Ernest Lambert died, in 1953 George Lambert died, so the Yard passed to their sisters, Lilian Chapman (b.1886) and Sophia Lambert (1890 -1955). In 1954 their part of the Yard was sold to United Dairies Ltd.

Sidney Abram, Maud Abram and their son Ernest and his family lived at 26 Eastgate Street. There is a photograph of a line of lorries outside the Haulage Depot.

In 1944 Sidney sold the western part of Potter's Yard, the house, the garage and sheds and four tenements (Nos 23–29 Eastgate Street) to United Dairies. He moved his haulage business to Beetley.

United Dairies had been operating in North Elmham since before 1925. After the purchase in 1944, they used the house (No. 26) for the Manager of the Haulage business, Mickleover Transport which was part of the United Dairies Group. They were general hauliers and had a fleet of various sorts, based in the village.

In 1954 they bought the eastern part of Potter's Yard from Sophia Lambert, so they owned all the buildings from the council houses on Holt Road to the east side of No. 36 Eastgate Street.

In 1963 they transferred their business to Attleborough and the Dairy at the station end of Eastgate Street closed. The Company owned the land until it was sold off in parts, from 1971 to 1976.

My house (No. 36) was built in 1978. When I acquired my Deeds in 2015, I found that they included a document going back to Potter's Yard.

It has been fascinating discovering its history, and that of subsequent owners.

I thank all those who have helped me along the way.

*Robert Rickett*

\*\*When I researched the Fallen from WWI I found that the four Lambert brothers and two sisters, together with their widowed mother, a charwoman came from Foulsham. Three of the brothers died in the War.

However one of the sisters Lilian, had emigrated to Australia and Harry Lambert had followed and joined the Australian Infantry. He died in 1917. William Lambert who was buried in Worthing Churchyard died in 1918 after being declared no longer fit for war service. The last of the three brothers ,Herbert is on our memorial but I have been unable to find out where he served nor where he died and I am wondering if perhaps he was still alive at the end of the War.

The two sisters Lilian and Sophia both went to New South Wales, Australia and according to some documentation I saw were insistent that they wanted their brother Harry's effects, i.e. his money. I wonder if the brothers 'effects' were what was used to buy part of Potter's Yard.

If anyone has any knowledge of this story, please let us know so that we can fill in the gaps.

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September and October mark the peak autumn migration season for birds, a time when many birdwatchers head to the coast to witness migrant birds arriving from their breeding grounds in northern Europe, making landfall on the Norfolk coast, perhaps only for a short time before they continue on to winter further south. It can be exciting and quite awe-inspiring to watch often tiny songbirds like Goldcrests dropping out of the sky after a long and dangerous flight across the North Sea. The common migrants are entertaining enough, but many birdwatchers are additionally driven by the hope of finding something a little bit rarer. One such scarce migrant that can almost be expected to turn up somewhere along the coast in September if the conditions are right is the Wryneck (photo1), a type of small woodpecker that feeds on the ground and named after its peculiar neck movements. Like other scarce migrants the vast majority are found at the coast, and they're a particular treat on the rare occasions that they turn up at inland locations. So I was delighted to find one here, along the railway at the bottom of the meadows. Initially I just caught a brief glimpse of it flying up but I waited patiently for it to reappear and after about half an hour it popped up on a fence post allowing me to get a decent look at it and a couple of photos.



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A few days later an even more unusual bird was found locally and would have been visible from the meadows. A friend was driving up the A1067 when he saw a massive bird of prey at Bawdeswell. It turned out to be a Lammergeier, also known as a Bearded Vulture, a rare and declining bird of southern European mountain ranges. They had become extinct in the Alps but have been subject to a successful reintroduction programme there and young birds from this scheme occasionally wander to north-west Europe. Two have now made it to the UK, this being the second. This one actually arrived in the UK in June, spending the summer in Derbyshire and Yorkshire allowing hundreds of visitors to go and see it. It had disappeared from Derbyshire a week or so before it was relocated at Bawdeswell, but it didn't stay round here for long. I sped over to Bawdeswell as soon as my friend reported it but by then it was already on the move. Fortunately, it was flying towards us and I watched it soaring over Billingford (photo 2).

