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Editorial

Welcome to your December/January edition of Elmham News. Our contributors have again pulled out all the stops and we have another magazine packed with interesting articles.

We are once again in lockdown, why not take this opportunity to discover the lovely walks in our village, take time to stop and chat to fellow walkers, socially distanced of course! Getting out in the fresh air and having a "mardle" is good for everyone's wellbeing. We have wonderful walks, the Millennium Wood, the Prince William Wood, Cathedral Meadows and of course the railway line from Elmham Station towards County School. We don't always appreciate what is on our doorstep.

By the time you receive your magazine, the area in front of the Pavilion will be adorned with Christmas lights organised by our Parish Council. Thank you.

Don't forget the outdoor Christmas Lights competition organised by the News. If you haven't done so already, dust off your lights and decorate your house/front garden. There will be two prizes and our judges will be touring the village week commencing 14th December.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our readers a Happy Christmas and hopefully a better 2021. We would also like to thank our contributors, advertisers, deliverers and all our committee members who are all volunteers and provide you with what we hope you will agree is a great magazine.

Thanks also to Anon from Eastgate Street for the donation. Donations are always greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, please give to any committee member listed in the magazine.

Again, Happy Christmas on behalf of all the Elmham News Team we will be back in February.

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North Elmham Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 7th October (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.

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

Also in attendance: Mr. K. Webb (Clerk) and Mr. C. Hill (Elmham News).

Apologies for absence: Mr. M. Rayner and Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor).

Land Management Matters

Village Green: The parishioner who had raised the matter of the tree bordering Cedar Close and the Green had obtained two quotations for the work required, £780 (£650 plus £130 VAT) and £700 (no VAT). It was decided to proceed with the former. Mr. Grainger said that some concerned parents had reported that senior teenagers had been misusing the slide by rocking it. Mr. Phillips will arrange for Norfolk Frames and Games to inspect it. They will also check the big swing. It was mentioned that there has been a reduced amount of litter. The Chairman is to establish the type of replacement tree to be obtained. Mr. Labouchere mentioned that the PCC is holding a carol singing event around the church tree on Sunday 13th December at 4.00p.m. Members would be welcome to participate in this event.

Cathedral Ruins: Hardy Landscape are due to cut the slopes with their remote controlled mower within the next few weeks.

Millennium Wood (and Jubilee Wood): Two fence posts require angle irons, and these will be fitted shortly.

Bridleway on Disused Railway Line & Other Railway Linked Matters: Letters from the Railway Company confirming the proposal for the revised right of way whilst the work to the bridge is being carried out are awaited. The Chairman is to chase.

Other Matters: Thanks were expressed to Mr. Labouchere for all his efforts in providing and installing the signage for the Jimmy Brown Memorial Garden.

Allotments

The collection of rents is almost complete; there are two people still to pay. The annual rent per plot is to increase from £10 to £15 next year. Three plots have been let since the last meeting.

Highway Matters

Mr. Grainger said that he had reported the flooding issue in Eastgate Street and the collapsed sign to Highways who have acknowledged. They estimate action within six weeks. The Clerk will speak to Linda McDermott, the County Programme Engineer, to establish the position regarding the three Parish Partnership applications which have been agreed. A letter has been received concerning parking of vehicles at the east end of Eastgate Street on a corner. It was felt that the parking is dangerous. However, it is a matter that should be tackled by the police who, unlike the Parish Council, have the appropriate powers to deal with it.

Pavilion and Playing Field

A senior football club is in the process of being formed by Chris Reeve. Mr. Smith has spoken to him and a fee of £20 per match is a possibility. They would wish to pay by weekly standing order. The sink heater in the kitchen, which is currently turned off, needs attention. Mr. Smith will arrange for it to be looked at. There are QR code signs in the pavilion. A Risk Assessment is to be done and an updated cleaning regime will be introduced. The new bench seat has not yet been received

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and the Clerk will chase. With regard to the proposed Christmas tree, Mr Saunders is not in a position to provide one this year but will be asked to recommend an alternative supplier. It was felt that a permanent tree may be desirable.

Skate Ramp Area Bin

Mr. Phillips has the bin, and the intention is for it to be installed within the next week. A new concrete pad will be needed.

Youth Club Facilities

Mr. Fitzalan Howard has made contact with Steve James of Breckland Council and is shortly to attend a meeting with officers. A skate park project has been commenced at Watton.

Eastgate Centre

The Centre is to open on 8th October for the Girl Guides. It has been intensely cleaned and QR code cards have been put in place. The Girl Guides have carried out a Risk Assessment and will be using the premises once a week. No other groups will be utilising the facilities at this stage.

Duties of Members

Cathedral Ruins – Mrs. Keeble

Cathedral Meadows – Mr. Fitzalan Howard and Mrs. Keeble

Highways – Mr. Grainger (Mr. Labouchere to assist when possible)

Brookside Development Update

The S106 agreement is almost ready for signing. It has been decided that the bridge is to be transferred initially to the Parish Council.

Annual Governance and Accountability

Following the submission of AGAR (the Annual Governance and Accountability Return) for the year ended 31st March, 2020, comments were received and agreed to be acted upon. Full details on the website.

The members fully appreciate the importance of maintaining robust and proactive procedures in respect of all areas of risk management. Therefore, to reinforce this policy, all members agreed that the topic of "Risk Management" should be a standing item on the agenda of all future Parish Council meetings. Any matters requiring attention will be promptly dealt with, as has been the case in the past, and duly minuted.

Virtual Meetings with Housing Associations

Unfortunately, Broadland Housing had been unable to produce a presentation at the virtual meeting due to apparent unforeseen technical difficulties which meant that no information was forthcoming. A written presentation was subsequently received. Saffron Housing attended the meeting and answered questions. It was agreed that the Chairman would request a similar written presentation from them to enable a full assessment to be made.

Response to the Consultation on the Government's Planning White Paper

Thanks were expressed by all to Mr. Rayner for his extensive work on this document. It is to be finalised with some small adjustments and then forwarded to the Clerk who will submit before the closing date of 29th October.

New Parking Area in Eastgate Street

The work on this project has been completed in accordance with the agreed specifications. In the absence of any comments to the contrary, it would appear that the local residents are content with the final outcome. It has been mentioned that a van has been taking up a lot of space. The owner had originally been given permission to use the Eastgate Centre car park whilst the work was being carried out.

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Flourish Federation Request

The Federation is seeking three new non-staff governors. Unfortunately, no members felt able to commit to these positions. The Clerk will advise the Vice Chair of Governors accordingly.

Planning Applications and Determinations

Applications

i) Dr. Baker and Ornelas Almaraz – proposed single storey side extension – Ragnells, 4 Elm Close (3PL/2020/1094/HOU) – no objection

Determinations

i) Icon Architectural - new parking bay with highway cross-over – 1 Pump Street (3PL/2020/1094/HOU) - approved

ii) Mr. Barry Johnson – retention of existing caravan for carer – Spong Hill Caravan 1, Dereham Road (3PL/2020/0875/F) – approved

iii) Cliff/Anne-Marie – single storey dry store extension – The Railway Arms, 40 Station Road (3PL/2020/0678/F) – approved

iv) Garrod Development Ltd – amended design for dwelling at Plot 3 – land rear of 36 Station Road (4 Beatie Gardens) – 3PL/2020/0820/F – approved.

Correspondence

Notification from Norfolk County Council of closure of Eastgate Street from 26th to 30th October, 2020 because of new electrical connection works.

Report from Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor)

As your local district councillor for Breckland. This time I should have been talking about What Breckland is up to, and how it is coping with the pandemic - actually quite well really.

The council did keep working throughout the pandemic and the lockdown, it has

also reverted now to bringing back some workers into the office. Social distancing is still hindering some contacts with individuals, so I commend you to use the generic departmental email addresses still, these are checked by my senior people several times each day.

Council meetings have continued throughout via Zoom or Microsoft Teams and that the basic work of both the council and the councillors has been and is still all going on.

