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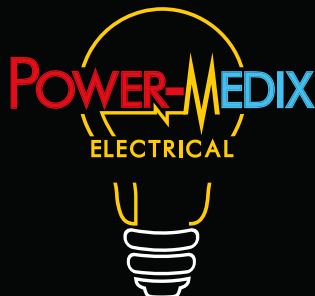
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EDITORIAL

As we get ever closer to the end of the year, it is time to thank all of our contributors for their support over the past year. We have taken a break in December for several years now and it gives us time to enjoy the run up to Christmas and also our printers can get a break too. This is quite a full edition, and we always try and include everything that we receive.

On the plus side for 2026, the village has a Pantomime to look forward to in January with lots of local talent and great fun, tickets are selling fast! Sadly, on the minus side, we are losing our garage which has repaired, rescued and advised many of us for several decades. We are sure they will be sadly missed.

It looks like Breckland will be requiring the village to have an increased number of new dwellings under the Local Plan, so keep a look out in the press and the News if you want to have your say.

Thank you for donations to Ted and Betty Williams and Anon. We really appreciate your generosity.

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May we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

From the Elmham News Team xx



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

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BRECKLAND LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Following the last update in July's edition, Breckland's Local Plan has now entered its next formal consultation stage, known as Regulation 18. The draft Local Plan at this point includes a wide range of draft policies for the whole district, along with the sites that Breckland Council has deemed to be their "preferred" sites for new housing.

As expected, North Elmham is now to accommodate more new houses than was the case before the general election, as central government has increased the number of new houses to be allocated within the new Local Plan from 625 units per year to 903 to be built per year. North Elmham's number has increased from about 50 new houses during the life of the Local Plan, which runs until 2042, to the new figure of 80 new houses.

The two preferred sites are as shown on the map, marked as NEL 1 for 30 new houses and NEL 2 for 50 new houses. The other sites put forward as potential sites for new housing have now been categorised as either "alternative" sites or "discounted" sites. It is possible one or more of the former could become preferred sites, most likely if one or both of the currently preferred sites were taken out of the Plan, while it is highly unlikely that any of the discounted sites would be included in this Local Plan.

You will also see from the map that three areas of green space have been included in the draft Plan as "Local Green Spaces", which will give them better protection from potential future development.

The public consultation opened on 31st October and runs until 15th December 2025: if you wish to have a say on any aspect of the draft Local Plan and its

sites for housing allocations this is the time to do so. Once sites are allocated, it is very unlikely that the subsequent planning application(s) would be refused permission, so it is important to engage with the process at this stage.

The Parish Council will be submitting comments to the consultation following its December meeting.

Michael Rayner, Councillor, Planning Lead, North Elmham Parish Council



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We first had to sort out the rainwater drains along the north wall which were failing badly making the north wall very damp. As the walls started to dry out, we hacked off all the crumbling plaster and applied three layers of slaked lime. The first two coats were mixed with sharp sand and goat's hair, as required under good conservation practice. Then we put on a topcoat of slaked lime and fine sand. After three weeks that had dried out enough to put on seven (yes seven!) coats of limewash.



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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Re: Millennium Wood

This is a big, big thank you to Jo and George for the wonderful work which they have done to the woods. Having lived here for 25 years, I have never seen it looking so good. Their work is tireless. Can't wait till the spring to see all the new bulbs coming into flower.

Also am loving the new locks on the gate being changed weekly, it's a lotto waiting to see which lock it is going to be.

Many, many thanks again from a very, very happy dog walker.

Anne Wilkinson

GARDENING CLUB

It's not just a place to have coffee and cakes, meet friends and relax. The Old Dairy at Stanfield has several strings to its bow.

We were delighted to meet Sarah, the owner and moving force behind the chutney and mustards which are made on site. She gave us a brief career history which led to her and a friend started making chutney together for two years before finally carrying on, on her own and developing the ESSENCE brand of jams and chutneys and the MONTY brand of mustards, which can be purchased all over.

