

A photograph of a dirt path lined with yellow daffodils in a wooded area. The path is dark and appears to be made of mulch or dirt, leading into a forest of tall, thin trees. The daffodils are in full bloom, creating a vibrant yellow line along the right side of the path. The sky is overcast, and the overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

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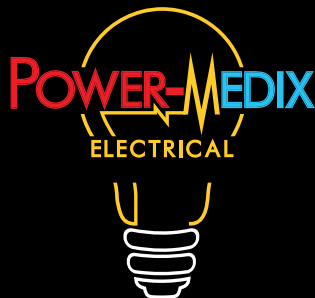
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EDITORIAL

You may gather from the content this month that Meg gave a talk about the Magazine to The Wives group which was well received. The research for this included looking back through our old magazines from 1977 which have been beautifully bound into Yearbooks. We have included a poem regarding Elmham News that our lovely Rosa Riley penned. She could always be relied upon to string a few words together on any subject which always raised a smile and on odd occasions, a tear.

This brings us nicely to the Elmham History Exhibition to be held on Saturday and Sunday, 11th and 12th April in the Memorial Hall from 10.00am–4.00pm. There will be lots of old photographs, newspaper cuttings, books and information relevant to many of the societies of today and yesterday.

If you are a born and bred local, why not go along and do some reminiscing; if you are new just go along and see what sort of a village you have come to live in.

Hope you have enjoyed looking at the display of daffodils all along Back Lane which have been planted over the years by the Brownies and latterly by Jimmy Brown on behalf of Elmham News.

Bulbs were also planted in the Millennium Wood by the Parish Council and other volunteers plus the snowdrops that were donated by Robin Don from his woods. The cover shows the beautiful avenue of daffodils on display in spring.

Thank you to the Wives Club for their generous donation.



Locations

Doctors Surgery, Car Park, Holt Road Pavilion, Holt Road

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NEXT DEADLINE: 14TH APRIL

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

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MEMORIES OF DAYS GONE PAST

11th & 12th of April 10am to 4pm

Do please come to the Memorial Hall on Saturday or Sunday, the 11th or 12th of April. There will be lots of photographs and articles and newspaper cuttings of the village covering almost one hundred years.

Please do come and have a look at our photographs and scrap books, as well as older copies of Elmham News, to stir your own memories.

Entry to the Hall is free of charge; however, a donation box will be placed near the entrance for those who wish to contribute.

We would ask that you are very careful when handling these books and papers, some are quite fragile and they will tear easily.

If you would like a copy of a particular photograph, we will try and get one for you BUT please do not tear or cut photographs out of the books and put into your pocket (this has happened before!).

During our previous exhibition, visitors spent quite a lot of time talking to fellow visitors, sharing insights, and taking pleasure in reflecting on past events.

Here are a few of Janet's Memories:

If we could fly back to the 1950's, we would be amazed at how different the village looked then.

There was electricity by then, I had my own electric light to read by when I was in bed, no longer having a paraffin light on a table beside my bed. Can you imagine it!

The village was self sufficient. We had two bakers, both in Eastgate Street, a butcher, Post Office, a number of general stores, two garages, a Surgery, the School and a Chapel. Of course there was the church which usually had the bells ringing just

before the Evening Service began, and a fish and chip shop which changed into a little general store at the bottom of the Church Hill.

We had a railway station too. Oh, the smell of the smoke was very evocative and the whistle blowing was something else. We could go anywhere in the world in a train from Elmham Station.

We had Fetes in the Summer, always good for entertainment, cricket matches, and walks to go on. Most of these we still can do to but then it was a treat to go to Wells by train with a bucket. This was for the cockles that we would go across the channel and fill the bucket with cockles. They had to be washed and fed with meal to get rid of the sand. Mother always left the cockles outside the back door overnight.

If the train wasn't convenient for you, then out would come a sturdy bicycle and away you would go. The downside was riding home from the turn off to Beetley all the way to the King's Head....it was hard work.

BOOK SALE

St George's House, near the Church

Friday 24th April 10-2 pm





COUNTRYSIDERS

Our month started with our Leaders and some parents attending the Senior Club's Valentine's Ball on 14th February at Sprowston Manor. A great night was had by all.

Following this, we held a fun-filled Pancake Evening on 23rd February. The Countrysiders made and flipped pancakes before covering them with lots of delicious toppings. There were plenty of full tummies and happy Countrysiders by the end of the evening.

On 8th March we attended the Seniors' Ploughing Match at Longham, where we ran a cake stall to raise funds for the club. We are pleased to say we raised £109.20. Thank you to everyone who supported us and purchased something from the stall.

On 9th March we had the opportunity to learn about canine first aid. We were joined by Ellie, a veterinary nurse from The Old Golf House Vets, who showed us how to wrap bandages, listen to a dog's heart, prepare for surgery and, most importantly, how to perform CPR on a dog.

All the Countrysiders got involved by listening to their own hearts, practising bandaging, trying CPR on the dog dummy, and giving our canine visitor Moss plenty of belly scratches and attention. Moss was very happy with all the cuddles she received. The evening finished with a fun game of musical chairs.

Our final meeting of the term before the Easter break will have been on 23rd March at Mattishall Golf Club. The summer term will then begin on 13th April. We have some exciting meetings planned for the summer term including:

- Crabbing at Wells against our Seniors
- A tour of Wells Lifeboat Station
- Den building at Holt Country Park

- A farm visit at East Rudham
- A visit to West Raynham Veteran Centre to see how it has progressed since our last visit over a year ago

A new programme with dates will be available soon.