The £30M the Council has paid out in grants to all sorts of business across Breckland. This is government money which Breckland was tasked to assess and grant to recipient businesses under a specific formula

The £10,000 -Breckland Council donated to food banks PLUS additional hardship grants to individuals. Breckland is aware that the most vulnerable in society did need special protection in this time.

The community self-help groups in all the towns and many villages collecting groceries and prescriptions etc for those locked in. And of course, the hundreds of those of you who picked up the phone or checked the neighbour, or even just gave a wave. This happened in your village as well as many others across the district

The fact that 99% of all bins were emptied on its due day, and that we are the only council in the area to do that. If you had one of the 1% or less that were missed I am sorry, I did have personally, but it was picked up the next day before I reported it, the lane had been blocked.

The fact that all the homeless and rough sleepers in the district were offered accommodation under special arrangements. With money laid aside for homeless people, we have now embarked on building specific homeless accommodation for 3 families and about 17 singles or couples in addition to our existing stocks.

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Businesses were supported in either their closure or their remaining open. Our future really depends on local small and large business continuing and People getting back to work

Breckland responded well too, not just the general problems of Covid-19, but also to the specific situation in Attleborough. Some of our officers are currently helping out in Gt Yarmouth - supporting the Norfolk community

The successful anti fly-tip and littering campaigns which has been the most successful ever in the whole area in recent times despite the lockdown.

The council has dealt with more planning applications during this period than we would have expected, and they are all being assessed and dealt with. We are now considering the planning consultations and white paper.

The 28 positive actions Breckland are considering regarding climate change. We are extremely fortunate to live in such an area, but your council are very aware of our responsibility for it and for all of our futures.

We are getting on track with some committees having actual meetings or hybrid meetings, (some attendees there and some online) most of which are live streamed on YouTube so that even more people are able to see what is being done on their behalf. The full Council, Planning, Scrutiny and Cabinet are probably of most interest and details are always on the website

If you have a problem which relates to Breckland Council I am available through the council website or directly.



**What do snowmen wear
on their heads?**

Ice caps

North Elmham Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 4th November (via Zoom)

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Also in attendance: Mr. K. Webb (Clerk)

Apologies for absence: None

Land Management Matters

Village Green: Work on the tree bordering Cedar Close and the Green is to be carried out at a cost of £780 (£650 plus £130 VAT). Mr. Phillips is to chase Norfolk Frames and Games to ensure that the slide is inspected. Mr. Smith is to check the state of the bin and shelter. The purchase of a replacement tree, a quercus palustris, 5m high with a girth of 20/30cm at a cost of £325 including VAT and delivery, is to proceed.

Cathedral Ruins: Hardy Landscape have cut the slopes with their remote controlled mower. Mrs. Keeble has arranged a walk round with Julian Duffield. Some tree pruning work is to be carried out by English Heritage.

Millennium Wood (and Jubilee Wood): The split oak tree is to be taken down. There will be no charge as the contractor is to keep the wood.

Allotments: All rents have been collected.

The Slimming World Consultant had asked for a banner to be displayed at the pavilion. All agreed that this request should be refused and apply to any future



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queries. It was recommended that the website, Elmham News and notice boards be utilised for advertising purposes.

Highway Matters

The road sign on Back Lane has been reinstated. No update has been received from Highways Department regarding the flooding in Eastgate Street. Police have spoken to the owners of vehicles which have been parked on the bend at the eastern end of Eastgate Street. As a result, their new parking positions are considered to be safer. A complaint has also been made regarding the parking of vehicles on the bend near the church. The PCC is to place a notice on the church railings. Comment has also been made in respect of the vision on the bend opposite the school. The hedge is overgrown and it is known that the house owner previously cut it. It was felt that no further action is required at this time.

Mr. Grainger reported that a complaint had been received in respect of Station Road which has been closed for three days. He stressed that the Parish Council plays no part whatsoever in the closing of roads. Norfolk County Council has responsibility for deciding which roads are to be closed and when. They then implement the policy they have decided upon.

It is worth mentioning for all interested parishioners that NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED OF ANOTHER ROAD CLOSURE. This will involve the B1145 Bawdeswell Road/The Street/Elmham Road in Billingford. THE ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM 23RD NOVEMBER TO 4TH DECEMBER FOR CARRIAGEWAY RESURFACING WORKS.

Highways are investigating the damaged verge in Cathedral Drive. No information has yet been received. They are still to inspect the problem near the pinch point in Holt Road.

Pavilion and Playing Field

There have been no payments forthcoming from any of the football teams using the field. North Elmham F.C. (seniors and juniors) wish to place a three feet square sign on the pavilion (on the side facing the pitch) and this has been agreed. It is disappointing that Ms. Ferris has received no response from Longham F.C. despite them having played another match. They have ignored all correspondence and no funds have been received for pitch hire. The Clerk will attempt to make contact.

The hedges will be cut in February. The mole man will be asked to make a visit and the new bench is due to arrive within the next six weeks. The cost of this has been negotiated down from £292 to £250 due to its late arrival. It appears that the supplier mislaid our order!

The Chairman is to write to Mr. Ballman, Chairman of North Elmham Cricket Club, to advise him that the season's invoice cannot be reduced again. The amount payable is £245.66 and this lower than usual amount reflects the shorter than normal season.

A Christmas tree, (12 foot spruce), is to be purchased from Mr. Saunders' plantation in Bilney at a cost of about £50. Some additional lights are also to be purchased.

Skate Ramp Area Bin

The new bin has been successfully installed. It appears that something has smashed into the bin on Back Lane. Darren Brown is to inspect it.

Youth Club Facilities

Mr. Fitzalan Howard has had a meeting with Michelle Bibby, a member of Norfolk's Youth Advisory Board. Youth are classed as young people aged 11 to 19 years. Her role is to champion the voice of youth in projects which are to their benefit and to help coordinate such projects. A number of key points have been made which

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can be summarised under the headings of proven engagement with the youth involved, mental health issues, funding, land availability and process. Consultation, bearing in mind Covid restrictions, is vital. A survey, to be published in Elmham News, is to be produced. A number of suggested items from initial meetings held at the Eastgate Centre include skate park, outside table tennis table, rugby H, basketball hoop, simple outside gym, pump track/BMX cycle track and simple foul weather shelters. Mr. Fitzalan Howard is also to visit other villages with existing good facilities.

Brookside Development Update

The S106 agreement has not yet been received.

Virtual Meetings with Housing Associations

It was agreed by all to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.

New Parking Area in Eastgate Street

There was a suggestion that the area of tarmac is not quite wide enough. It was confirmed that the maximum width has been obtained and it cannot be extended as the hedge belongs to the home owners. A van continues to take up a lot of the available space.

Risk Management – Considerations and Updates

Policies in respect of standing orders, financial regulations and general risk management have been reviewed and duly updated. Approval to this course of action was proposed by Mr. Labouchere and seconded by Mr. Phillips. The appropriate documentation has been placed on the website.

Budget for the year 2021/2022

Members were asked to advise requirements in respect of areas of responsibility in readiness for the next meeting. Items mentioned included

refurbishment of the pavilion car park, new notice boards and youth facilities. A further discussion is to be held at the next meeting in December with the matter to be finalised at the January meeting. Our Precept documentation has to be submitted by 31st January, 2021. The tax base has increased from 474.8 to 484.0.

Parish Partnership Applications

There are three approved applications which are due to be actioned this year. It was agreed by all that, in the circumstances, no applications would be submitted for the following year.

Website

The update on accessibility rules requirements has been given by the providers of the website and this information has been sent on to our webmasters who have confirmed that they will take the necessary action.

Planning Applications and Determinations

Applications

- (i) Mr. C. Pittom – two single storey rear extensions – Well Cottage, Broom Green (3PL/2020/1107/HOU) – no objections
- (ii) Garrod Developments Ltd – single storey rear extension – 36 Station Road (3PL/2020/1122/HOU) – no objections

Determinations

None.