Lammergeiers are enormous! I have seen one in Corsica flying with a Golden Eagle and it made the eagle look small – this one was flying with Buzzards and it made them look tiny (photo 3)! It carried on slowly flying over Worthing and towards North Elmham before veering south-west. By now I had raced home to see if I could see it from my house, which, thanks to an east-facing upstairs window I just managed to do. As far as I know it wasn't seen from the meadows, but I am quite sure that it would have been distantly viewable from there while it was moving through Billingford and Worthing. Since then it has been seen in Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Kent and, as I write, in Sussex. Hopefully it will eventually make it back to the Alps.

On one of my visits to the meadows during the last month I found a wildflower that I didn't recognise. After a bit of investigation and some help from an expert I was able to confirm that it was a



plant called Indehiscent Amaranth (photo 4). I also learnt a new word - indehiscent means that its fruit doesn't split open to release the seeds, a character that helps to distinguish it from other similar species of Amaranth. This unusual plant is an arable weed that is mainly found in the Brecks where it has been found to appear in fields that have been spread with waste from Wisington sugar beet factory (hence it's alternative local name of Factory Weed). It now seems to be expanding its range away from the Brecks and has recently been recorded from Bintree and Guist too.

I've used up all my space on three particularly unusual observations but there are always interesting if not such rare things to see at the meadows if you make the effort to look for them, like the Common Frog (photo 5) sat on a Mullein leaf during some heavy rain. Come along and see what you can find. Let us know what you see: email appleton.





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*Dave Appleton*

Because of social-distancing requirements, space inside the church around the memorial will be very limited (max 20). Therefore, please be prepared to gather around the south door of the church - the door will be kept open, so that all may hear.

## Remembrance Service

Sadly, we will not be able to hold a full Remembrance Sunday service at St Mary's this year, as building works will not be complete in time to prepare the church for public worship.

Local branch members of the Royal British Legion will gather at St Mary's at 10.45 am, together with Jennie Borgnis, chair of the Parish Council, and Rector, Sally Kimmis, to lay the wreaths, read the names of the Fallen and offer prayers. The procession from the Poppy Bench opposite the surgery cannot take place this year.

## Royal Treasures

Did you get the EDP on Monday 5th October and read the full page spread entitled 'Royal Treasures found in Norfolk attic'? Lost papers were found in a locked trunk along with a phial of oil from the Queen's Coronation. The full story plus photographs, was then revealed.

The attic was in Elmham House and the contents of the trunk belonged to Alan Campbell Don who was chaplain to four monarchs and left with his family in North Elmham. We hope to be able to say more about the article written by Robert Beaken in a future magazine.

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We are truly hoping that the building work will be finished and the church covid-cleaned for the Remembrance Day service, but sadly the work on the roof may not be completed in time. The weather has prevented the lead being replaced and there is still some internal work to be done. Go to the church website for up-to-date details of services within the benefice [www.heartofnorfolkchurches.org.uk](http://www.heartofnorfolkchurches.org.uk).

*Susanna Wade-Martins (Churchwarden)*

## Royal British Legion

An informal meeting of members took place at the Kings Head on Thursday 3rd September with eleven members present keeping their distance in the large dining room .

The reason for the meeting was to sort out a few things that had come up since our last meeting in February. The Poppy Appeal was one . We have been informed that the usual Poppy Appeal around the houses does not look like it will take place. And only supermarkets and shops will have them. This may change. School boxes will be handed out and wreaths can be acquired from Mr Ian Taylor who has a small stock.

Remembrance service: We have been in contact with the Vicar who has said the church should open in September. If the only thing we can do in November is go in the church and read the names of the fallen we will. Things are very fluid at the moment . We have enough crosses to do the square near the church door . The branch also said we will not have any more meetings this year and it will be February 2021 before we may get one.