If you have a child aged 10–16 who is interested in meeting new people and learning more about the countryside and farming, please get in touch. Two sessions are free to try. After that, there is a yearly admin fee (which covers insurance for meetings and all events) plus £4 subs per session.

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NORTH ELMHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

Councillors Present Were: Mr. P. Grainger (Chairman), Mr. M. Phillips (Vice Chairman), Miss A. Ferris, Mr. T. Fitzalan Howard, Mr. B. Gee, Mrs. A. Keeble, Mr. N. Markwell, Mr. M. Rayner, Mr. C. Smith and Mr. J. Sowinski.

Also in Attendance: Mr. K. Webb (Clerk) and two parishioners, one of whom left after "Public Participation".

Apologies for absence: Mr. F. Gillespie and Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor)

Public Participation

a) A query had been submitted by e-mail and the parishioner involved attended the meeting to reiterate concerns regarding site NEL2 off Back Lane for which the building of 50 new houses has been proposed. A number of fears including flooding and quality of roads



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were expressed. It was stressed that the Parish Council has no power in this matter and merely has the capability to make comments and express views to the District Council. In turn, the District Council has targets imposed on it by Central Government, with allocations then passed to towns and parishes. Sympathy was expressed by members with the opinions held.

b) A request was made for the 30 mph speed signs at the Crossroads junction with Back Lane to be moved further away from the junction. Norfolk County Council (Highways) will be asked to assess the situation to see if this is possible.

UPDATED INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING

Update from North Elmham Living Sustainably (NELS) Group

Mr. Fitzalan Howard had made contact with Mr. Earle who had subsequently provided some additional information. It is suggested that full details and costings need to be provided for consideration at Parish Council meetings. Moving forward, it will be necessary to examine each project in turn.

Land Management Matters

Village Green: Mr. Gee is to use some loose bricks to reinforce the banks of the brook.

Cathedral Ruins: There has been no contact from Alison Naylor and her colleague, Blake Galloway, from English Heritage since the visit on the 17th December. The issue with the wall on the right side of the pathway after entering the site remains and is still causing concern. Mrs. Keeble will chase again, having previously done so by e-mail, and reiterate the serious nature of the matter.

Cathedral Meadows: The replacement fencing has been installed. A payment of £4,344.19, previously received from the Rural Payments Agency, was £229.04 less

than anticipated by Brown and Co. This resulted primarily from correspondence being sent out by the RPA with an incorrect address which produced the deduction because of a late submission by Brown and Co.

Millennium Wood (and Jubilee Wood):

Mr. Sowinski reported that Mr. Cook had very kindly donated some oak seats which will be installed in the Spring.

Bridleway On Disused Railway Line And Other Railway Linked Matters:

Mr. Rayner had received a response from the Mid-Norfolk Railway. There are no plans to demolish the bridge at the end of Church Lane. The two other points raised are going to be looked at – the lack of a warning sign at the level crossing as it is approached from Back Lane and the establishment of a route for the proposed permissive path which needs to be agreed before any work starts.

Church Meadow: Mr. Fitzalan Howard had received an offer by way of telephone from a parishioner which would involve a donation being made to assist in the provision of a new village hall. It transpired, however, that it would be conditional on the Parish Council selling the individual concerned some land. Mr. Fitzalan Howard requested that a formal letter be sent to the Parish Council giving full details of the proposed transaction.

Allotments

It was been noticed that the water bill appears to be higher than normal. Mr. Phillips is to investigate.

Street Lights

Concerns had been received from a parishioner regarding damage caused to a property in Holt Road following a vehicle collision with the side of the house, during the road closure on 2nd September, 2025, which removed the attached street light fitting. Mr. Markwell will contact a

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contractor with a view to the damage being made good. The Clerk will inform the parishioner.

Highway Matters

The payment of 50% of the cost of the Village Gates (£3,111.33, not £3,113.33 as previously reported) had been received from Norfolk County Council. Two parish owned bins (at Cathedral Drive near the bridge and in Elm Close) are out of salt and Mr. Markwell will arrange for these to be replenished.

Pavilion and Playing Field

The problems notified to the Football Club after the last meeting had mainly been resolved.

Eastgate Centre

The A.G.M. is to be held next week.

Brookside Development Update

It was mentioned that there were no "P" signs which identified the car park as a parking area. In addition, there is no notification of any restrictions, e.g. no overnight parking. The Chairman will investigate options and consider the best way to proceed.

The electrical charging service is not yet available as there has been a configuration error. The manufacturer and operator are dealing with this matter.

Defibrillators

A revised quotation for a new defibrillator had been obtained. This was for £1,242.00 (including VAT). Proposed for acceptance by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Markwell. All in favour.

Local Plan update

Mr. Rayner had visited the resident from Back Lane who had expressed concern about the site near there being developed. The landowner had suggested a meeting with the preferred developer,

Broadland Housing, the Chairman and Mr. Rayner. February 19th has been offered as a suitable date.

Breckland Council is currently unable to demonstrate a 5-year supply of housing land with the latest calculation being a 2.8 year supply.

New Village Hall

A meeting has been held with the new Chairman of the Village Hall. Another meeting is to be held with Lyng Parish Council to hopefully learn from their experience.

Land Offered By Breckland Council To Pass Into Ownership Of The Parish Council

It was agreed by all that there is no suitable land that the Parish Council would wish to accept.

New Waste Service Agreement With Breckland Council

It was confirmed by all that the previously agreed contract with Biffa would run from 17/03/26 until 16/03/2027. The annual cost is £639.54 (monthly £53.30).