Breckland Council has asked for photographs to be taken of the widening gap in the hedge where the Billingford Road ends, (reference ENF/344/20/PAR), east of the Worthing junction. Mr. Rayner offered to provide these.

Correspondence

- i) Queries have been received from two parishioners living in the Orchard Close area. The general view is that, if the right

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ii) Concerns have been expressed about a van taking up a sizeable portion of the space in the new parking area in Eastgate Street. Hopefully this matter can be resolved in the not too distant future.

iii) A request was received (prior to second lockdown) to use part of the village green as an occasional "twin group" – a stay and play for families with multiples. Agreement was given, in principle, subject to receiving a risk assessment completed in accordance with Government guidelines.

Parish Council Meetings Public Participation

North Elmham Parish Council continues to hold its meetings virtually via Zoom. If anyone wishes to virtually attend meetings, please contact the Chair Jennie Borgnis on 668 952 or the Clerk at northelmhampc@hotmail.co.uk for details.

The December meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd and the January Meeting on Wednesday 6th.

Knit and Natter

As I begin to write this article for the news letter, we are now heading towards our second lockdown situation and all my hopes of getting the North Elmham Knit and Natter group together once more, are again put on the back burner. This month we would have been, unbelievably, celebrating our eighth birthday. We began our Tuesday monthly meetings in the Pavilion. Jimmy Brown held the keys in those days and I had strict instructions to post the keys back to him at the end of each afternoon. With nothing but donated wool and our own knitting needles, simple patterns and variable skills, we

soon became an enthusiastic band of do gooders, knitting for charities, care homes, schools and hospitals. Linda Brown was just beginning to organise the Norfolk Knitters and gave us great support, which was much appreciated.

Within a couple of months of starting up the group, I had an emotional and surprising moment, when I was presented, at the Teapost Quiz Night, with £100. This gave us a tremendous financial start. Since then we ourselves, have been able to donate over £1,000 to needy causes and, of course, many many bin bags of lovely knitted or crocheted items have been given where they were most useful.

Our days at the Pavilion came to an end when the group expressed a wish to support the Teapost, and so we moved into the cosy, warm and friendly atmosphere of the coffee shop, and thus becoming more integrated into the village.

Our numbers have grown and we now have 18 regular knitters plus several others who, for one reason or another, knit at home, but I still collect their items and provide wool, patterns etc., if they make a request. Sadly some of our members have passed on over the years, but I'm sure they are sitting on a cloud somewhere, knitting angel wings, nattering away with all the enthusiasm that they had shown when they were with us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a group of the ladies who have attended almost every meeting, and have given me so much support over the eight years. Thank you for putting up with my bossy ways, without you the group would not have been the success it has been. I'm now looking forward to the day when we will be back together in the Teapost, and enjoying the company, noisy though it is, till then, stay safe and keep knitting!!

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The Magic House

The little girl stood in front of the Christmas tree in amazement. It was a very tall tree being decorated with paper lanterns, glass baubles and candles in metal clip-on holders. These, she knew would be lit when her daddy came home from Home Guard duties. She was allowed to put the silver lametta on the tree to complete the decoration.

Except for one thing... where was the little glass house? She looked up and down the tree but she was too small to see more than halfway. Standing on a chair and looking up there she saw it, the little glass house tucked up against the trunk of this enormous tree. Yes it was there, the magic house. She balanced on the chair and felt like a statue. The coal fire crackled and crunched in the fireplace and the opening bars of Roger Quilters music for the dramatization of "The Box Delights" came from the wireless. She felt so excited at this Christmas time and as she stared at the little house she gently turned it round so she could see the other side. Yes, she thought this is a magic house.

The little girl's daddy came home from Home Guard duty. There had been no night-time raids for a few days now, and none were expected. She looked again at the little house and jumped off the chair.

The music had finished but she didn't wait to hear the story as it was time for tea....

Then came the time for everything to be packed away ready for next time.

Soon the little glass house, the magic house, will be taken from its box and will be hung on the Christmas tree and all the excitement of Christmas will come again, but where is the little girl?

Anon

Cystic Fibrosis

Hello... I hope you are all keeping safe in this awful situation that we have all found ourselves in. We will get through this and come out the otherwise and we will be much stronger for it!

I was absolutely gutted that I had to cancel my Easter Bingo at such short notice. I was all prepared with my prizes, including Easter eggs! but the health of all of you and my helpers had to be my main priority so I had no choice but to cancel. I really thought that I would have been able to have a Christmas Bingo but of course we still have the virus and we have now gone into lockdown for another month so that isn't going to happen either, but I can assure you all that the minute restrictions are lifted and events can happen again, I will have either a Christmas or Easter Bingo as soon as I am able – I may only see you twice a year but I missed all my friends and bingo regulars!

There is however some good news to report. The Cystic Fibrosis Trust have been working for many years to find new drugs for CF sufferers and I am so pleased to say that they haven't just got one drug, but they have 2 – Orkambi and Kaftrio. Kaftrio is suitable for 90% of CF sufferers with my cousin, Sharon, being one of them.

In a message to me she said, "I get the new CF drug this weekend and that

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is down to you and I will be eternally grateful". Well it isn't just down to me it is EVERYBODY who has been to either a Bingo, the Christmas Tree Festival, had a go on a tombola, been to a Fashion Show, bought a quiz sheet etc, all the £'s have mounted up and this is the result, so from the bottom of my heart than you to each and every one of you for your support over the last 20 years in helping me raise £58,382, I am not going to stop yet, so keep your eyes peeled for details of my events when I am able.

When I asked my cousin how she felt on the new drug her reply was "I feel like a new woman". All the hours of fundraising have been worth every single second for her to say that. It was what I set out to do 20 years ago and I have achieved my goal, with your help.

If any of you used to like going to the Fakenham Christmas Tree Festival, this is happening on-line this year. They have set up a dedicated website for this and you have the opportunity to donate to the individual charities taking part if you want, the event will be running from 26 November until 3rd December. The website is www.christmastreefestival.co.uk. They will be featuring videos from some of the Charities taking part (you should visit the website when it all goes live, if only to laugh at my video!) and there will also be competitions too. They are also going to be live streaming a Church service on the Sunday morning. We know that for a lot of people the Christmas Tree Festival is the start of the run up to Christmas and I am grateful to the Tree Festival Team for finding an alternative for this year so that the festival can be run and that the charities can still take part.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and keep safe and I will hopefully see you all at some point in 2021.

Sharon

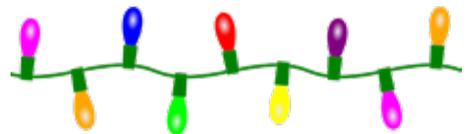
As many of you know I was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at the age of just 6 weeks. Over the years I have taken more tablets and medication than I care to count but I am now taking a new drug which I am SO pleased to be taking and something that I never thought would happen, it is called Kaftrio. This is the new CF drug which is going to increase my lung function by between 10% and 20%. I am going to be able to breath like you all now!

The research into this drug has only been possible due to the £100,000's of fundraising which has been happening over the last few years. As you know my cousin Sharon organises Bingos in the Memorial Institute Hall twice a year and I would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who has supported these events. I have the new CF drug because of YOU and I cannot thank you enough, you have changed my life forever.

I am sure the CF Trust will continue their research for many more years to come and with your support this will be able to continue.

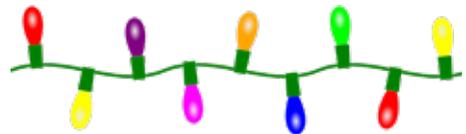
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Donna xx



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Remembrance Sunday 2020

In years to come, when we are watching game shows on the TV and the question is asked 'What happened in 2020?' we'll all be shouting we lived through a pandemic and it was awful!

The Remembrance service at church was different. Until a week or so ago, it was to be held inside the church with a very limited congregation of about twenty people.

Then came another lockdown. It was felt by the powers that be that we wanted and needed some kind of religious service to remember those brave young men and women who lost their lives in war time coming from our local communities.

