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Editorial

Welcome to February Elmham News. We are still in lockdown, moving from tier 4 to national restrictions there was some deliberation as to whether it would be possible to bring the February News to you. However, our wonderful deliverers agreed to deliver your magazine whilst taking their daily exercise, observing all guidelines of course. The Editorial Team met online using Microsoft Teams. Fortunately, the printers have been able to stay open, hence you are reading this!

Due to restrictions the Parish Council have decided to postpone the circulation of the questionnaire pertaining to facilities for young people. This will go ahead as soon as possible.

Don't forget that we still have the SINE group. If you are self isolating and have no family or friends who can help, the volunteers will help you. In the first instance please contact David Fairbairn-

Day on 07398 758421 between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm only. You may have to leave a message, but someone will be in contact with you as soon as possible. We asked David how things had been progressing. One story he was told was of one volunteer visiting a vulnerable person on their own, to drop off a few Christmas snacks. The gentleman in question was so grateful, saying as his family were unable to visit him from the other side of the country, it made his Christmas to know people in the village had visited and thought of him. Well done to you all, please don't be afraid to contact David if you need help.

On a sad note, we wish to let you know that Brian Webb (Bru) died in hospital in mid January. Our thoughts go to June and all her family.

These are difficult times, but we must all stay positive, we will get through this.

Stay safe.

PLEASE NOTE: Submission deadline for articles to be included in the MARCH edition is 14TH FEBRUARY. Please email your article to each of the editors listed below asap before the deadline.

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North Elmham Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 2nd December, (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 were: Mrs. J. Borgnis (Chairman), Mr. M. Phillips, Miss A. Ferris, Mr. T. Fitzalan Howard, Mr. P. Grainger, Mrs. A. Keeble, Mr. J. Labouchere, Mr. M. Rayner and Mr. C. Smith

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

Apologies for absence: None

Land Management Matters

Village Green: Norfolk Frames and Games have inspected the slide and consider it to be sound. The replacement tree previously advised, a quercus palustris, is no longer available. A smaller one which will be slightly cheaper is to be purchased. The labour costs will probably be covered by a parishioner.

Cathedral Meadows: A parishioner had queried whether it was possible to walk dogs in the fields. There is no problem with this as long as there are no sheep present. There are two small signs which state "keep dogs on a lead". The parishioner will walk his dog in the large field, in future.

Millennium Wood (and Jubilee Wood): The split oak tree has been taken down and everything left has been cleared away.

Bridleway on Disused Railway Line and Other Railway Linked Matters: The bridleway from County School to Broom Green is covered by deep mud and is almost impassable. This situation has arisen, yet again, through the farmer adopting his annual habit of letting his cattle loose in this particular area.

Proposals previously made by Norfolk County Council to assist with this issue were firmly rejected by the farmer.

Allotments : Mr. Phillips reported that one plot remains but it is probably not worth letting.

Street Lights: A light is malfunctioning in Eastgate Street (just beyond the Eastgate Centre on the left handside).

Highway Matters

Mr. Grainger reported that Highways Department have advised that the problem with flooding in Eastgate Street has been rectified.

The PCC has erected signs by the church in response to the parking issues in that area.

The SAM2 camera/sign in Holt Road is now working satisfactorily. Sincere thanks were expressed by all members to Messrs Fletcher and Braybrook for their continuing and highly valued work.

Safety concerns have been expressed by parishioners regarding the pavement in Pump Street, (left hand side travelling southwards), which has become slippery following the deposit of falling earth from the bank after heavy rain and the subsequent deposit of leaf debris. It was suggested that mention of this should be made in Elmham News, seeking volunteers to help with clearing the path. The Clerk will report the matter to the Streetscene Inspectors (Norfolk County Council).

The seat at the bottom of Orchard Close is in a very poor condition and the Clerk will place an order for a new one. It will be the same type as the seat recently received which is to be placed on the playing field.

It is acknowledged that the volunteers do a tremendous amount of good work for the village and it was agreed by all to forward them a card of thanks together with two bottles of wine as a token of appreciation.

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Pavilion and Playing Field

The local Slimming World Consultant wishes to recommence sessions with effect from next week. It was agreed that this could happen.

The North Elmham Football Club has sponsors (including the King's Head) but are still unable to get a bank account. They have a match on 5th December (kick off 12.30pm). It was suggested that they contact Elmham News with a view to publicising their matches. Mr. Smith said that the football club's sign is yellow and black and is three feet by two feet in size.

The grass is a bit long and the Clerk is to contact CGM to ask for an additional cut. Moles are on the field but not in the area covered by the pitch.

North Elmham Cricket Club has paid its annual invoice but no money has yet been received from Longham Sunday Football Club. The Clerk will chase.

Bin on Back Lane

The bin on Back Lane has been repaired by Darren Brown.

Youth Club Facilities

Mr. Fitzalan Howard reported that an item has been placed in Elmham News. He has visited a number of villages and Swanton Morley has got all the items we have previously listed, except for the skatepark. A survey is to be conducted in the village with forms made available for every household. There will be questions for adults and young people with the latter group asked to indicate their preferred items together with any additional things they would like to have. Mr. Grainger suggested that people should prioritise their suggestions.

Mr. Fitzalan Howard stressed the importance of ensuring that there is full compliance with all G.D.P.R. (General Data Protection Regulations) rules with the key points detailed as follows:

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- Final summary/report must be anonymised – not identifying details for participants.

Mr. Fitzalan Howard is to visit other locations (including Cromer and Sheringham) to view their skateparks.

Brookside Development Update

The S106 agreement has been received, signed and returned.

Risk Management

Policies in respect of standing orders, financial regulations and general risk management have been placed on the website. The final page of each document is to be signed by the Chairman and dated. The dates for review are also to be inserted. They will also be internally diarised to ensure the timely implementation of all reviews.