She told us how after developing jams and chutneys, she wanted to make mustards with local grown herbs and seeds and the pitfalls of trying to do it in the home of Colman's Mustard (Unilever) where every grower and processor is contracted to them and no one else! It is a tribute to her stamina that finally she obtained seed and the offer of local land to grow it on and the where withal of processing it so that the mustards can claim to be 100% home grown in Norfolk.

Her two sons are also part of the team which is based in Stanfield and they are delighted to announce that they have recently taken ownership of Brays Pork Pies.

She was warmly thanked by everyone, with many people talking about visiting the Old Dairy.

Flower of the month was a delicate pink Cosmos that Liz Braybrook brought.

We were reminded of our Christmas Social on Thursday, 27th November and to bring a small plate of nibbles/ food plus a wrapped packet of seeds to be put into the communal basket! Drinks will be provided; you provide the fun.

May we wish all club members, hopeful new members and the community at large, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday 22nd January 2026 for another interesting year.

GARAGE CLOSING

It is with some sadness that we have decided to close North Elmham Service Station permanently on December 19th.

Since we first opened in 1991, we have met some lovely people and we thank all past and present customers for their support, but after a difficult year we have decided that it is time to retire.

We are still happy to help anyone should they need help as we will be working normal hours until the 19th.

Thanks to you all.

Simon
Mr Simon Drew (Partner)

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25 YEAR CAREER WITH THE YHA

One or two villagers have asked if we could do some more articles on our up and down career with the YHA and we thought we might throw something together in the New Year, perhaps from Eileen's point of view as well. It was then suggested there could be a festive story. So here we are again.

Generally, because we had our own two children, we did not open at Christmas, especially when they were younger. Usually opening our hostels at Christmas was voluntary, and we had to put forward a plan of the event to ensure that there was variety between the different festivities. Whilst we were managers of St Briavels Castle, such a plan was easy to draw up and so we held Christmas festivities on a few years. We tried to deck the Castle as would be appropriate in medieval times, i.e., no tinsel and flashing lights. We each year went on a looting expedition to our previous hostel, at Welsh Bicknor. As some of you may recall, Welsh Bicknor had 25 acres of woodland, ideal for supplying us with a carload of holly, ivy, laurel and yew. All, we felt, in keeping with the medieval theme, and all, I have to say, with the permission of the managers. We slow cooked slices of orange and lemon, along with flour and water patties in various shapes. The overall effect, though I say it as shouldn't, was impressive.

The events ran from Christmas Eve to December 27th. We put on a medieval themed banquet on Boxing Day, and a traditional Christmas, turkey and all, dinner, on the 25th. I know, turkey was out of keeping but imagine the complaints if we hadn't. Which is why we did the banquet on Boxing Day. The secret of Christmas events is to feed everybody most of the time and entertain them for

the rest. One of the best decisions we made was to give a member of our staff the job of "entertainment director". He organised all sorts of games, walks etc., taking the pressure of the rest of the staff (including us).

One Christmas it actually snowed, which was magical. Guests did not stray far from the 3 large log fires we had. One of customers kept walking round offering shots of "cognac", though it was actually a Spanish brandy, but very welcome just the same. Another had booked a room in a nearby hotel and went around suggesting to any of the ladies, including staff members, that they could join him there. The room was unused that Christmas.

In the New Year, the Castle had to be de-decorated. One year Eileen was stripping foliage from the stairway, when she spotted a model of a robin in the ivy. She thought "I don't remember that". Then it blinked. It was a real bird that had somehow got into the building, and was just sitting there, presumably awaiting rescue, which was immediately forthcoming. Who says Christmas has lost its magic?

John Cotterill

KNIT AND NATTER

There was a lot of finishing off and sorting out of items filling our time at the November meeting. We can certainly cover two tables at the "Pop-up" Christmas shop with a collection of exciting items. By the time you get to read this article, it will all be over and Christmas will be nearer. We guarantee that every penny you spend with us will have gone to a worthwhile charity, and we hope you are enjoying the lovely warm items and Christmas gifts that you bought that day. Afterwards, all the items left over from our stall will have found their way to the bigger charity shops e.g Salvation Army

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Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and many thanks for all your support at our fetes and sales over the past year.