Sadly, we weren't a Thankful Village where everyone came home. In World War I, thirty six men and one woman lost their lives from Elmham, and in World War II, nine young men also never returned to the safety of their families.



So, we had a brief and meaningful service outside in the churchyard near the south porch.

Bryan Tidnam, Chairman of the Elmham branch of the British Legion and Jennie Borgnis, Chairman of the Parish Council, laid wreaths on the grass next to the wooden crosses.

Tom Fitzalan-Howard read the names out of those who died in service during the two World Wars.

Paul Frostwick-Wilson was the bugler and Michael Newey took the short service.

From someone who was there... it was a lovely autumnal morning with a simple poignant service. Thank you.

Janet Woodhouse

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Rubbish

Who thinks it is acceptable to leave rubbish in our village? The photos show fly tipping in the lay-by on Back Lane. It is possibly somebody from outside the village but if it is a resident, then shame on you!

A second incident of rubbish being dumped occurred in the dog bin on Oak Avenue, somebody stuffed the dog bin full with cardboard and dog owners continued to deposit bags of poo on top of the cardboard with the lid of the bin open. Not pleasant for anyone passing by! This was more likely to be residents!

If you see a dog waste bin overflowing, please contact the Parish Council who will in turn arrange for it to be emptied. Don't just continue to deposit bags of poo. There are other bins to use. Please consider other people.

Caroline Payne

Facilities for Young People

We are fortunate in North Elmham that we have considerable social facilities that include three venues for public functions and meetings (The Memorial Hall, the Eastgate Centre and the Sports Pavilion). In addition, there are many clubs and groups for individuals to join and these cater for most ages, but few are for teenagers. The outside and sporting facilities are also extensive and include: tennis courts, bowling greens, children's playground, the Village Green, a sports ground with space for a cricket and football pitch a skate ramp and kick wall. Open spaces include a good network of public footpaths, two woods and several meadows all with public access. The one thing that is lacking are outside facilities for individual teenage children. The Parish Council believes that if there is enough support from within the parish and sufficient funds can be raised then a programme to supply suitable activities

would start. There is some community funding available both at county and district level but the support, of the village and particularly the youths themselves must be proven to be evident to secure public funding. A small sample of children in small groups have been asked for their views and were enthusiastic in their support. In normal times the next stage would be a village meeting to expand on the proposals and assess the level of support. This has not been possible due to the Covid-19 pandemic and so a survey will be developed and will go out with the February issue of The Elmham News. This will be distributed to all households and allow parents and individual children to make their suggestions on what facilities they would like to be considered.

Please complete this when it arrives - the more who do the greater the chance we have of getting public funding. Thank you.

Tom Fitzalan Howard



The Fire Mark on The Tea Post

Some of you may have noticed that there is a Norwich Union fire mark on the wall of the Tea Post. Fire marks were issued by the insurance companies to show which buildings were insured by them.

This particular fire mark is however not all that it appears to be.

Back in 1997 or thereabouts, Alan Wise, who was the postmaster then took quite a bit of interest in them and bought a book on the subject so that he could learn a little bit more about them. One day, whilst in conversation with him, he remarked that he was rather concerned that the mark might get stolen because, then as now, they had been quite collectable and were worth a fair bit of money.

He wondered whether it would be possible to make a replica of the mark and keep the real one in a safe place out of temptations way.

At that time, one of the facets of the work I did was, lost wax casting and I suggested that we could make a silicone mould of the original and that it might just stand the temperature of molten lead.

The original was carefully removed and a mould made, we melted a load of old scrap lead and carefully poured it into the mould. The silicone held out just enough for us to get a good casting. Alan then painted this, and it was fitted up on the wall.

I had the original re-painted and gilded by the chap that I worked with, who was a professional sign writer and Alan had it framed and then hung up in his living room.

It was agreed that as the mark really belonged to the house, it should remain with the property should it be sold. Sadly, this does not seem to have happened and there is no longer any trace of it.

Tony Hall who did a regular cartoon in the EDP did one featuring the mark and it is reproduced opposite, as printed in the EDP June 1997, with his kind permission.

So, if anyone sees a fire mark with this number you know where it came from.

George Keeble

Tony Hall

Tony created cartoons for the EDP for nearly 40 years, usually three a week. These were drawn in pen and ink and as Tony never learnt to drive a car, he would personally deliver these to the EDP office on his motorbike from his home near Aylsham. Apart from being a talented artist, Tony is one of the foremost squeezebox players in the UK. He has played with many well known musicians and can still be found in folk clubs or with his group, the Von Krapp family. He has recorded his own cds/lps and appeared as guest artist on many recordings by the likes of Nic Jones, Maddy Prior etc.

Tony Langford



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Christmas Blessing

Hope you had a lovely Christmas, didn't stay up far too late,

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Hope the Christmas pudding was really to your taste,

That you enjoyed the Christmas cake, iced and topped with almond paste.

While you were celebrating, did you stop to think of those alone

By force of circumstances, their loved ones having flown?

But it need not be all doom and gloom, to more than make amends

At this time we all appreciate the blessings of good friends.

Written by Rosa Riley in 1979, a resident of Elmham for years, now very sadly gone



Why was the turkey in the pop group?

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Gardening Club

I was thinking about Christmas traditions and what plants/shrubs are seen in most family houses. The most popular today are holly, ivy, poinsettia, Christmas rose, mistletoe, Christmas cactus and pine trees.

In the past the quintessential herb, Rosemary was the most classic as the Christmas tree is today. It goes back to the middle ages when people covered their floors on Christmas Eve with rosemary and walking over it they believed the scent would bring good health and happiness throughout the coming year, Starting a tradition that we continue today not by walking over it but by adding it to wreaths, tabletop decorations and festive swags .

The holly also has a history going back to the Druids were they believed it to be a sacred plant with magical powers to its red berries and prickly thorns. Holly was a symbol of eternal life and fertility and they believed that hanging the plants in homes would bring good luck and protection, Christians continued the holly tradition from Druid, Celtic and Roman traditions changing its symbolism to reflect Christian beliefs. Today, holly is symbolic of Jesus in two ways, its red berries represent the blood and the sharp pointed leaves refer to the crown that Jesus wore on the cross.

Suggestions of a few scented plants and shrubs for the winter garden

Daphne - there are up to 70 varieties of this shrub nearly all evergreen which has fragrant flowers in a choice of colours and blooms in winter and early spring.

Witch Hazel is grown for its wiry flowers it bears along the branches before its leaves appear. Not all have a scent but one that has a strong scent is Vesna with rich orange flowers.

Miniature Iris are a small delicate bulb and flower that makes them so great for pots and containers for your windowsills and as a welcome pot near your front door.

Sarcococca or known as Sweet Box is well named. Its intense fragrance can be detected from across the garden, it produces tiny creamy flowers in winter followed by shiny black berries.

Honeysuckle (Winter Beauty) This will bring a scent of lemons to your garden throughout the colder season as well as creamy white flowers, it is tough and withstand most soils.

Viola Odorata (Christmas) appropriately named and one of my favourites, a violet that produces sweet highly scented aroma from white flowers from such a small unassuming plant ready for the festive season.

Can I take this opportunity to wish members and all of you the best Christmas and New Year we can have in these difficult and troubled times, And hopefully next year will see life getting back to normal and enjoying ALL clubs and gatherings taking place.

Take care.

Ray

June Martin

We are sad to have learned of the recent passing of June Evelyn Dorothy Martin who died on 7th November aged 87. Nurse Martin was a Community midwife for Dereham and Fakenham. She loved her horse and donkeys and her visits to the Tea Post. She could always regale you with the most wonderful tales of delivering babies.

Wives Plus All

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Wildlife at the Cathedral Meadows



I love this time of year when the autumn mists and early frosts give the scenery a magical feel and the leaves take on a fresh new colour palette. The Sycamore leaf shown here (photo1) shows the full spectrum of green, yellow and orange all in one leaf but I took the photo not for its colours but for the dark ring-like patterns on the leaf. These rings are caused by a fungus (*Cristulariella depraedans*), a species I was looking out for after I'd been tipped off by a friend that this was a good time of year to find it.