Affordable Housing Update

Written presentations have been received from both Broadland Housing and Saffron Housing. Breckland Council has stated that they will not support a scheme which includes any market housing. It is the desire of members that any scheme implemented will consist of affordable housing only. Mr. Rayner is to seek clarification from Breckland Council and will also speak to both Broadland Housing and Saffron Housing. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

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Budget for the year 2021/2022

Mr. Phillips had circulated the final draft budget for the financial year 2021/2022. Our Precept documentation has to be submitted by 31st January, 2021. The tax base has increased from 474.8 to 484.0. The predicted income for the year is £61,589 with expenditure of £61,296. The Precept will be £39,030, based on an unchanged Band "D" contribution of £80.64. After discussion, it was agreed to make two small adjustments to expenditure items in the budget – an increase in bus shelter/car park maintenance from £1,250 to £2,000 and the amount of £1,000 for any Eastgate Street parking improvements, removed as not required.

Online Banking

Mr. Grainger had circulated to members, in advance of the meeting, an internet banking proposal formulated by himself and Mr. Phillips. The main details are as follows:

The Legislative Reform (Payments by Parish Councils, Community Councils and Charter Trustees) Order 2014 came into effect on 12th March 2014. This Legislative Reform Order repeals the statutory requirement for two elected members to sign cheques and other orders for payment. The removal of this particular legal requirement enables the Parish Council to take an overall approach to how it controls its money as well as taking advantage of modern technology including internet banking.

The Parish Council acknowledges the need to maintain robust controls on payments as an integrated part of its overall financial control system and proposes an Internet Banking Policy as part of its governance. Payment of invoices online saves time and money; no envelopes or stamps required and authorisation can be done remotely at any time. The payment is received in the creditor's account within two working days; and the creditor does not have to take a cheque to their bank thus making the Parish Council an attractive customer.

The Clerk will continue to provide monthly reconciliations supported by bank statements to full Council. Payments by cheque will be made when necessary, following the existing controls and approvals, but will move to online payments when possible. The Council will endeavour to have a minimum of three councillors as authorised signatories at any one time. It was agreed by all to proceed.

Request for Financial Assistance for the Removal of Trees in the Churchyard

Mr. Labouchere reported that three trees are in danger of falling onto buildings in the churchyard. A price for removal of the trees has been obtained, £345 x 3 = £1,035. The Parish Council is requested to cover half of this cost, i.e. £517.50. In addition, a request has been made to increase the annual grant for grass cutting from £1,000 to £1,100. Therefore, a total of £1,617.50 is sought. All in favour.

Meeting dates for 2021

6th January, 3rd February, 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council), 26th May (Annual Parish Meeting), 2nd June, 7th July, 4th August, 8th September, 6th October, 3rd November, 1st December.

Determinations

- (i) Ivy Properties – variation of conditions on 3PL/2018/0925/F – Vicarage Farm, Church Lane (3PL/2020/0940/VAR) - approved
- (ii) Dr. Baker and Ornelas Almaraz – single storey side extension – 4 Elm Close (3PL/2020/1094/HOU) - approved

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Mr. Labouchere kindly offered to inform parishioners of the two vacancies on the Parish Council by way of a slip inserted in Christmas cards sent out on behalf of the church.



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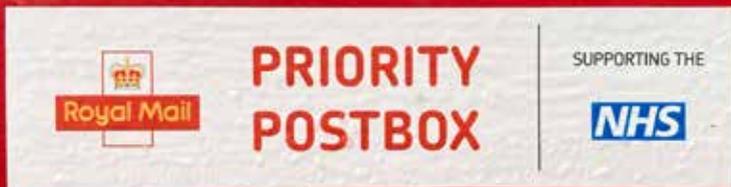
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Our sixteen year old granddaughter Maddie had Covid just before Christmas. She came home from school a fortnight before Christmas Day saying there was Covid in school and pupils were not to return for the last few days, but self isolate at home – which meant the whole family had to self isolate as well!

She felt fine until the following Friday when she suddenly realised she couldn't smell. So her Mum Emma went on line, filled in the form and the next day Saturday, 19th December the testing kit arrived at 11.40am. Now there is a limited time between taking the test and posting it in a post box and she didn't have enough time to do the test and get it into the box by 12.00noon

If you look at our post box at the Post Office, it has a sticker on it saying NHS Priority, which means it is the one to put tests into and presumably they are fast tracked to wherever they have to go.

Unfortunately their nearest post box in Framlingham with the above sticker would be emptied at 12.00noon, too late for that day so Maddie had to wait until the Monday to do the test.

On the Monday she did the test. Using a long cotton bud she had to take a swab of the inside of her nose, and another of the back of her throat... gagging all the time. They put everything in a box which came with the cotton buds, etc. and posted it – to Glasgow.

The family were hoping that the result would be back before Christmas Day – so were we! We were supposed to be going to them for Christmas Day, I kept ringing to see if they had any news.

On Christmas Eve Emma rang and said "You'd better get your turkey crown out mother" as the results still hadn't come. So we ate at home on Christmas Day.

The result finally came through via email on Boxing Day at 8.00pm. Maddie was positive and she and her family had to self-isolate (again) until the end of the next week.

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Maddie never felt ill, and her sense of smell returned quite quickly. We have a large box of Christmas presents in the corner of the room, all ready for when we can safely all be together again... Easter perhaps?

Janet Woodhouse

The Population

The first Census was undertaken for England in 1841 and is currently undertaken every 10 years. So, there was no way of knowing the exact population of the village until 1841. This was a talk given to the Elmham WI in 1926 by the Rev Townsend based on a talk given by the Vicar in 1826 hence the housing nos are different to today!

"In 1841 the population numbered 1,219 (622 males, 597 females) and judging by the baptismal and burial registers for the five years 1824–28, the birth and death rate was much higher than now, eg baptisms in those five years amounted to 197 and the burials to 106."

At the Census last taken (1921) the population numbered but 887. In 1841 the number of houses was 256 of which 9 were uninhabited. Today the number of inhabited houses is 257 and thus there is much less overcrowding.

It is a common impression that there were formerly many more houses than exist at present, but this does not seem to be the case, for whilst many of the old cottages have disappeared many other houses have arisen since the Enclosure Act, eg numerous cottages were subsequently built by Lord Sondes (the chief landowner in the district and its surrounds) on different parts of his estate, and with the exception of 2 or 3, all the houses on Billingford Road have been erected since the Enclosure. As also the 4 houses

opposite the Hollies, 6 houses in Lake View Terrace, and others in Low Street, Broom Green, and on The Heath."