We will carry on to next year when the RBL will be 100 years old.

How long we can go on like this will have to be sorted out then . It was great to see all who came, hope we see each other at Remembrance.

## Old Comrades

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We've added a couple of recipes, any of the Elmham News team are available for tasting if you need them!

Last month's crossword answers are here too, how did you do?

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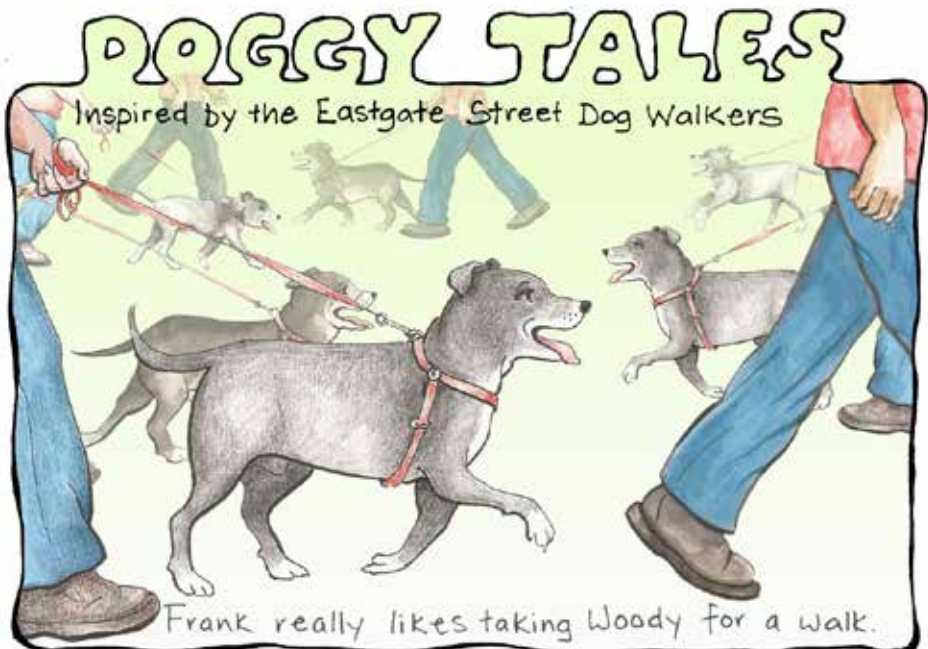
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Pinch of salt

1 teaspoon of vanilla essence or rum

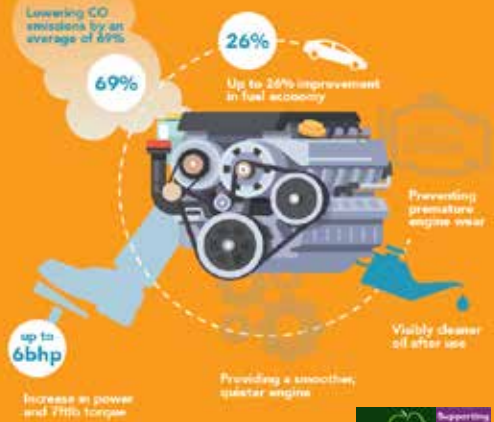
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## Last Month's Crossword Answers

### Across

- Sissinghurst
- Crow
- Bishy
- Bed
- Hanser
- Bee
- Crab
- Aphid
- Ant
- Elm
- Nettle
- Marjoram

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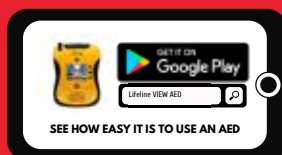


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## St Mary's Church

### Do you remember when...?

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This month gives us all an opportunity to pause and reflect before the busy-ness of Christmas preparations kicks in. We begin at All Souls, when we remember those whom we have loved but are departed from us. Then, of course, comes Remembrance Sunday (8th November) when we pay tribute to all those who have served in the armed forces and given their lives for our freedom; giving thanks also for those who are serving today in the cause of peace.