New Street Light Electricity Agreement With Drax Commencing 23/03/26

A new contract produced by Drax, commencing on 23/03/26 until 22/03/27, was agreed by all. This forecasts a consumption of 10,288 kWh with the following rates being applied:-

Day (07.00 – 24.00) 32.371p/kWh

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Accounts for Payment and Schedule of Income

a) Resolved to Approve the Following Accounts for Payment:-

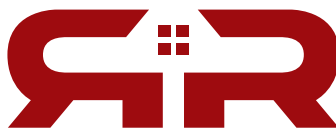
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Biffa (wheelie bin service from 27/12/25 to 23/01/26) - (d/d) £81.36

E-on Next (pavilion from 01/12/25 to 31/12/25) – (d/d) £202.65

E-on Next (electricity for Boars Hill– 01/12/25 to 05/01/26)–(d/d) £11.34

Information Comm’s Office (annual data protection fee) – (d/d) £47.00

K. Webb (quarterly computer allowance) – (standing order) £20.00

D. Tyson (Pavilion cleaning for January) £146.52

K. Webb (Clerk’s pay for January) £900.67

HMRC (Tax and N.I. on Clerk’s pay) £331.53

Anglian Water (Pavilion from 20/10/25 to 19/1/26) £74.93

Anglian Water (Playing Field from 20/10/25 to 19/01/26) £294.42

A. R. Crisp F & L Servs (new fencing – Cathedral Meadows) £5,000.00

J. Sowinski (Christmas tree guttering for cable) £11.29

J. Sowinski (smoke alarm for Pavilion) £20.79

J. Sowinski (Christmas tree) £38.00

J. Sowinski (chain saw file) £9.94

J. Sowinski (materials for dismantling of skate park) £10.88

J. Sowinski (mowing line – strimmer) £12.99

J. Sowinski (disc – strimmer) £12.99

J. Sowinski (petrol) £25.87

J. Sowinski (grow bags) £15.00

Community Heartbeat Trust (Vivest Powerbeat Defibrillator) £1,242.00

Community Heartbeat Trust (annual support – year 4) £162.00

(Expenditure approved by all members)

b) Schedule of Income:-

Norfolk County Council (50% payment to Parish Partner Scheme) £3,111.33

Pavilion takings £10.00

North Elmham F.C. (monthly payment for facilities) £75.00

North Elmham F.C. (monthly payment for referee’s room) £75.00

Bank Balances (at 03/02/26)

Current a/c - £69,141.52 Business

Premium a/c - £49,938.02

Cambridge Building Society - £82,483.96

Digital and Data Compliance – AGAR Assertion 10

Advice has been sought and duly obtained from Parish Online. There are three options as follows:-

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It was proposed by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Markwell that we should proceed with Option 1 (i.e. Free gov.uk domain and clerk email only). All in favour.

To Consider Planning Applications and Determinations:-

Applications

a) The Paddock, 43 Station Road – PL/2026/0034/HOU – replacement of conservatory with a single storey side extension, new front porch. Other internal alterations. Replacement windows/doors. (No comments).

b) Further consideration of the application relating to works at 55 Eastgate Street –PL/2025/1285/FMIN. (It was felt appropriate to make additional comments to support the original submission. Mr. Rayner had drafted a report which was approved by all members, regarding the issue of overshadowing which would be contrary to policy COM 03 Protection of Amenity in the adopted Breckland Local Plan).

c) 25 Holt Road - PL/2026/0157/HOU – erection of a chalet-style roof with dormer windows to the existing bungalow to provide first-floor accommodation, together with a front extension and rear

balcony. (Members held a neutral view but agreed to ask Planners to consider the risk of overshadowing or overlooking with regard to the adjacent property).

Determinations

None

Any Other Matters (For information only)

Mr. Smith said that he is shortly to undergo an operation. All members strongly confirmed that they would like him to remain on the Parish Council if he wished to do so.

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Penned by our dear friend Rosa Riley and published in Elmham News between 1990 and 2008.



ELMHAM'S VERY OWN BEAVER

Beavers have been much in the local news lately with a pair finding their way down the River Wensum as far as Pensthorpe. It is only a question of time before they reach Elmham. These wonderful creatures were hunted to extinction in Britain by the 15th century and they only recently have they been reintroduced.

However, we have our very own 15th -century depiction of a beaver on one of the remarkable benchends in North Elmham church. I believe that this is the only such depiction in the county. You will find him (or her) on the end of a rear pew on the south side of the nave, and he/she can be identified by their large tail and webbed feet. Sadly his/her front paws are missing.

But do spend time to look at the huge variety of benchends, mostly of a similar date to be found in the church. A menagerie of birds and animals, both real and mythical are represented. Perhaps, the most evocative though, are those showing men and women, surely portraits (and not always flattering) of people alive at the time. Their faces are lovingly carved as well as their hats and hairstyles.

They remind us that a church is not just a building but is made up of the people who worship (and have worshipped) there over the centuries.

Susanna Wade Martins

GARDENING CLUB

Our annual dinner was held at the Teapost and 33 of us enjoyed an excellent meal complemented by coffee, chocolates and a tremendous raffle. Our sincere thanks to Ben and his hardworking staff for a splendid evening.

Our March meeting will have been a talk by Paul Laurie on Garden Birds and our meeting on Thursday 23rd April at 7.30 pm welcomes Annette Hurst, to tell us all about Maintaining a Soft Fruit Garden.