I thought it would be a simple matter to check today's population and according to Breckland Council, North Elmham (including Gateley) had a population of 1,433 living in 624 houses in 2011. Although other figures from the web for June 2019 say 1,598. Whether that is with or without Gateley, I don't know. Gateley had a population of less than 100 in 2011, according to Wikipedia!

If you do happen to have the deeds to your property and are willing, the Archive Group would dearly love to have them copied for the village archives.

Janet Woodhouse

Ed's Notes: The next census is due on 21st March 2021 according to census.gov.uk.

North Elmham Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 6th January (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, Mr. M. Rayner and Mr. C. Smith

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

Apologies for absence: None

Co-option of New Members

Two applications had been received from parishioners to become members of the Parish Council by filling the existing vacancies. It was agreed by all that co-option could take place at the next meeting in February. The Chairman will contact both candidates.

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Land Management Matters

Village Green: The new tree has been planted and watered. Mr. Smith reported a general improvement regarding litter.

Cathedral Ruins: Mrs. Keeble reported that she has completed the quarterly Health and Safety check, details of which have been passed on to English Heritage

Bridleway on Disused Railway Line and Other Railway Linked Matters: A telephone call had been received from a parishioner who advised that he and another parishioner had cleared a tree stump out of the ceramic drain which goes under the railway track just north of the station. As a result, the bank above the drain appears to be collapsing. The landowner and the MNR will be informed.

Allotments: Mr. Phillips reported that he had received a telephone call from someone wanting to rent a plot. There are none available at the moment. The track is to be levelled at a cost of approximately £140.

Street Lights: The light in Eastgate Street (number 18) appears to be working well. Mr. Smith asked if Mr. Fitzalan Howard could also check the light on the school building.

Highway Matters

The village dog waste bins are full but due to be emptied tomorrow.

Concerns had previously been expressed regarding the creation of an apparent new entrance in a field opposite the Pound. This should be for agricultural use only and it is thought there was previously a gate or opening at this point. No action will be taken but the position is to be monitored.

The path across the green, (which forms part of the safe route to school), has started to be washed away by the heavy rain. Mr. Grainger is to report this matter to Highways.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazell (volunteers) have forwarded a card expressing their thanks

for the wine which was given to them in appreciation of all their hard work.

Pavilion and Playing Field

The pavilion water heater has been repaired and the moles are under control. Longham F.C. has paid £90 which covers the fees for their first three home games. They have, however, played another game on 20th December for which no payment has been forthcoming. The Clerk will chase the outstanding sum of £30.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Smith for all his work on the Christmas tree and lights.

Youth Club Facilities

Mr. Fitzalan Howard reported that, since the last meeting, the survey forms have been trialled and some useful suggestions have been made by five households. These have been included in a new amended form. It is felt that the survey should be postponed temporarily whilst the current lockdown persists as it would not be appropriate to expect residents to deliver forms to various collection points.

Eastgate Centre

An AGM is to be held in the near future with views and information, in the current circumstances, being exchanged by e-mail.

Online Banking

Mr. Phillips is to contact Barclays Bank to progress this matter.

Removal of Trees in the Churchyard

Mr. Labouchere said that the NEPCC wished to thank the Parish Council for its financial assistance. The request for half the cost of the tree work amounted to £637.50, i.e. 50% of (3 x £475) - £150. This figure, in addition to the grass cutting grant of £1,100.00, produced a total figure of £1,737.50

Note: It was agreed by all to increase the payment, sanctioned at the last meeting, to North Elmham PCC from £1,617.50 to £1,737.50 as the cost of work to three trees had been previously slightly understated.

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Budget

CGM had submitted, for consideration, a draft contract for the provision of grounds maintenance services for 2021. This included an increase of 3.0% on the amount charged in 2020, i.e. £4,693.20 + VAT (£4,556.50 + VAT). This proposal was agreed by all members (expenditure approved by all members).

The Clerk confirmed that the Precept requirement of £39,030 for the coming financial year had been submitted to Breckland Council.

Risk Management

The final page of each of the policies in respect of standing orders, financial regulations and general risk management have been signed by the Chairman and placed on the community website.

Minutes

It has been mentioned by a parishioner that, during the current coronavirus crisis, signed copies of the minutes have not been appearing in the Post Office. In future, the Chairman will print a separate copy, sign it and hand it to the Post Office.

Affordable Housing Update

Both Broadland Housing and Saffron Housing have stated that they would place as many affordable units as possible on an exception site, although some market housing may be necessary to make the project financially viable. After discussion, it was decided to proceed to the next stage with Broadland Housing. Mr. Rayner will speak to both them and Breckland Council with a view to arranging for a housing needs survey to be carried out.

Brookside Development Update

A separate planning application is required for the footbridge. Mr. Rayner has forwarded details to the school and their views will need to be taken into consideration. The members are generally pleased with the bridge which needs to be as low maintenance as possible with

a smooth transition from the car park/footpath to the footbridge and without any major change of gradients.

Applications

- (i) Mr and Mrs Skinner – new dormer windows, replace all windows and doors and new balcony areas – 3PL/2020/1414/HOU – The Millers Cottage, Billingford Road – no objections.
- (ii) Garrod Developments Ltd – single storey rear extension together with roof alterations, new side porch and detached garage (amended description) – 3PL/2020/1122/HOU – 36 Station Road – no objections.

Determinations

- (i) Mr. Charles Pittom – two single storey rear extensions – Well Cottage, Broom Green (3PL/2020/1107/HOU) - approved
- (ii) Orchard Developments Ltd – partial demolition of Brookside Farm and construction of 25 new dwellings, new access, open space, drainage pond, car park and public footpath connections – Brookside Farm, 74 Holt Road (3PL/2019/0874/F) - approved

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 3rd February 2021 at 7.30p.m. (Zoom)