It's not the best time of year for moths or other insects but there are still quite a few different species on the wing on mild nights, like the Scarce Umber (photo 2) and the December Moth (photo 3). The latter is always a favourite among moth people, a smart moth with furry legs and head and big feathered antennae. Despite its name it starts flying in late October and peaks in November, with just a few late stragglers still flying in December.



The Snipe is a beautiful stripey wading bird with a very long straight bill. You can sometimes see them in the marshier bits of the valley in wintertime or on migration,

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but they are hard to spot on the ground. One day as I was walking round the meadows, I saw a Marsh Harrier hunting over the valley. As if that wasn't good enough in itself, it flushed a flock of Snipe that I hadn't seen until then. As I watched the Snipe flying away from the harrier, I realised there was a smaller, shorter-billed bird among them, and this proved to be a Jack Snipe. Jack Snipe is a considerably rarer species that's even harder to see than the common Snipe, so this turned out to be quite an exciting few minutes.

As a teenager growing up in west Kent, I used to watch birds at a local reservoir. One day I heard that a Little Egret had been found there, then a very rare bird in Britain. Having failed to persuade my mother to give me a lift there I got on my bike and cycled as fast as I could, knocking ten minutes off my usual journey time. I still remember my elation when I clapped eyes on this rare white heron. It turned out to be the first in an unprecedented influx of the species into the UK, and after this they quickly colonised and have now become so common here that many birdwatchers barely give them a second look. I regularly see them flying over the meadows and it's easy to forget the excitement that my first one caused a little over 30 years ago. There are two other species of egret that are following a similar pattern now, though they are a few years behind. Until recently Great White Egrets and Cattle Egrets were very rare visitors to the UK, but numbers have gradually increased and now both are breeding at a few locations in the UK including, in the last year or two, at Holkham in Norfolk. They are still pretty scarce in the Wensum Valley though, so I was pleased to see a Great White Egret (top photo) flying over the meadows this month. I think it will only be a matter of time before we get our first record of Cattle Egret here too – maybe it will be



among the cattle on the neighbouring farmland, or even among the sheep on the meadows themselves.

Why not come along to the meadows yourself and see what you can find. Let us know what you see: email dave@googlemail.com or phone 668431. You can also follow us on Twitter at @ElmhamMeadows or see our recent tweets on the Parish Council website (www.elmham.org.uk/cathedral-meadows/).

Dave Appleton



**Why was the snowman
looking through
the carrots?**

He was picking his nose



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The Virtues of Vices

I very much enjoyed Janet Woodhouse's piece on her hand me down bread knife in November's issue. In it she posed the question do any of us still use things that are over a hundred years old and whilst for me a particular item, my grandfather's post-vice sprang instantly to mind, now I've had a chance to think about it (and a root about in my workshop) being a century old is certainly not exclusive to the vice. Granted the vice may be as much as 200 or more years old and without a makers mark it's difficult to date exactly but I can say with certainty it's easily the oldest tool I use.

That vice was made in a very different time. When it was cast and forged, it was an undertaking for skilled craftsmen and whoever first purchased it from his local ironmonger was likely concerned with the reliability of the tool. Being built to last, is a virtue that was likely a selling point and indeed in my lifetime I can still remember things being advertised on the basis of their long-lasting functionality and reliability. When things are made well, with good materials, and thoughtful design they can endure decades, or even centuries of use and still perform their function. How sad is it then, that in our age of supposed technological enlightenment, many of us carry in our pockets absurdly expensive devices that are designed, carefully and intentionally by their manufacturer to fail, and when they do fail are extraordinarily hard to repair.

This planned obsolescence business model, which forces you to continue buying new products regularly, guarantees a revenue stream for the company in question at the expense of the consumer. This model of value engineering, that being engineering a product to be as cheap as humanly possible to produce without thought to the life of the product is everywhere these days. Many of you would be amazed I'm sure if you tore

open the power tools or kitchen mixer you paid good money for and saw just how much nylon is inside the gearbox. It seems that our modern tools are doomed to fail. The batteries will cease to hold a charge, the power regulators will burn out or the gearbox will grind smooth and cease to function. We'll buy new ones because we have to and have done with it. I may not be able to leave tools like this to my children, but I'm fairly sure that with care, and a regular wipe with oil, someday that vice will have belonged to somebody else's grandfather.

Matt Carding-Woods

Christmas Poem

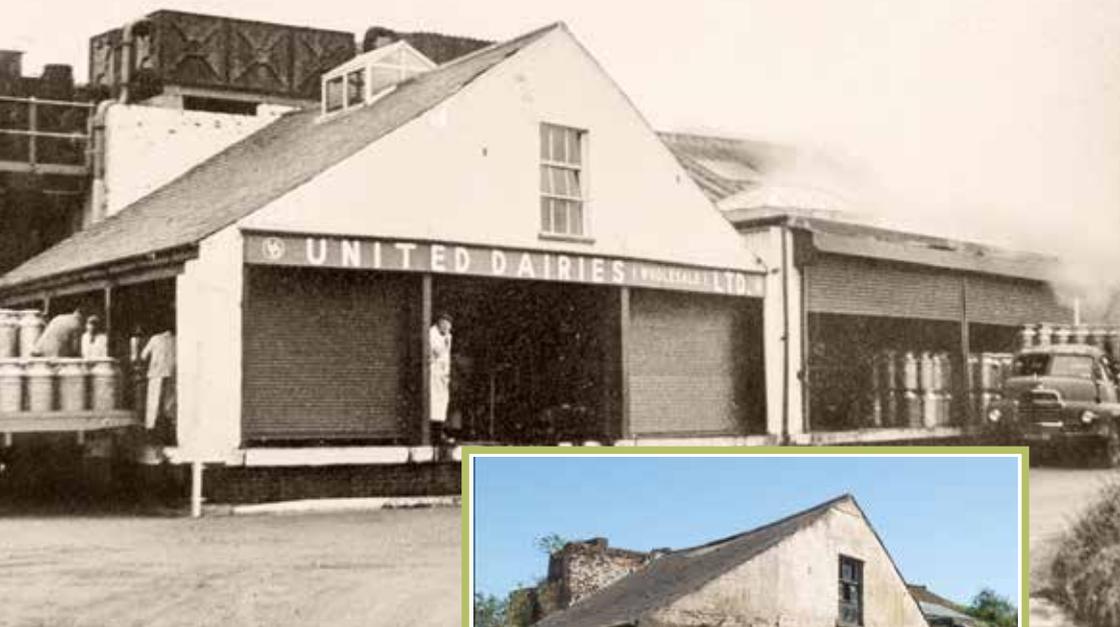
We saw this years ago in the newspaper but sadly we did not record the writer. Please forgive us if you know the poem or the author.

This arternune I drewed along ter our ole village scule:

Tha's sevrul year ago since I wer there
An bor,tha's wholly changed, that hev –
that med me feel a fule:
I felt right lorst at fust, I dew declare.

I felt right low.....then dew yew know, they
all began ter sing,
An I looked up, an there them
children stood,
An how they sung, newcomers tew !
Why bor, they fared ter bring
Real Christmas peace n love. That done
me good...

Glad tidin's o' great joy'... tha's suffin we
don't orfen hear
When news come in from everywhere
each day.
Yet I believe, at Christmas, as another year
draw near,
A little child can bring that joy our way...



Where Did The Milk Go To?

Those of us who have lived here for a long time and can remember what the village was like in the 1930's and up to the 1950's comparing it with the village today, will say it is very different. We understand that nothing stands still and Elmham now is very different to what it was nearly a hundred years ago.

Every community in a rural area had to have the usual businesses for day to day living as well as such people as blacksmiths, thatchers, carpenters, builders, and farm workers. Naturally there were other jobs too – sometime we will list jobs that we have found on the Census returns which today have long gone.