If you would like to come but are not a member, you are most welcome to attend. The visitor's fee is £3.50 which includes really good refreshments!

Our Annual Show Schedule is out and can be obtained by a) Ringing Ray 01362 667 226, b) checking the Community website www.elmham.org c) using our Facebook page.

Everyone is welcome to enter all or any of the classes which are free to members or 20p per exhibit for non members. Why not give it a try?

Meg White

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editor,

I have been the owner of Able Community Care, a Norfolk home care agency, since 1980. Over the years, a number of parish and village magazines have kindly asked me to contribute Q&A features for their readers — particularly older individuals and their families — covering topics relevant to the UK care sector. I've been delighted to do so.

Here are a couple of examples of the kind of content I can provide:

Q: What is a Deferred Payment Agreement?

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Thank you,
The Fete Committee

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the meantime and repaid either by you or your estate when the time comes.

This arrangement can give families the flexibility to rent out the property, or to sell at a time that suits them. As the DPA is essentially a loan, agreed interest and administration charges will be added to the total. Your local council is the best point of contact for further information and to discuss your individual circumstances.

Q: How can I find out whether I have unclaimed pension savings from earlier employment?

A: It's more common than you might think! The government's free Pension Tracing Service at Gov.uk can help.

With over £400 million in unclaimed pension savings currently sitting untouched, it's well worth a look. The service searches a database of more than 200,000 workplace and personal pension schemes to help you track down the contact details you need — even if you've long since forgotten the details of a former employer's scheme. Angela Gifford.

Ed's Note: As the number of elderly residents increases and life gets increasingly more complicated for them and their families to deal with, we were delighted to accept Angela's offer of her expertise. If you have a query, please send it to us (anonymously if you like) and we will ask Angela for her advice.

DATES TO REMEMBER: APRIL

Wed 1st	Parish Council	Pavilion	7.30 pm
Fri 3rd	GOOD FRIDAY	See page 45 for services	
Sun 5th	EASTER SUNDAY Worthing Easter Duck Race	See page 45 for services Millstream Cottages, Worthing	11.30 am
Mon 6th	EASTER MONDAY		
Tue 7th	Knit and Natter	Pavillion	2.00 pm
Wed 8th	Tea at Two	Memorial Hall	2.00 pm
Thurs 9th	Wives Plus All - The Twisted Yarn	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Sat 11th	Elmham History Weekend	Memorial Hall	10.00 am–4.00 pm
Sun 12th	Elmham History Weekend	Memorial Hall	10.00 am–4.00 pm
Mon 13th	Back to school Countrysiders	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Wed 22nd	Mobile Library visits	The Heath - Wensum Drive	1.15 -4.40 pm
Thu 23rd	Gardening Club - Soft Fruits	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Fri 24th	Book Sale	St. George's House	10.00 am-2.00 pm
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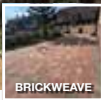
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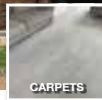
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KNIT AND NATTER

Thanks for the nice warm pavilion. We had a really good meeting this month.

We received a thank you email from Alison Rogers, the Charity Administration Officer at the NNUH, concerning our donation of blankets etc., which we delivered last month. She tells us that there is always a need for lap blankets and twiddle muffs for the dementia patients, and larger knitted adult hats for the chemo-therapy department. So off we go again and will be needing lots of squares to make up these blankets, and hats are always interesting to make.

I was Googling on my computer recently, when I spotted a piece about how knitting can help you kick harmful habits. For example, nail biting etc., all the way up to dealing with drug addiction. Now that could be interesting to all the nail biting drug addicts out there in North Elmham. Perhaps we could help, I, myself snort 6 a day. Does that count?

Come and join us, the next meeting will be April 7th at the Pavilion 2-00 til 4-00 pm.

Eileen Cotterill 01362 668380

P.S. If you are a home knitter and would like to contribute any knitted squares, below is our standard pattern.

- No 8 knitting needles, and DK wool. All rows are knit.
- Cast on 1 stitch.
- Increase 1stitch at the beginning of each row until there are 40 stitches.
- Knit 1 row.
- Decrease 1 stitch at beginning of each row until 1 stitch left.
- Cast off.

A way of using spare bits of wool, the brighter the better. Ring me to arrange collection. *Eileen*

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We are holding a History Weekend on the 11th & 12th of April 10am to 4pm on both days, this event is being organized, between the Memorial Hall, the Elmham branch of the RBL and Janet Woodhouse our village archivist.

Village photographs from very many years ago, together with other items including the complete RBL records from the first meeting recorded meeting in August 1945, also the first minutes of the first Memorial Hall in March 1919 will be available for you to see. Various other organizations from the village are contributing as well.

At the present time refreshments are not available, but if you are able to volunteer, please contact us, tea making items will be provided, the entire event is free, but donations would be appreciated.

On the Sunday 12th County School Station will be open displaying photographs, no refreshments available. Please do come along, everyone is welcome.

Mike Aston, Committee

OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 10th May 12pm-5pm

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NORTH ELMHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

Nursery - Woodland Room

In Nursery we have been exploring the sunny weather whenever it appears in our garden. The children have been looking closely at the early signs of spring and enjoying balancing and climbing on the logs outside. We have also been watching our daffodils grow and used some of them to create small bouquets for the special ladies in our lives.

The children worked very hard to make special pictures for their important people. It led to some lovely conversations about why they are special, with the children telling us things like "because they love us" and "my mummy gives me cuddles."

We also celebrated World Book Day by sharing some of our favourite stories and learning about the structure of books. The children especially enjoyed reading Fox's Socks and Go Away Bird, which sparked lots of discussion and excitement during story time.