Parish Council Public Participation

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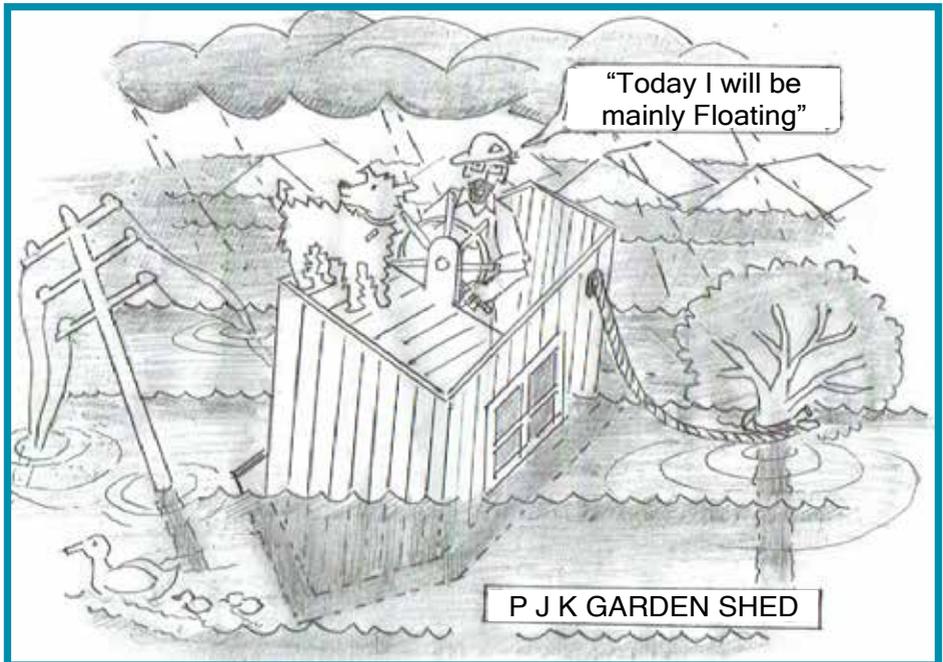
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Ten fun facts of 2020

I came across this and it made me chuckle, so I thought I'd share it with you.

1. The daftest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
3. The world has turned upside down. Old people are sneaking out of the house and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
4. This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house and told my cats... we had a good laugh.
5. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believe all is well in the world.
6. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
7. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch them with a 6-foot barge pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
8. I need to practice social distancing... from the fridge.
9. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip out to the bins!
10. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go into a bank with a mask on and ask for money.



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December Flooding

On the 28th December we went for our daily exercise walk. It had been wet over Christmas but we didn't know how wet. The fields either side of the drive just east of County School Station were totally flooded as the river had burst its banks. It was a bright sunny day, just after midday and looking south the sun was very low in the sky reflecting off the standing water. On the other side of the drive the meadow was fully flooded. A few Gulls were swimming around.

Martin Phillips

Eds Note: Also as reported by Celia in her article on pages 50 and 51, up to eleven homes in Worthing suffered flooding on Christmas Eve as the river burst its banks (top photo) being flooded.

Volunteers Wanted

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Not again!!

Have you noticed how many walkers there are about? Not all of them from the village going by the number of cars parked in dangerous spots. Many of them bring their four-footed friends to enjoy our wonderful amenities but many of them are neglecting their responsibilities and leaving their dog waste behind on tracks, fields and railway lines, thrown into hedge bottoms and even hung on hedges.

If you happen to see someone (local or otherwise!) leaving it and walking away, can you be brave and ask them to dispose of it in one of our many bins, please.



North Elmham Football Club

After many years, North Elmham have now got both, youth football and mens football back in the village. We have been working on this since July and we have got several people pulling together to make this successful.

As we approached Lockdown 3, The football club was improving on a daily basis. The youth football teams are progressing well in their respective leagues, with Elmham resident Ben Pierce taking on the Under 8s Team and myself taking on the Under 10s Team. Both Ben and I have coached at various levels before and with the support of 2 younger coaches, Stanley and Ellie, are helping each team develop every part of their footballing game. We have been proudly sponsored by Scribbles Pre School and Madhouse Child-minding for these teams, with both their logos being displayed in their multi colours across our Navy and Yellow home shirts. Youth football has been something that for

the last decade has not been a part of the village, so to achieve what we have done already is a big positive.

Mens football has been a part of the village in the more recent past, however has been absent for the last 3 years. There was no plan for a mens team in our first 12 months, but was in the long - term plans. After lots of discussions with people in the council and people within the community, it was very obvious that people felt a mens team would be good in the village. Now to find a manager. This is can be very difficult however there are people who will step up. A very good friend of mine, Luke, said he would be more than happy to take the team on. Roll forward to December, 22 players training weekly, and after 8 friendlies against established teams and teams in similar positions to us, 5 wins. This is above and beyond what anyone thought we would achieve, and it makes me very proud to be chairman of this club. The mens team as 2 sponsors for their kits, with Habify and The Kings Head Hotel both being printed

on our kits (pictured left, back when football was permitted)

Any good and well-established club requires people to be offering their time to help run every element. We have got ourselves a treasurer and secretary who have been a big part of helping myself get this club off the ground, as well as now recruiting our permanent welfare officer for the youth teams, and having a local resident and parent working hard to keep the pitches marked out. I cannot thank these guys enough for their support so far.

There is a lot more I would like to do with the club, looking to make it a central point for a community to be a part of, supporting their local side (when safe to do so), filling the village with our navy and yellow and creating something that is sustainable for the village for years to come. We are already trying to do something different, with a club shop opening as part of our website, and already having someone videoing our mens games for our Youtube channel.

To do this we need YOUR support. We have many different roles within the club that we still need support with, being part of the committee, teas and coffees, grounds people to help support our current groundsman and so many more. If anyone could spare any time to be a part of this already great, close knit club, please get in contact with Chris on 07468569699 or northelmhamfootballclub@hotmail.com. We also have Facebook and Instagram pages that are live so you can contact us through these and stay up to date with what we are doing.

Please everyone stay safe, and I look forward to seeing many of you supporting us when we are back up and running again.

Up The Elmham!

Chris Reeve
Chairman at North Elmham Football Club

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Out Of The Mouths

My five year old grandson was helping set the Christmas table, while Mum and Dad were cooking, and using a set of table mats and coasters that I had made for their special day. He put one to his nose and took a deep sniff. "Where did these come from?", he asked "Why?", said Gran, "Because they smell like Grandma's house!" My son also assured me that they did. I'm not sure what to think even though he said it was a good smell!

I remember an aunt who lived in Dunfermline, who had a beautiful sideboard where she kept different jars and condiments and it always smelt of honey and if I close my eyes and smell a jar of honey, I can see that sideboard and Auntie Jenny.