And then we look towards Advent and Christmas. A time of expectant and hopeful waiting; waiting for the Prince of Peace to come among us in the form of a vulnerable baby. We don't yet know what Christmas will look like this year, in our homes, in village celebrations or in our churches. One thing we do know is that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

We are all looking for hope of a brighter future. Whatever these next weeks and months bring, let us hold on to that hope and put our trust in our loving creator-God.

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*Revd Sally*

## Worthing News

As mentioned in our October editorial leaflets are still available for the Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. Deadline for getting your shoebox filled and back to Celia is Sunday 8th November.

**Services:** Remembrance Sunday 8th November, 10.45 am and 22nd November at 9.30 am for Holy Communion. We hope you are able to join us for either or both services.

**Christmas Raffle:** Tickets are available from Sunday 1st November and drawn in church on Sunday 13th December.

1st prize a bottle of Champagne  
2nd prize a Christmas cake

3rd prize a bottle of wine

Proceeds towards our mission & ministry work and church building appeal.

Raffle tickets from Celia, 01362 668928 or Sharon, 01362 668622.

### Wine Tasting & Beer Sampling Event

This was to be held on Saturday 28th November but has unfortunately been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. However, orders forms for Christmas/New Year may be obtained from Celia. Adnams are able to take orders over the phone, and delivery can be arranged.

**Advanced Notice;** Join us and listen to Worthing's Traditional Christmas Carol Service and readings. This will be in the morning of Sunday 20th December at 11.00am. This may be subject to change due to Covid-19 so please check out our church noticeboard or website: [www.heartofnorfolkchurches.org.uk](http://www.heartofnorfolkchurches.org.uk) for updates.

For all queries and information please contact Celia 01362 668928, email: [c.daniel784@btinternet.com](mailto:c.daniel784@btinternet.com).

## More2Life Christian Fellowship

(Member of Eastern Baptist Association)

**Pastor Anne-Marie Fewell**

**Worship Sunday 10.30 am, Bible study Monday 2.00 pm**  
**Meeting via internet, ring 01362 668707 if you wish to join us**

**Coming soon: On-line nativity now being prepared**  
**See website: [www.more2lifeforthelmham.com](http://www.more2lifeforthelmham.com)**

## **Heart of Norfolk Churches Provisional Sunday Service Plan for November 2020**

### **1st November – All Saints Day**

10.00 am	Guestwick	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10.30 am	Bawdeswell	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Stibbard	Holy Communion
4.00 pm	Bawdeswell	All Souls Service of Light and Remembrance

### **8th November – Remembrance Sunday**

10.30 am	Bawdeswell	Remembrance Sunday Service with choir
10.45 am		Remembrance Sunday Service with gatherings at Foulsham, North Elmham, Stibbard, Wood Norton & Worthing Maximum 20 people in church (see below)
2.30 pm	Guist Churchyard	Act of Remembrance for Guist, Bintree and Twyford

### **15th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent**

9.30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Bawdeswell	All-Age Communion
11.00 am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
4.00 pm	Foulsham	Evensong

### **22nd November – Sunday next before Advent**

9.30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Bawdeswell	Word & Praise
11.00 am	Worthing	Morning Praise

### **29th November – Advent Sunday**

10.30 am	Venue TBC	Group Holy Communion
4.00 pm	Bawdeswell	Advent Carol Service (booking only)

*This Service Plan is provisional, as our church buildings continue to re-open for public worship. Please contact the HON Office on 01362 668850, or visit our website: [www.heartofnorfolkchurches.org.uk](http://www.heartofnorfolkchurches.org.uk) for more information.*

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Meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of the month and due to covid-19 take place over Zoom, commencing at 7.30pm. Parishioners are entitled to attend and are most welcome, please contact the Chair or Clerk for access codes. Our County and District Councillor is also in attendance whenever possible. If, in between meetings, you wish to raise a specific matter for the attention of the Parish Council - please refer to the contact list above.

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



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