Acorns

Acorn Class have been very busy this term and have enjoyed lots of exciting learning. In English, the children have been writing their own poems and creating imaginative endings to stories, showing great creativity and confidence with their ideas. In Geography, they have been exploring the United Kingdom as well as learning about the continents, oceans and seas of the world. In Art, music has inspired the children to think carefully about colours, shapes and patterns, and they have also been creating sculptures while discussing the emotions different artworks can express. In Maths, the class has been learning about length and height, comparing and measuring objects around the classroom. During P.E., the

children have been enjoying dance, using movement to express themselves and build their coordination.

It has been a joyful and busy time in Acorn Class, with lots of learning, creativity and many things to celebrate together in the classroom.

Oak

Over the past few months, Oak Class has been working hard and showing fantastic enthusiasm across all areas of learning. In our writing lessons, the children have been developing their storytelling skills by creating imaginative stories inspired by wordless books. Without words to guide them, they have carefully studied the pictures, discussed ideas together and used their creativity to build exciting plots, detailed descriptions and interesting characters. In science, we have been exploring different materials by carrying out a range of practical tests to discover their properties. The class loved investigating which materials were strongest, most flexible or most suitable for different purposes, asking thoughtful questions and making sensible predictions.

One of the highlights of the term was designing and making our own sandwiches. The children showed great excitement as they planned their creations, chose their ingredients and, of course, enjoyed tasting the delicious sandwiches they had made themselves! Alongside all of this learning, Oak Class continues to shine through the wonderful kindness, compassion and care they show to one another every day. The supportive atmosphere in the classroom makes it a truly special place to learn, where everyone encourages each other to do their very best.



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World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, our pupils took their love of reading outside and enjoyed a wonderful, shared reading session in the sunshine. Classes spread out across the school grounds with their favourite books, reading together, listening to stories and sharing recommendations with friends. The warm weather made it the perfect opportunity to relax with a good book, and it was fantastic to see so many children engaged in reading, discussing stories and enjoying the magic of books together. We had a fabulous day!

Mental Health Week

We began the week with an assembly introducing the theme 'This Is My Place' and had a discussion based on how we all belong at our school. The children have been set a challenge to either say hello to one person you don't usually talk to, or invite someone to join your group at playtime.

Thank You FONES!

A huge thank you to our Friends of the School for the new fencing around the wild garden! Your support helps protect our plants and wildlife, making another garden area in school a thriving space for everyone to enjoy!

Thank You Sewing Group

We would also like to thank the wonderful Sewing group of North Elmham for their generous donation from money they raised and kindly passed this onto the school, we would like to thank them for their continued support.

We Currently Have Places Available In Our Nursery

Whether you are new to the area or already part of our school community, we warmly invite you to come and see our school in action. Visiting

is the best way to experience our friendly atmosphere and discover how we support every child to grow in confidence, curiosity, and independence.

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ELMHAM WILDLIFE



Do you see earwigs as often as you used to? I don't. If you're one of those people who don't much like earwigs, then you might not mind seeing them less, but whether you like them or not, earwigs are really beneficial insects. Earwigs are known as decomposers, playing a key role in recycling nutrients by eating organic plant matter. In turn this leads to healthier, more nutrient-rich soil. Although earwigs are sometimes reported to cause slight harm to growing plants – they might nibble the odd petal for example – they prefer to feed on dead and decaying material and are not usually regarded as significant pests. They also feed on aphids and other genuine pests, so can provide natural biological control for your garden. And of course they're part of the food-chain providing sustenance to larger animals and birds that feeds on them. On balance they're certainly a good thing to welcome in your garden.



One place you are very unlikely to find an earwig is in your ear! The old wives' tail that earwigs will crawl into your ear while you sleep is, I'm glad to say, just that – an old wives' tail. It's extremely rare for any insect to enter your ear – even when (like me) you spend a lot of time around moth traps where insects are buzzing around at speed and disorientated by the light. It happened to me once (with a moth that is, not an earwig) but thankfully it's extremely rare – and as earwigs don't fly very much it must be even less likely for one to accidentally enter your ear.





The pincers on the end of an earwig might look fierce but they aren't dangerous – at least not if you're human. They can be used to ward off predators, or reportedly sometimes to help catch prey, and they're also used to help them fold up their wings after flying. They're more distinctive on adult males and the exact shape can help identify what species of earwig you're looking at, although variation between sexes and ages as well as between species means this isn't straightforward.



Here in Norfolk only one species of earwig is very common – the aptly named Common Earwig (photo 1). That's the only earwig I've seen in North Elmham but Lesser Earwig is widespread so probably occurs here too. I've seen them a few miles away (photo 2) but not yet in our parish. The Short-winged Earwig, sometimes known as the Hop-garden Earwig, seems to be spreading and is certainly now present in south Norfolk but as far as I know hasn't reached North Elmham yet. Another species that seems to be moving northwards is the Lesne's Earwig. I've only seen this one in Cornwall (photo 3) but I think there have been records in Norfolk now so it might be one to look out for in the future.




I won't go into the finer details of how to identify the various species of earwig here. Suffice to say that if it's as large as an adult Common Earwig then it probably is a Common Earwig. If it's smaller then it could be one of the other species, but it's still probably a Common Earwig, just a young one (photo 4).