Meg



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This Time Last Year

We have decided that, rather than phase you with a full year's notes, we would just do each month as it comes round. There was no January edition because most groups or societies close down over the festive season.

Elmham News

FEBRUARY 2020

YOUR VILLAGE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



Photo: John Webb

They're behind you!
Elmham panto is a roaring success see pages xx

February

Highways were to have carried out a test on a resident's driveway to study the accessibility of the driveway. This is Eileen Bent's driveway who dices with death each time she comes in or out in her car.

Sharon Phillips gave a successful report on the financial state of the FONES organisation which had a very successful year raising money for the school. Well done to you all.

We had a wonderful Pantomime, great fun, lots of laughs, colourful costumes, raising £3,262.53, for the church, Elmham News and Institute funds. Well done Theresa, it was brilliant.

End of an era – Gerald called time on calling at the Institute for Bingo sessions. Well done Gerald.

The Parochial Church Council said that hard work of many people and the generosity of several major charities, £60,000 was raised for the repair of the vestry roof (little did we know how long it would actually take!)

Wild Oats

Now we were meant to laugh, not cry,
For in the end we've got to die,
But I fear I will not qualify
For I did confess the truth.
I sowed wild oats when in my youth
I did not heed what Mother said.
Into temptation I was led!
They were so young and pretty too
What could a healthy fellow do
Their company I always sought.
Some of them I fear got caught
They say such things should not be done
To me it was the height of fun.
Warning me was all in vain
I went and did the same again!
Some call it lust some call it vice
What I found was very nice.
They were so lovely to caress
These little dears I'll always bless.
There was one nicer than the rest
I wed the one I liked the best.

*Sent to us by Ruth Grimmer,
poem anonymous*

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History Of Norfolk

While some have spent lockdown learning a new language, remodelling their garden, tackling ever-more complicated recipes or knitting patterns, Susanna and Peter, along with an archaeological colleague and two aerial photographers, have been compiling a book to be delivered to the publishers at the end of January.

Following the pattern of Neil Macgregor's 'History of the world in 100 objects', we have set ourselves the task of telling the history of Norfolk and its place in national history through 100 sites. The challenge was choosing the most significant 100 sites.

The first chosen is on the beach at Happisburgh where the earliest known footprints of man outside Africa were found in 2013, solidified in the mud in the period under glacial deposits and dating back nearly a million years. 49 footprints from 5 different people, some children, were identified and we can imagine a family walking on a riverbank 900,000 years ago. The most recent site is the Millennium Forum in Norwich, built to replace the Norwich Library burnt down in 1994. Of course, our very

own chapel ruins, built on or near the site of the first cathedral for East Anglia, probably built of wood and founded in 673 is featured. The stone under the bishop's chair in Norwich Cathedral may well have come originally from the cathedral in Elmham. Also featured as well as Seahenge, prehistoric barrows and Roman sites, are indicators of Norfolk's medieval and later wealth such as churches, monasteries, castles and great houses. However, it is important to include not only places associated with the great and good, and so deserted villages and two workhouses are also included. Relics of both world wars and the Cold War bring the story into the 20th century.

When the book is published, probably in the autumn, it will be interesting to know whether readers think the most significant about our choice out of the many historic sites in Norfolk.

Susanna and Peter Wade-Martins

Photo shows: The ruins of the Norman chapel on or near the site of the first cathedral of East Anglia.



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School News

Happy New Year Everyone!

We returned to a closed school and Lockdown but we have our critical worker/ vulnerable bubbles happening in school and children are also engaging well with their remote learning at home. We can't quite keep things the same as before, but where we can we are, and children are accessing Welly days still where they get to enjoy the great outdoors.

We are proposing a plan to modify the school. We are hoping to extend the Sheep class and provide ensuite toilets and cloakroom for our younger children and hopefully have a new mezzanine floorspace installed to create an exciting reading den for the children. We await to see if our New Year Wish comes true!

Did you see our lovely Christmas story the children acted out? It's on our website flourishfed.com if you want to take a look!

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Sheep class has been busy completing challenges and listening to the teachers read stories. Sheep have been busy recapping Phonics (Sheep thoroughly enjoy the videos!) and Maths skills. A



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particular favourite challenge was History; we looked back at photographs and made a timeline of our lives! We had our first zoom chat - it was lovely for the children to see their friends and play games together!

In Whales Class, we have got stuck in with our Remote learning! Everyday, the children access tasks on our Google Classroom, which include English, Maths, Science and Foundation Subjects. I am so impressed with the work the children are sharing, they have adapted really well! Each week the children are also given an Outdoor Learning challenge - they thoroughly enjoyed completing these as part of their daily walk.

Lions Class are in a good routine with their remote learning, using Google Classroom to complete their work. They have three lessons a day and diligently do their schoolwork despite most not being in school physically. We had a really successful draw-along class online in art where the children drew an eye using shadowing and blending.

Mrs Hunter

Wives Club 50th Birthday

Yes, Elmham Wives Club was started 50 years ago, the first meeting was held on 17th February 1971 and a celebration to mark this will be held later in the year and when circumstances permit. In the meantime below is a brief account of the beginnings of the Club.

In 1971 some young mums had gathered in a sitting room in Larch Grove for a cup of tea after collecting their children from school, and decided to form as a regular get together, an informal group, meeting once a fortnight, with a speaker, and time for a chat and coffee. So the idea of Elmham Wives Club was born. The group met then in the meeting room at the Methodist Church (now the Eastgate Centre) and continued to enjoy meetings

there. It went from strength to strength and it was a nice point of friendship. Although the name was Wives' Club, all ladies were included.

In 1990 the venue was changed to the Memorial Institute Hall, and it was decided to hold meetings monthly.

Over the years an extensive range of speakers have been invited to talk to us about all manner of interesting subjects, we have brushed up on skills and learnt new ones, supported charities, and enjoyed outings, activities and meals together. Husbands and partners were invited to join us on outside visits, and in 2015 it was decided to invite them and other interested males to become members - the commercial name was then changed to Elmham Wives Club Plus All, under the umbrella of Elmham Wives Club. The Club has continued to thrive - the meetings are very informal, a welcome from the Chairlady, a Speaker, and chatting and catching up with each other over refreshments.

Thank you to all past and present members and to all who have supported Wives Club over the years - we hope that we will be able to meet again in the not too distant future.