But Elmham was very lucky to have another source of employment. This was the railway with a station at either end of the village. There can't have been many other villages in the country with two stations.



Elmham Station opened in 1857, and in 1872 the name changed slightly to North Elmham Station. In the late 1870's/early 1880's, a school was built at County School as we know it now, on top of a hill overlooking the Wensum valley. This was a school for gentleman farmers' sons; however the whole venture didn't take off and the school was closed in the late 1890's. By then, County School Station, had been built in 1886 to serve the school. A few years later the school was acquired by Dr Barnados as a home for boys, many of them later to join the Royal Navy or Merchant Navy. Unlike Elmham Station, County School was a rural junction station with a branch going off at Broom Green to Wroxham.

North Elmham station was a busy hub of rural activity. The station itself had a workforce of nearly twenty people. In the early 1900's live animals were corralled in pens on the land behind the station, ready to be transported to other parts of the country by rail. Coal was brought to the station and left in piles for the local coal man to collect. Fresh fish was brought here, and also dead fish were brought to be used as fertiliser for the land, the smell must have been very ripe! Being a rural area, sugar beet was taken to the station and unloaded, and loaded onto rail wagons to go off to be processed at sugar beet factories. Finally, all the milk from local farms was collected by lorry (look at the November Elmham News for the haulage businesses who collected the milk).

Now very few farms around here have large dairy herds but a century ago every farm, large or small had a herd of milking cows. At the end of every farm drive, there was a stand the same height as the base of a lorry for the milk churns to stand on waiting for collection.

During last winter, Graham Hallett from Gloucester contacted the village website asking for information about the dairy at the end of Eastgate Street and what did we know about it. Sue and Ivan Ball who manage the website got in touch with the Archive Group and we were able to let him have photographs and what memories we have of the United Dairies. Graham Hallett was writing a piece for the Great Eastern Journal which was published in July. He has given us permission to crib from his article.

Bringing Home The Milk

Come the first World War the distribution and processing of milk was put in danger as men and horses were called up for the war effort.

Wilts United Dairy, the Metropolitan and Great Western Dairy and the dairy Supply Company all merged in the latter

days of the war to form 'United Dairies. This ensured the continuance of their companies through to the end of the conflict. The company expanded and in the late 1920's the group helped pioneer the sale of pasteurised milk. Milk being a very degradable product needed rapid transportation from the farm to the dairies and distribution points. The railways produced specialist vehicles to ensure milk stayed fresh during transportation by rail and these to express passenger timings. Buying up dairies nationwide, by the mid 1940's United Dairies controlled 80% of the London market.

During the tenure of Station Master W. J. Hood, in 1927, 32,299 churns totalling 512,247.5 gallons of milk was despatched from the station. When Mr Albert Kingsbury took up the station master's post in March 1931, the dairy employed a staff of 20 and Mr D. Abram collected milk for the factory from local farms.

At this time, milk was transported from farm to dairy in churns, but 10-12 gallon cylindrical churns were introduced in the 1930's, making handling and stacking an easier operation.

After this, milk was transported in the standard six-wheeled tank wagons. The L.N.E.R. calculated that one 3,000 milk tank would hold the equivalent of 285 milk churns and provide enough milk for 35,000 people.

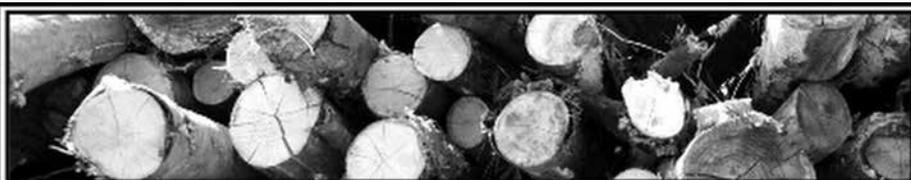
Mickleover Transport – a company acquired by United Dairies in 1922 – collected milk locally and maintained a garage in the village. In about 1952 Mickleover bought two road tank trailers and began to transport milk by road. One tank was based at North Elmham and the other at Halesworth. Some North Elmham milk was then taken by road to Ilford and some to Howard's dairies at Southend. Milk tanks were positioned in the station area by horses, ready for despatch.

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Prior to 1955 the 3.07pm. passenger train from Wells called at North Elmham to collect up to five tanks. This train was allowed six minutes at North Elmham departing at 3.54pm. The tanks were detached at Wensum at 4.58pm and collected by the 5.55pm Norwich Thorpe – Channelsea milk train arriving at Channelsea (Stratford) at 10.35pm, destined for the United Dairies bottling plant at Ilford. Empty tanks were returned on the 7.09am Norwich to Wells passenger train.

On Sundays, milk empties were attached to a van train which left Norwich at 3.05pm and arrived at North Elmham at 4.05pm. As there was no Sunday passenger service from Wells on that day full tanks left at 4.30pm as part of a milk and parcels train to Norwich arriving at Thorpe at 5.50pm. The milk and parcels then went on the 6.40pm mil and parcels to Channelsea arriving at 11.40pm.

Sunday trains can be easily distinguished in photographs as, in addition to the full brake and the tanks, a passenger coach, often a brake second, was included as the train ran as a passenger train from Dereham to Norwich.

In September 1955 new Diesel Multiple Units began operating on the Norwich – Wells service. The DMUs were not geared to haul heavy loads so a separate train left Norwich at 1.26 pm returning empty tanks. Sometimes the locomotive turned on the Dereham triangle before continuing to North Elmham. Loaded tanks were returned at 3.22pm, spending half an hour in the bay at Wymondham, then reaching Trowse at 5.21pm.

North Elmham Dairy closed in October 1963; the buildings subsequently being used for industrial purposes.

Does anyone have any memories of working at the dairy or the station? Please let us know.

Janet Woodhouse

Village Butcher Passes Away



David Lawrence Sinclair, 84, passed away at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on Friday 13th November 2020.

David had lived in North Elmham for most of his life, with his dearest wife Janet (who passed in 1999). They had three children Graham, Alyson and Stuart.

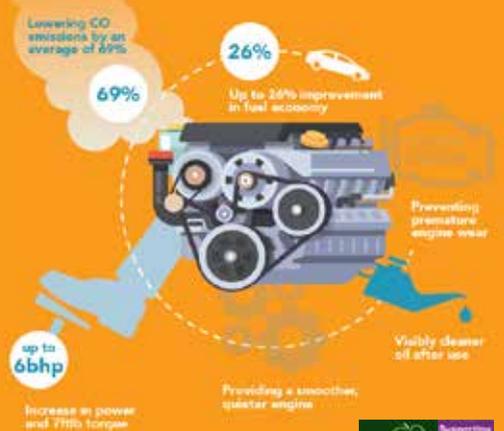
David ran the village Butcher's shop on Holt Road from approx 1971 till 1987, and his wife Janet ran the Hair Salon next door with daughter Alyson as stylist, right up until Janet sadly died in 1999.

David was lucky to find further companionship with Mrs Mary Shales from the village, also widowed. Their wonderful partnership lasted for 20 years until Mary sadly died in September this year.

David was a kind and characteristic man, who will be greatly missed by his family and friends. RIP David.

Due to current COVID restrictions, his funeral will be a closed, private affair, however his request was for donations to North Elmham Surgery who served him and his family so well during their long time in the village. Donations can be made via Emma Duggan at Fakenham & District Funeral services 01328 838838.