Although one or two of the smaller species of earwig may be spreading northwards and increasing, presumably thanks to climate change, the Common Earwig is unfortunately not faring nearly so well. My own experience is that I don't see nearly as many as I used to





even ten years ago, and there is a lot of anecdotal evidence to suggest a widespread decline. Not many people study earwigs in a scientifically consistent way so there's not much concrete data to confirm how fast they're disappearing, or why, but there is one study published recently that analysed numbers of Common Earwigs found over 30 years at one site. In this study around 4,000 earwigs were found annually in the mid nineties falling to around 3-400 per year over most of the next 20 years (there was one good year during this period with over 1,000). Numbers fell to just 71 in 2021 with similarly low numbers in each of the last few years up to 2025.

In this study there was no significant change to the habitat but there was some correlation between weather and earwig numbers. Good years for earwigs correlated with consecutive cold wet winters in both the current and previous year, in combination with a dry summer. Persistent late ground frosts seemed to have a negative impact on numbers too. The study also looked at growth rates of nymphs and found that these were also impacted by the weather. As with anything in the world of ecology, there are many nuances and variations that make it difficult to isolate one factor as the sole cause for a change, but weather certainly plays a significant part. The paper describing this study didn't explicitly blame climate change for the decline, but it did imply that changing weather patterns were a strong factor. Given the extent that climate change is bringing about changes in our weather patterns (e.g. reducing the likelihood of consecutive cold winters as favoured by the earwigs in this study), I don't think I would be sticking my neck out too far to suggest that climate change

must be a factor in the decline of the Common Earwig.

I'm writing this piece close to Mothers' Day, and so a fact about earwigs that's worth throwing in is that a female Common Earwig is a very good mother. She spends the winter guarding her batch of eggs and then looks after the nymphs for several more weeks, regurgitating food for them. Once the nymphs are large enough to look after themselves they disperse.

You can find earwigs day or night but if you go out at night with a torch look on tree trunks (photo 5) or even fenceposts (photo 6). Even though they are relatively poor flyers, I often get them coming to my moth trap (photo 7) during the night so they must be attracted to light (which is probably why they sometimes come indoors). They also like to hide in vegetation – for example if you find a bunch of Ash keys (those clusters of seeds hanging from Ash trees), try shaking a bunch over a net or white tray and there's a good chance a few earwigs will drop out, among other insects.

Have you noticed earwigs declining, or do you still see them as often as you always did? It's always great to hear your experiences. Let me know if you find anything interesting, like Carol did when she saw a Ring-necked Parakeet in her garden recently. You may be familiar with these exotic parrots from visits to London but they've started to colonise Norfolk now too, although personally I've only seen them around Norwich so far. You can get in touch with me by emailing me at appleton.dave@googlemail.com or phoning me on 668431.

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WIVES PLUS ALL

On Thursday evening the 12th March Wives Plus All held their monthly meeting in the Memorial Hall, North Elmham.

We were visited by two Editors of the village's monthly magazine the "Elmham News", namely Meg White and Janet Woodhouse. Meg gave a talk on the magazine and its history entitled 'The News Moves On'. She also brought along special publications, one to celebrate 25 years of the Elmham News in 2002 and another published at the Millennium 2000. Members were able to also view the bound books that held all the copies of the Elmham News from its creation on the 1st December 1977 to date.

Originally begun in 1977, as the initiative of the village Church and the Vicar at that time, the Reverend Albert Derisley, the monthly magazine was originally established to bind together the three Parishes of Billingford, Worthing and North Elmham but it would specifically not be a Church Magazine being the Village Magazine and it would be free. At first, the monthly magazine was typed on a manual typewriter, by parishioners Bridget Hemmant and Wives' member Gill King typing stencils that were then put on to a Gestetner machine (mimeography), in the Vestry in the Church, and then later in the Vicarage. Advert pages and the cover were printed professionally and hundreds of copies of these had to be stored in Bob Fletcher's garage! Volunteers then had to collate and staple the magazines at home before the deliverers went out with them. They used two local printers before settling on Richard Young in Shipdham who was able to print AND collate all copies. Today with 800 copies being required and monthly costs in the region of £800 the magazine is now beautifully printed by Clan Press in Kings Lynn. The Elmham News has maintained

its production by revenue from advertisers and donations. Interestingly, in 1977 it was hoped that the Magazine may be able to continue for 50 years and this milestone will be met next year 2027.

In 2023 the Elmham News won 1st place in the Parish Magazines Printers National Awards for best A5 Magazine and Best National Magazine overall. This accolade was published locally in the EDP. A picture of this celebration can be found in the Memorial Hall.



Key figures who have been instrumental in its history include Editors, Volunteers, Donors and Advertisers and North Elmham resident, the late Mike Wyatt was instrumental in providing photos of events. Interesting articles are written for the Magazine by village clubs and organisations along with parishioners' personal achievements.

The Elmham News is delivered free to every household in North Elmham village. The rough cost to produce the Magazine today is of over £1 but the fees from the advertisers help pay for this.

Today's production team consist of:
Three Editors: Caroline Payne, Meg White and Janet Woodhouse
Advertising: Martin Phillips
Magazine Design: Sarah Felton
Distribution: Debbie Coull
Chairman: Brian Wheeler.

Thank you Meg for a very informative presentation regarding the village's exquisite monthly magazine.

Wives Plus All will meet again in the Memorial Hall, North Elmham on THURSDAY 9th APRIL, 2026 at 7,30pm

When Julie and Neil from The Traditional Rope Company will talk on "The twisted Yarn" There will be refreshments and a raffle. PLEASE COME ALONG ALL WELCOME

Ann Ferris

GLORIOUS GLORIAS IN NORFOLK!