Gloria, Sheila and Gill

Meg's Note: My long-term friend, Jeannette and I met up at Wives Club in the Methodist Chapel in the early 1970's. We were introduced by Vicky who lived in Ash Court at the time and had just moved from Yorkshire. We three Yorkshire 'puddings' introduced ourselves and found that while Vicky came from Sheffield, Jeannette and I had lived in the same street in the same village, gone to the same schools, and knew each other's mothers and brothers! Thank you Wives Club.



Wildlife at the Cathedral Meadows



One day earlier this winter I was surprised to see an adult female Hen Harrier (photo 2) flying towards me – it was only the second one I've ever seen locally and the first at the meadows. In the UK, the Hen Harrier's breeding range is restricted to Scotland, Wales and the north of England but it's not particularly a northern species in Europe as its range extends through France and into Spain. Northern populations migrate the most and the few that we see wintering in Norfolk probably come from Scandinavia.



Hen Harriers have been in the news quite a bit in recent years as they often fall victim to illegal persecution, with birds being shot or poisoned. In northern England and Scotland they prey on grouse and this puts them in conflict with some gamekeepers and landowners who rely on an abundance of grouse to serve their commercial shooting interests. While some conservation bodies work hard to engage constructively with the gamekeeping and shooting community in order to resolve this problem, I'm afraid that some prominent conservationists take a much more combative approach which fails to recognise that many gamekeepers and landowners are as keen to conserve

Hen Harriers and other wildlife as they are, and in some case are a good deal more effective than they are.

Anyway, this Hen Harrier was the first of two harriers I saw at the meadows that morning as a short while later I was watching a Marsh Harrier hunting over the valley below the meadows. I've seen a Marsh Harrier on quite a few occasions this winter and it's proving to be quite a good way to find out what else is hiding in the valley. In my last report I mentioned the Jack Snipe that one put up and after I wrote that I saw one flush two large flocks of Snipe (or 'wisps' of Snipe as they're known) – about 45 birds in total. Snipe are declining birds and it's increasingly unusual to see this number of birds together. Another time one put up a flock of 83 Teal that had been tucked away out of sight. Teal are one of our smallest ducks and large numbers winter in the county but it's unusual to see as many as this from the meadows.

Another wintering bird that we've seen more than usual this winter is the Pink-footed Goose (photo 3). I understand that recent changes in farming practices mean that sugar beet tops are turned in sooner after harvesting than they used to be, and this means that the tops are no longer available for the geese to feed on. Thousands of these geese come to Norfolk in winter and would normally feed well in harvested sugar beet fields – but this winter their favoured farmland close to the north coast has been less productive, forcing them to wander more widely in search for other feeding areas. As a result, there have been lots more than usual flying over North Elmham and some days I've seen several large flocks (sometimes hundreds strong) flying over.

Before I move away from birds let me just say that the Tawny Owl (photo 4) has returned to its relatively exposed (and therefore visible) day-roosting site recently. So far, I've only seen it once



but if last winter is anything to go by late January and February will be the times it shows most often. Now is the time to look if you would like to see it (contact me if you would like more details).

I hope I've just left enough space to write about something other than birds. There aren't many species of moth that continue flying over the new year period but one that does is the Winter Moth (photo 5). After dark these can often be found by torchlight resting on tree trunks where they blend in against the bark. The flightless females are particularly hard to find as they don't have any wings so are really quite inconspicuous. They crawl up the tree trunks and emit pheromones (scents) to attract the males. Males will often congregate on a tree where there's a female nearby and the best way to find the female is to look for a male that's facing down – chances are it will be mating with the female.

Let us know what you see when you're visiting the meadows: 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/).

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News from St Mary's

Finally, in mid-December the builders finished work in the church. The roof over the vestry and organ chamber is now sound and the new braces and beam look as if they have always been there. However, as a result of the work, the whole church was covered with a thick layer of dust and we employed a team of cleaners to help us clear up. The church was opened for individual visits so long as social distancing and hand sanitizing guidance was followed and a service for the last Sunday before Christmas was held in the church – the first for nearly a year- and we began to prepare for Christmas. Sadly, as the Covid rules tightened and cases began to rise, it was with heavy hearts, that a last-minute decision was taken that here as elsewhere Christmas services would have to be cancelled, probably for the first time in the 900-year life of the church. It will not be until at least mid-February that services can start again but keep an eye on the

church website for information (www.heartofnorfolkchurches.org.uk). We have recently installed wifi and hope soon to have the cameras in place so that when services from the church can resume, we will be able to 'zoom' services to those unable to attend.

The good news, however, is that the church is open for individual visits so long as Covid precautions are observed. If you feel like a few minutes calm away from the worries of the day, then do please come in and enjoy the tranquil and timeless atmosphere of this beautiful building.

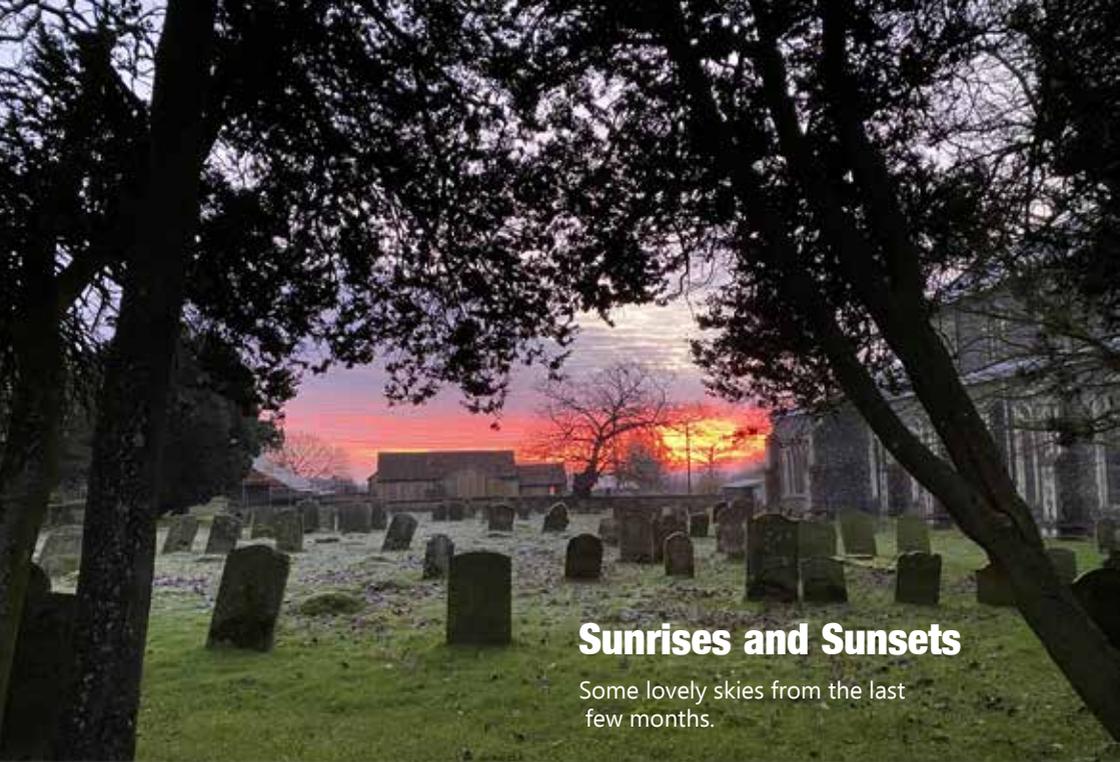
Over the years entries in the visitors' book have commented on how well looked after the church is. This is achieved by a dedicated team of volunteer cleaners. However, several of our team have had to retire and we are looking for new recruits. If you could spare an hour or so every couple of months, please contact Gill King (668530).