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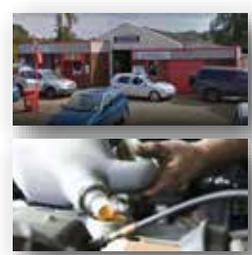
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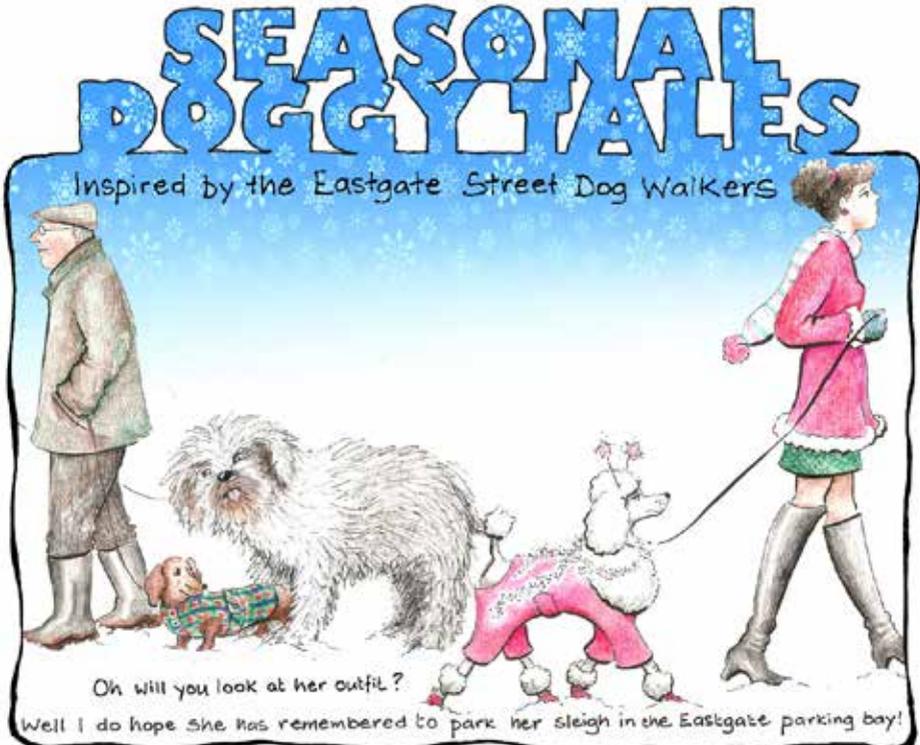
can't get to a bank the fraudster may arrange for a taxi to collect the victim and take them to the bank. All of these scenarios are scams designed to con vulnerable members of our society out of hard earned savings, sometimes several thousand pounds!

Please remember that the police will NEVER call and ask for your bank account details, bank card or credit card details or ask you to withdraw cash to hand over to couriers. **If you get a call like this hang up and report it to Police. Ring 101.**



How will Christmas dinner be different after Brexit?

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School News

Last half term we supported the charity Jeans for Genes and we collected £46.40.

We continue with our 'Enrichment Surprises' every week. This is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to see their other school in our Flourish Federation. By the magic of Zoom, they are able to enjoy a story and accompanying activity from a different teacher each week.

Last week they enjoyed The Dot. This story showcases the tale of a caring teacher who invites a doubting student to trust in her own abilities, inviting and encouraging her to be brave enough to "make her mark." The student begrudgingly rises to the challenge and a small dot on a piece of paper becomes a breakthrough.

After reading the story our All Saints Teacher explained how artwork is hidden within the marks we make.

Teachers were then asked to play this piece of music - Pirates of the Caribbean (Auckland Symphony Orchestra) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zTc2hD2npA> and whilst listening have their children make marks on their page to match the tempo by taking their pencil for a walk. Children look at the marks they had created and the different pictures within that. Our children love this weekly event. It was so pleasing to see many were still doodling their pictures during lunchtime!

Our FONES committee provided a covid friendly competition designing a pumpkin. Well done to all of the competition winners!

This half term each class has reflected on Remembrance Day and raised money for Children in Need. We joined in the live workout supporting Joe Wicks' with his 24 hour workout challenge!

We are really enjoying our outdoor learning activities. Children from Sheep and Whales classes spend half a day each week learning outside in our new 'Welly Day' area on the field. They have been fascinated by the wildlife and are keen to take care of the frogs and minibeasts found there. Children work together to build structures, complete challenges and create. It encourages them to build resilience and become excellent problem solvers whilst reinforcing learning from the classroom. We are still developing this space with the children. If anybody is able to offer us materials to add then we would be very grateful. Items we could use include tree stumps, cable reels and wooden pallets.

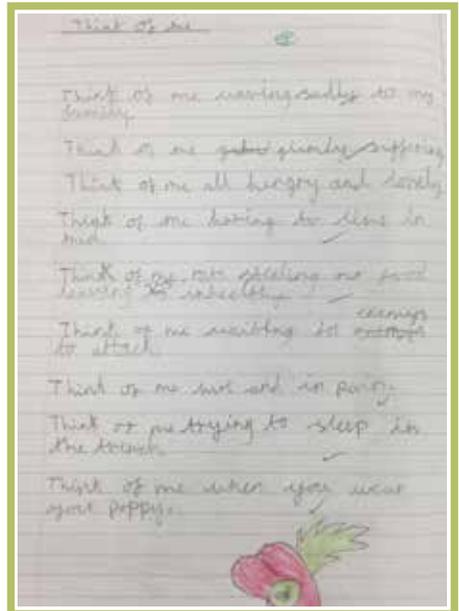
We have a new catering provider called Chartwells and our pupils are enjoying a healthy home cooked menu made with fresh ingredients. Even the pizza dough is made by hand.

We have welcomed some new families to our school this term and should you wish to make an enquiry for a place with us please see our school website or contact our office.

Reception and Year 1 have been busy little Sheep since our last newsletter! They are developing some really strong bonds as a class and are becoming so confident and independent in school. We have also been doing some fantastic learning, and introducing the children to lots of new subjects. In geography, we've been on walks around the school to map the school environment and we used our science learning about our senses to make observations of what we could see, hear, smell and feel as we went! In history, we developed timelines of our growth since we were a baby, and in RE we have begun to develop our understanding of what 'belief' means. We have also been very creative! We've made Autumn nest boxes for our handmade clay hedgehogs, drawn self-portraits, made our own

playdough, painted Autumnal trees, made forest creatures with pinecones and other natural materials, done some leaf-rubbings, explored different percussion instruments, and made Remembrance Day poppy suncatchers (to name but a few!). We're also very pleased to report that the children have made great strides in developing their early reading, writing and maths skills. The class loves their independent reading time, and they all have a special 'Reading Pet' (a small teddy) to read with every day. We're so proud of all they have achieved in our little class 'bubble' so far this year!

In Whales Class, We have been learning about why the Roman army was so successful and the countries they conquered. We also learnt about the significance of the printing on a Roman shield & Roman formations; such as The Tortoise and The Wedge and some Latin commands the Roman soldiers would use. We had great fun putting all of the learning into practise! In Art, we have been creating tessellation patterns & our very own block prints. We conducted



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an investigation over time in Science to see what would happen to plants in certain conditions; we loved checking and recording our results!

For Remembrance Day, we learnt about life in the trenches and shared a poem called 'Think of Me' the children then wrote their own versions. We also created some beautiful poppy art using guided painting and added beautiful silhouettes to our creations.

A massive well done to all of the children who are 'Responsible Readers'. They read every night for 10 minutes to a teddy, pet or grown up and it has already had a great impact on our children's confidence with reading!

Lions Class welcomed a new teaching assistant this month, Mr Hands.

We are thoroughly enjoying our Science unit of Earth & Space and we have this theme running through our English

lessons. The children have written some fantastic sci-fi stories and are now currently writing some space reports. In a Science lesson recently we used Oreos to show the phases of the moon!

The children always like to learn about Remembrance Day and this year we entered a competition for the RAF Museums to design our own poppies - hopefully some of ours we be chosen to be used in their virtual display on their website: <https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/london/>



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Christmas Quiz

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2. What year was the first commercial Christmas card printed?
3. What is the bestselling Christmas song?
4. Which group of people “banned” Christmas in the mid 1600’s?
5. What was stolen on Christmas Day 1950 ?
6. Can you name the seven Dwarves?
7. Who first introduced us to the jolly red Santa Claus in an advert?
8. Where does the tradition of making Gingerbread houses come from?
9. In what year was Dickens’ Christmas Carol published?
10. What Christmas food is made from “marsh-whorls”?
11. Christmas Island is in which Ocean?
12. Who wrote” it was always winter but never Christmas”?
13. What is still the most watched Christmas movie?
14. When do the Twelve Days of Christmas traditionally finish?
15. Which King delivered his first Christmas Broadcast in 1932?
16. What is “Stollen” and where does it originate?
17. If you were born on Christmas Day, what is your star sign?
18. Bethlehem is a tiny village in which country?
19. How many ladies were dancing in the “Twelve Days of Christmas”?
20. Spike Jones wrote “All I want for Christmas iswhat?