Join us for our Come & Sing Day 2026 on Saturday 9th May 2026 in Fakenham, Norfolk, when we'll be singing 'Glorious Glorias', a mixture of familiar pieces, and a few surprises! All voice parts welcome

The day will be run by FCS's music director, Mark Jones, with our accompanist Matthew Preston. We'll start at 10.30am with a lunch break from 1.00pm to 1.45pm. There will be a free informal performance at 4.30pm with audience donations to AGE Concern Fakenham Branch.

Registration Fee is £22 per singer. There is an early bird offer of £20 if you register before 25 April. Under 21s £5. Registration fee includes score hire and tea/coffee/soft drinks/biscuits throughout the day

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NORTH ELMHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH

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

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

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

Apologies for absence: Mr. B. Gee and Mr. C. Smith.

Public Participation

Mr. Earle attended for a further discussion regarding the NELS project (please see later item for full details).

UPDATED INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING

Update from North Elmham Living Sustainably (NELS) Group

Mr. Fitzalan Howard felt that clarification was needed regarding the control of finances relating to the current and any future projects. The estimated sums involve are between £12K and £20K. Mr. Earle advised that the school has committed to the project, but the surgery has not yet done so. Mr. Sowinski stated that approximately 680 metres of deer fencing is required in the Millennium Wood at a cost of about £20K. Messrs Sowinski and Earle agreed to arrange another meeting. It is possible that NELS

will, at some time in the future, form a C.I.C. (Community Interest Company).

Land Management Matters

Cathedral Ruins: We have been informed that the wall on the right side of the pathway entering the site has been inspected by a structural engineer from Historic England. We are advised by English Heritage that there is some movement in the wall, but it is quite a way off becoming unstable and there is very little concern regarding its safety. We will be advised of any updates in this view.

The Chairman will check the ownership of the site in an attempt to establish the legal responsibility for the safety of visitors. It has been noted that a number of stones have fallen out from the wall retaining the bank at the rear of the site.

Bridleway on Disused Railway Line and Other Railway Linked Matters: Mr. Rayner had received a response from the Mid-Norfolk Railway regarding the two questions previously raised and these will be attended to – the lack of a warning sign at the level crossing as it is approached from Back Lane and the establishment of a route for the proposed permissive path which needs to be agreed before any work starts. Norfolk County Council had previously stated that the path from the County School to the buffers was permissive. It is not. Mr. Rayner has asked NC to confirm this point but, to date, they have not responded.

Church Meadow: A further approach has been made by a parishioner who wishes to purchase some parish land but the details remain scarce. Precise written details have been requested together with a map of the exact land involved.

Allotments

The allotments are fully let.

Street Lights

The electrical work on the damage caused to a property in Holt Road has been completed. Some additional work to the wall of the house is required and a quotation is to be obtained from Mr. Brown.

Highway Matters

The drains on Church Hill are blocked and require attention.

Pavilion and Playing Field

The County Elections are back on and will take place on 7th May. There are many items in the attic and the Football Club are to be asked to remove any belonging to them within one month. CCTV cables have been installed with two new cameras having recently been delivered. These will cover both the Tennis Club and the Bowls Club, with a contract of £20 per month with Tesco Mobile. It was agreed by all, (except Mrs. Keeble who voted against), that a spare camera will be based inside the pavilion, but the monitor will not be visible. The Public Liability and Employers Liability insurance certificates have again been placed on the notice board, having previously been removed by the Football Club.

Brookside Development Update

The electric vehicle charger has been inspected by ElectRoad (Andy Drinkell, Technical Director) who are the appointed contractors of Norfolk County Council. He reports that the system could not be activated as there are a number of serious faults connected with the installation. The Chairman subsequently contacted the installers, A. W. Electrical Services (Norwich), via the developers, Orchard Developments. An installation certificate has been received, and it appears that the developers were aware that the wrong equipment was ordered. The responsibility lies with them to rectify this matter.

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E-On Next are still attempting to charge for electricity that is not being used by estimating usage which they have been advised is not occurring. They are being provided with the same metre reading each month, as they requested, but from time to time they chose to ignore it. This has resulted in significantly large incorrect direct debit amounts being applied to the Parish Council's Bank account.

Credit notes are being obtained to repair this wholly unsatisfactory state of affairs. The "P" sign identifying the car park as a parking area, with a number of conditions, is to be erected.

Defibrillators

Both defibrillators are now working. Miss Ferris has again placed details in Elmham News of actions required to be taken in the event of an emergency. Two batteries have been returned as they are covered by a warranty of four years. The Chairman will attempt to recover some monies in respect of these.

Local Plan update

A meeting has been held with the landowner and preferred developer, Broadland Housing, who will be attending the next Parish Council meeting on 1st April. It is the intention to hold a public engagement on the afternoon of 1st July, 2026, the day of the Parish Council's July meeting.

New Village Hall

It is acknowledged that, with a significant number of new residents due to move to the village in the coming years, additional facilities are essential. Broadland Housing could possibly provide input with plans for the new village hall. Mr. Sowinski is to arrange a meeting with Lyng Parish Council.

New Waste Service Agreement With Breckland Council (Commencing 17/03/26)

It was confirmed that the contract with Biffa would run from 17/03/26 until 16/03/2027, with the first collection being on 25/03/26. The arrangement

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and general efficiency of the contract will be monitored.

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It was agreed by all that a free gov.uk address and domain would be obtained from Parish Online. This would provide a new a-mail address for the Clerk. At this stage, no action is to be taken regarding new e-mail addresses for members.