Susanna Wade Martins (Churchwarden)

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Sunrises and Sunsets

Some lovely skies from the last few months.



Gardening Club

Wishing all our members and you all the best for 2021 after what has been a difficult 2020 but hopefully with a vaccination now being available, we can look forward to social meetings in the near future.

February feels like a turning point in the garden. It's still cold outside, but there are signs of spring's arrival everywhere you look. Bulbs are slowly emerging from the ground, and the days are getting lighter and longer.

Pruning of plants and shrubs are the most frequently asked questions when and how. A few listed below can be pruned this month.

Clematis generally comes under 3 groups.

Group 1: flowers early in April /May and need no pruning only if you find it grows out of control then after flowering.

Group 2: flowers early summer prune in February/ March back to a bud to the framework like an obelisk or trellis shape.

Group 3: flowers mid to late summer prune hard in February /March to above a pair of buds back to knee height this might seem drastic, but these vigorous clematis thrive on a hard prune.

Wisteria prune the long summer green growth back to about six buds from the main stem in August then in February it's a good time to prune back to two or three bud shoots which clearly be seen and remove any dead wood that has occurred over winter.

Prune winter flowering jasmine.

Last chance to prune apple and pear trees.

Cut back ornamental grasses to ground level before new green shoots appear.

Take care

Ray

Christmas Lights Competition 2020

Judges Report

We did our tour of the village looking for the best displays. We were really impressed by the number and quality of what we saw, so much so it's not easy to just pull out a winner and runner-up.

We pay tribute to everyone who made the extra effort to lift spirits with their lights. In particular, it we would like to mention that collectively Brookside and Wensum Drive looked terrific with so many houses decorated. There were also many individual displays which were real contenders in our view. We also spotted a fantastic tree in a back garden in Brookside which really does deserve a mention, but we couldn't be sure which house it belonged to.

However, if we have to pick a winner, we could not ignore the magnificent display at Lingfield in Great Heath Road. For runner up, we have gone for the beautiful display at Julian and Caroline's house in Eastgate Street. PS The prize winners have generously gifted their prizes to the Christmas Tree Lighting Fund for next year.

Ed's note: I'm sure everyone who ventured out after dark in December was uplifted by the Christmas lights around the village and a big thank you must go to everyone who made an effort to brighten up their homes. It was much appreciated. Thank you to the anonymous judges who had to make the agonising decisions.

We must thank the Parish Council for their lighting and tree around the pavilion, let's hope this year we will be able to go back to candy canes, hot chocolate and mulled wine as the lights are switched on.

Thank you also to St Mary's Church with their tree in the west porch which had to brave the winds.

WVBS 2020 Roundup

For obvious reasons it has been a long time since I wrote an update on the doings of Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society, so I thought I would round up our year's activities. In common with most organisations there was a complete halt to indoor and outdoor meetings during the first period of lockdown, but then we got in to Zoom. Our first attempt was a bit of a muddle and took two tries in order to succeed but subsequently things have gone more smoothly. Upwards of 50 people have been attending each Zoom meeting, and a recording is made available for other members to catch up if they wish. Of course, we miss the atmosphere and the company, but the talks lend themselves very well to this sort of presentation.

This year we have had five such talks, beginning with the ever-obliging Allan Hale, who is a member of the club and has traditionally given a talk about his travels for our AGM. This year he varied from the norm by talking about birds in the Wensum Valley, giving us helpful points about where to look for birds during travel restrictions and an update on some of our favourites such as the local Peregrine Falcons. He is a ringer and was able to show lovely images of Goshawk and Marsh Harrier chicks at the nest. For our second Zoom we welcomed Paul Noakes who is also a local enthusiast, and a GP, to talk about how we can help to stop the decline in the Swift population. He described the life of the Swift in some detail, especially their need for nesting sites. We have been busy destroying suitable sites by our lifestyle for years, and we need to provide many more. It seems that Swifts are very fussy about their nest sites and also entirely site faithful, so a lost nest is never replaced. Paul had asked members who already had swift boxes on their property, or who were interested in installing them, to send photographs of the site of the boxes in advance of the meeting. So for the final part of his talk, he was able to

give helpful tips that were tailored to the individual's requirements.

Next month we met Simon Gillings of the British Trust for Ornithology, who told us about the use of sound recordings to study nocturnal migration. It seems that almost any species might be recorded flying over your property at night! The most commonly heard are the obvious ones that migrate in large flocks, like Redwings, but there are also lots of species that make smaller migrations or fly at night more locally. It is possible to send your results to a database so that the information you gather can be of use in research as well as satisfying your own curiosity. Like the presentation on Swifts, this talk gave lots of practical advice, and I am sure there are more members taking up this form of 'birdwatching'.