Answers
1. Tom Smith in mid 1800's, 2. 1843, 3. White Christmas, 4. The Puritans, 5. The Stone of Destiny from Westminster Abbey, 6. Doc Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, Dopey, Bashful and Sneezy, 7. Coca Cola, 8. Germany, 9. 1843, 10. Cranberry sauce, 11. Indian, 12. C S Lewis in the Narnia tales, 13. Wonderful Life, 14. January 5th, 15. George V, 16. Christmas fruit cake from Germany, 17. Capricorn, 18. Wales, 19. Nine, 20. "my two front teeth"

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If the vaccine passes the final stages of safety checks and regulatory approval is granted, we are told that up to 10 million people could be vaccinated before Christmas. This is, as described by one commentator, "a great day for science and humanity".

There can be no doubt that the last eight months since the virus took hold in March have been challenging for all of us as we have seen restrictions on our lives never experienced before. For some the burden has been intensified as they have lost loved ones, experienced mental ill health problems and lost livelihoods. We need more than ever to be kind and forbearing with one another as the nation charts the way forward that we all yearn for.

As Christmas approaches it is too early to know if we will be able to gather once more in our churches as or even in our homes as wider families. The lockdown has caused many of us to re-evaluate what we consider to be important in our lives and for many people it is the value that we

place on relationships and community that has come to the forefront.

At the heart of the Christmas message is the fact that God wants a relationship with each of us, so much so that he became one of us. This eternal truth is not overshadowed by our current challenges, rather, it is seen in an even more vivid perspective. The God who was prepared to be born in such circumstances as Jesus was is surely the God who is with us now.

May we all be forbearing with one another as we celebrate this and look forward to a better year ahead.

With every Blessing.

Fr Christopher

More 2 Life Christian Fellowship

We're hurtling it seems towards the end of another year. A year which has brought a lot of change to many of us. For some, the change is welcome, even if the cause was not so much. For others, there has been much that has been of concern and worry. Going into the shortest days of the year, and all the bleakness that brings, is, perhaps, not something to look forward to.

Christmas may not be the Christmas we want, or the Christmas we expected. The media have spoken of Christmas being cancelled... that, of course, will depend on your view of Christmas.

For Christians, Christmas is most certainly not cancelled... the awe and wonder of the Christ-child can never be cancelled. Immanuel, the God who is with us in the joys, is also with us in adversity, if we let Him.

This Christmas, throughout December, we will be holding our services online via zoom, and our Community Nativity will be shown on December 20th @ 10.30am on YouTube, as we bring the hope of the Christmas story to your home.

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And we wish you all a peaceful and contented Christmas,

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Worthing News

Lest we forget!

St Margaret's Church "Remembers"

Although a shorter service took place on the 8th November, we were still able to come together and quietly remember the bravery of our lost heroes and also the courage of families left behind.

May we pray and thank our Armed Forces who everyday work in keeping us safe. We will remember them.

Samaritan's Purse

The Samaritan's Purse project is open until 5th December. Leaflets are still available in Worthing Church. This revised deadline, due to the 2nd Covid-19 lockdown, now gives you another opportunity to take part and fill a box. Any queries or you need to arrange collection of your box(es), please call Celia 01362 668928 or email: c.daniel784@btinternet.com

Traditional Christmas Carol Service Sunday 20th December at 11.00 am

All family and friends are welcome to celebrate the Christmas nativity story! We hope you are able to join us.

However, please keep a look out for any changes or cancellations, the format to this service is entirely dependant on our current lockdown restrictions.

Volunteers Needed!

A plea if we may, if you are able to help us for approximately one hour five times during the year with some general cleaning (duster & broom at the ready!) and/or some flower arranging, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Celia on 01362 668928. Thank you.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets are still available and the raffle will be drawn in church after our service on Sunday 13th December

1st prize a bottle of Champagne

2nd prize a Christmas cake

3rd prize a bottle of wine

Your generous donations are in aid of our Mission and Ministry Work and the Church Building Appeal. Raffle tickets may be obtained from: Celia 01362 668928 or Sharon 01362 668622

January Services 2021

10th Holy Communion 9.30 am

24th Morning Prayer 11.00 am.

These will also be published with any changes on the HONC website and on the church noticeboard.

And Finally....

Worthing PCC members would like to thank everyone who has supported our church, events and most importantly, charities during 2020. May we wish you all a wonderful time over the Christmas holiday and a Happy and Healthy 2021.

Our prayers and best wishes to you and your family.



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Heart of Norfolk Churches: Service Plan for December & January

All services are provisional, depending on current COVID-19 restrictions. Please contact the HON Office on 01362 668850, or visit our website: www.heartofnorfolk-churches.org.uk for more information.

6th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Guestwick	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10.30 am	Bawdeswell	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Stibbard	Holy Communion

13th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.30 am	Worthing	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
9.30 am	North Elmham	Morning Praise
9.30 am	Guestwick	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10.30 am	Bawdeswell	'The 10.30'
3.30 pm	Foulsham	Christingle
4.00 pm	North Elmham	Carols by Candlelight

20th December – 4th Sunday of Advent

9.30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Guestwick	Morning Prayer (BCP)
11.00 am	Foulsham	Confirmation Service with Holy Communion
11.00 am	Worthing	Carol Service
4.00 pm	Bawdeswell	Carol Service with choir

27th December – 1st Sunday of Christmas

10.30 am	Foulsham	Group Holy Communion for Holy Innocents' Day
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Christmas 2020

Saturday 12th December

3.00 pm	Christingle Service - Guestwick St Peter's
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Saturday 19th December

3.00 pm	Carol Service – Wood Norton All Saints
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Christmas Eve

4.00 pm	Christmas Service - Stibbard All Saints
4.00 pm	Crib Service - North Elmham St Mary's
11.30 pm	Midnight Mass – Wood Norton All Saints

Christmas Day

10.30 am	Christmas Family Communion – Bawdeswell All Saints
10.30 am	Christmas Family Communion – Foulsham Holy Innocents
10.30 am	Christmas Family Communion – North Elmham St Mary's

3rd January – Epiphany

9.30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Guestwick	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10.30 am	Bawdeswell	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Stibbard	Holy Communion

10th January – Baptism of Christ

9.30 am	Worthing	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Guestwick	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10.30 am	Bawdeswell	The '10.30'

17th January

9.30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Guestwick	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10.30 am	Bawdeswell	All-Age Communion
11.00 am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Foulsham	Evensong (BCP)

24th January

9.30 am	North Elmham	Morning Praise
9.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Guestwick	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10.30 am	Bawdeswell	Word & Praise
11.00 am	Worthing	Morning Praise

31st January

10.30 am	North Elmham	Group Holy Communion
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More2Life Christian Fellowship

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Pastor Anne-Marie Fewell

Worship Sunday 10.30 am, Bible study Monday 2.00 pm
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And finally... have you got something interesting you would like to say or think others might be interested in something you do - why not email the Editors (see front of magazine for contact details) and let us know, we are always on the lookout for new contributors.

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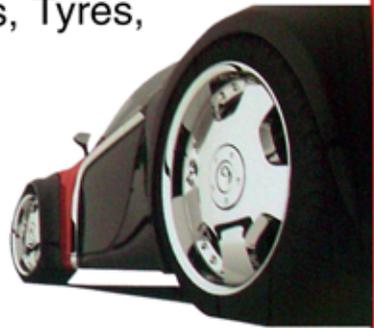
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