Report from District and County Councillors

Mr. Bambridge said that the County Elections would be taking place on 7th May. The Norfolk view on the number of new unitary authorities required is split between one, two and three. The County Council is in favour of just one but Breckland Council, for example, prefers the option of three. The Norfolk and Suffolk Mayor Election should take place in 2028. Breckland Council Tax is increasing by 4.99% which represents £123 per year for a Band D property.

Mr. Borrett has forwarded reports and these can be viewed on the website.

Accounts for Payment and Schedule of Income

Drax (electricity for street lights – 01/01/26 to 31/01/26) – (d/d) £455.91

Biffa (wheelie bin service from 24/01/26 to 20/02/26) - (d/d) £81.36

E-on Next (Pavilion from 01/01/26 to 31/01/26) – (d/d) £210.84

E-on Next (electricity for Boars Hill– 06/01/26 to 31/01/26)–(d/d) £163.01**

D. Tyson (Pavilion cleaning for February) £146.52

K. Webb (Clerk’s pay for February) £900.67

HMRC (Tax and N.I. on Clerk’s pay) £331.53

K. Webb (Clerk’s travel expenses from 01/04/25 to date) £143.10

P. Grainger (Chairman’s half yearly expenses) £50.00

M. Phillips (Vice Chairman’s half yearly expenses) £50.00

Mrs. S. L. Hines (key keeping – Dec, Jan and Feb) £93.75

Work in Cathedral Ruins (Nov, Dec, Jan and Feb) £830.00

** Supplier error – this should be £8.19. (Credit note received for £163.01)

(Expenditure approved by all members)

b) Schedule of Income:-

HSBC (coif inc div) £30.66

HSBC (coif inc div) £49.66

Balances (at 27/2/26)

Current a/c - £60,000.84

Business Premium a/c - £49,938.02

Cambridge Building Society - £82,483.96

To Consider Planning Applications and Determinations:-

Applications

i) Conversion of existing building into five holiday accommodation units – Railway Arms, 40 Station Road - PL/2025/0646/ FMIN. (Members supported this application).

Determinations

None

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Update from Broadland Housing (at start of the meeting and not to exceed 30 minutes).

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 1st April 2026 at 7.30 p.m.



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Remembering Arthur Smith, who with his late wife, Jane were avid artists. Their family donated framed pictures of landscapes and floral water colours for members to select and cherish in their memory, which were gratefully received and appreciated.

*Ray
Elmham Gardening Club*

WALKERS ARE WELCOME

Please come and join us for a walk in the local area. We have two regular walks each month.

Our shortest, easiest walk of around two miles is on the second Tuesday of the month and a slightly longer one of around four miles is on the first Friday of the month.

We will have a short walk before our AGM (with refreshments) on Saturday April 25th.

You could perhaps try our evening walk on Saturday 20th June.

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Therefore, it seems completely apt and right that it should be celebrated during Spring, the season of hope and renewal.

Many years ago, when our children were young, my wife and I visited the Spanish city of Seville over Easter, having left the children with my brother and sister in law who lived in Canterbury. It is a time that I shall never forget. The spectacle of the processions held over the weekend and before, with 60 brotherhoods leading, has left an indelible mark in my memory.

In the UK celebrations of Easter, there are many things that we use as symbols that have been adopted by Christians from pagan sources, influenced by Christian missionaries. For instance, the Easter egg and Easter rabbit both have significance's that work well into the Easter message. The egg represents new life and resurrection, whilst the rabbit represents fertility and rebirth.

However, it is not only spiritual happenings that occur over this particular weekend but also a great many secular events and traditions are tied in to Easter.

Over time Easter in the UK has become a holiday that beautifully intertwines religious observance, traditions, and delicious foods. From church services to egg hunts and duck races, the range of celebrations and customs reflects the rich tapestry of the UK's cultural heritage.

As we gather with family and friends to partake in these cherished ways of celebrating, it reminds us that, at the heart of Easter, is the joy of love, renewal, and togetherness. Whether you're attending one of the services across the area, biting into a chocolate egg or rolling an egg down a hill, enjoy every moment of the season—it's a time that brings us all a little closer together.

*Norman Johnson, Licensed Lay Minister
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Palm Sunday : 29th March

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Monday of Holy Week : 30th March

11.00am	Norwich Cathedral	Chrism Eucharist
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Wednesday of Holy Week : 1st April

7.00pm	All Saints, Stibbard	Stations of the Cross
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Maundy Thursday : 2nd April

9.00pm	St Mary, North Elmham	Compline
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Good Friday : 3rd April

2.00pm	St Mary, North Elmham	Hour before the Cross
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Holy Saturday : 4th April

7.00pm	St Peter, Billingford	Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter
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Easter Sunday : 5th April

10.00am	All Saints, Wood Norton	Morning Praise
10.30am	St Mary, North Elmham	Holy Communion and Baptism
10.30am	All Saints, Stibbard	Holy Communion
11.30am	St Margaret, Worthing	Children's Easter Story
12.00noon	Worthing	Easter Duck Race

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10:30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion; Baptism
10:30 am	Stibbard	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Bawdeswell	Word & Praise
11:30 am	Worthing	Children's Easter Story & Duck Race (12:00)

12TH APRIL – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Bawdeswell	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion

19TH APRIL – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:30 am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Worthing Iona	Morning Praise
10:30 am	Bawdeswell	The 10:30
11:00 am	Billingsford	Morning Praise
6:00 pm	Foulsham	Choral Evensong

26TH APRIL – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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