In October Lizzie Bruce, who is the warden at RSPB Titchwell, took us through a year on the reserve. Not quite the usual year, as it was 2020! She described the species we could expect to see at different times of year, but also gave us an understanding of the extra challenges presented by the COVID situation. The big departure this month was that the talk was followed by an outdoor visit to the reserve itself. Five members met up on 25th October to walk the reserve. It was very windy, which made it hard to control telescopes etc, but they all enjoyed being out birdwatching in company of others. Sadly we have again gone into lockdown since then, so we don't know for sure when it might be possible to repeat that activity. Just in case, we are planning a visit to Buckenham Marshes at the end of January. Obviously only small numbers can take part, and they must book in advance.

Our most recent Zoom presentation was given by the well-known writer on wildlife James Lowen. He is a friend of the club and has spoken to us before. He described the birds of Argentina, giving us a bit of a geography lesson on the way. A fascinating talk illustrated with beautiful photographs of the birds.

So WVBS is continuing to be active. There is much communication between members on the WhatsApp group, and we are all managing to continue to birdwatch. One of the good things about this activity is that we can birdwatch in our own gardens, local parks even streets. There are always things to observe, and it does keep the spirits up!

Elmham Surgery Updates

Don't forget to keep checking our surgery's Facebook page to keep right up to date with covid vaccinations and other useful information. Search Facebook for "Elmham Group of Practices".

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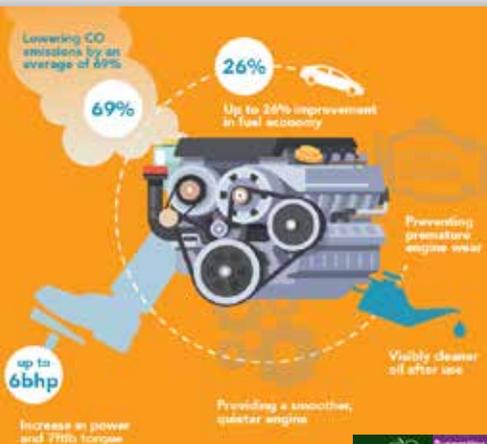
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There are many promises at the beginning of a New Year from different places, all offering you the chance of becoming a new person, a new you! Some of us will embrace this with enthusiasm, some of us will embrace this with a short-lived burst of energy, and others still will think 'pah' and withdraw under the duvet.

In Colossians 3:1-11 the apostle Paul encourages us to make changes to put on a 'new self', to remove the clutter from our lives that prevents communion with our Lord; for it is then that we will receive true life through Christ.

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St Marys Church

It feels a little late to wish you a Happy New Year, but I am heartened to hear that some people in our villages have received both doses of the vaccine for coronavirus, so we begin this year with a great sense of hope.

As February dawns, we finally turn our backs on the great celebration of Christmas. 2nd February is the celebration of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple – known to most of us as 'Candlemas'. Mary and Joseph took their infant son, Jesus, to the Temple in Jerusalem to give thanks for his safe delivery and to make the sacrifice required under Jewish Law. The couple presented a pair of doves, as they were too poor to offer the customary lamb.

The idea of sacrifice seems very strange to us now. Those of us who have celebrated the birth of a child or grandchild during 2020 have sent or received gifts and rejoiced with our families. I am among that number, having become a grandmother for the first time in August. Will these children become known as the "Covid-generation"? I hope not.

But the birth of a child is always a great celebration of new life; new hope; and a sense that all is well in the world.

To quote our own Mother Julian of Norwich: "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."

My prayer is that you will all stay safe and well, and that we can look forward in hope to a brighter future.

Yours, in Christ, Revd Sally

Worthing News

Armed with a hot cuppa in one hand, pen in another to begin drafting this article, and before I press the button to send off to our editors, I look out of the window to the glorious sight of snow.

Now for many of us, Christmas just slipped by with perhaps just a gentle nod

to celebrating Christmas, but this morning - mid January, with snow falling steadily, it FEELS like Christmas!

Try as you might, in Worthing, December started positively with for the first time we held a Christmas Raffle. Congratulations to our winner's Chloe, Geraldine and John who received their prizes. A bottle of Champagne, mulled wine and a Christmas cake. With St Margaret's Church, like many which is currently open for private prayer daily, our community raised a fantastic £250 and this will go towards meeting our running costs and sustain our church. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this event.

Due to the Covid restrictions, our traditional Christmas Carol Service, was again a first here, began with a simplified service held outdoors in the winter's sun next to the holly tree. Adhering to social distancing, twenty adults and children arrived to sing a few of their favourite carols, and of course starting with "Gabriel's Message," the arrival of Mary and her newborn Jesus.

But as we drew closer to Christmas, families in Worthing woke up on Christmas Eve morning witnessing and dealing with their homes being flooded. The riverbank

could cope no longer with the build-up of excess water and burst. Up to eleven homes endured varying levels of severe damage to their homes and no electricity. Some parishioners moved to the first floor of their homes; others moved out to temporary alternative accommodation. And some took refuge in St Margaret's to boil a kettle and charge up their mobile phones etc to make emergency calls.

The clean up, repairs and restoration will take several months but amongst this scary moment, parishioners helped and supported each other and ensured everyone was safe. In times like this, Worthing is at its best when we help and support each other.

And so as 2020 continued to challenge us all, we pray that 2021 will bring renewed hope and that all will be well.

Our doctors, nurses, scientists, all medical, care and emergency staff are also challenged on attacking the Covid virus that currently threatens our well-being, we are all very thankful in the way we help and serve each other.

Let us look forward to spring and summer when we can meet again, safely."

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Church Services in February (Heart of Norfolk Group)

With all the uncertainty of lockdown, the Heart of Norfolk Group has decided to suspend public worship until the Prime Minister's next statement about Covid restrictions, expected mid-February. This suspension may continue through to Easter (4th April).

All services will be available on Zoom. The HON weekly e-bulletin will also publish this information, along with other news and resources you may find helpful. To subscribe, visit www.heartofnorfolkchurches.org.uk or call or email the Benefice Office – 01362 668850; heartofnorfolkchurches@gmail.com

February Schedule of Services

Sunday 7th February	10:30 am	2nd Sunday before Lent
Sunday 14th February	10:30 am	Sunday next before Lent
Wednesday 17th February	10:30 am	Ash Wednesday
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