Next meeting Tuesday December 2nd 2 til 4 at the Pavilion. There will be no January meeting.

Eileen Cotterill 01362 668380

RECIPE

Melt in the Mouth Chicken

Ingredients

4 boneless chicken breasts
1 cup of mayonnaise (or Greek yoghurt)
½ cup Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon of salt
½ teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon garlic powder.

Method

In a bowl combine mayonnaise, cheese and seasoning. Spread the mixture over top of each chicken breast.

Place chicken into a slightly greased baking dish and bake in a preheated oven at 180C for about 45 minutes or until cooked through.

I think you could experiment with different types of herbs, instead of the garlic powder, maybe tarragon or as I am doing today trying dried wild garlic.

Enjoy from Julia W.

PANTO RAFFLE PRIZES

A raffle will be held at each performance of the Pantomime - in the past we have always been very lucky in receiving prizes for raffles at events in the village and for the Pantomime we hope that we will be equally as successful – but we can't do it without your help.

Would you like to donate a prize please? It would be most gratefully received. Please pass any prizes to Jenny (01362 668 224) at 1 Cedar Close or email: jennycunningham@mac.com.

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Many thanks.

Theresa Gower
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AN ARCHIVE WALK THROUGH THE VILLAGE

There was a wonderful turn out for the History Walk on Sunday 2nd November, which was led by our local historian, Susanna Wade Martins. Thank goodness the weather was kind and so many people came.

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Then we went back up the hill, until we reached the bend in the road with Nelson House on the right. I have a postcard of the shop which had been a draper's shop run by Mr Adford (son called Nelson Adford). The name derives from the fact that for a while the shop was run by Nelson's brother, Suckling Nelson as a drapers' shop.

Standing facing you between Nelson House and its neighbour is a high brick wall blocking off the route of the old road that went through the park. The road was closed in to extend the park and the curving wall with the new lodge house was built in the 1840s.

Coming down the hill there was a row of 18th century cottages known as Coffin Row. They were condemned and pulled down when a communal Council House for the elderly was built there at the end of the 1930s. This was demolished in the late 1990s, and Breckland developed the site with houses.

At the bottom of the hill there was a small shop which originally had been a fish and chip shop. This was run by Mr and Mrs Shailes and was now selling basic foodstuffs and sweets. The shop was open from early in the morning until late in the evening.

Then we reached the village school, two doors opening onto the pavement with "Boys" over the top of one door and "Girls" over the other one. The words are still there today!

Does anyone remember? we would love to hear from you.

As we looked along the road with our backs to the school there was a row of three-storey dwellings- the front looking much more impressive than the backs and they were condemned before they were modernised. Our school cleaner lived in one of these when I was at Primary School in the 50s. A little wooden building at the end of the row was where Mr Runcie the Barber cut the hair for everyone in the village. He also worked at County School cutting the boys' hair. When my father had a haircut there, I always wanted to watch, but Mr Runcie made me stand outside and wait!

The walk continued past the 1960s housing development, and what is now the Teapost, but was originally the main village shop and down Eastgate where we had a welcome cup of tea at the Eastgate Centre (originally a Methodist Chapel) and admired a fine display of photographs from the Village Archive. Then the more stalwart members of the group walked on to the site of the old railway station which had been a busy place in the early years of the last century.

Further walks are planned for next year.

Janet Woodhouse





COUNTRYSIDERS

What a busy month we've had!

Our Halloween Fun Evening was packed with spooky activities — from toilet-roll mummy wrapping and pear bobbing to ghost-cup stacking and musical chairs. There was plenty of laughter all night long. We also ran a carved fruit or vegetable animal-themed competition, and a big well done goes to our winners!

The start of November brought the Seniors Tractor Run and Fireworks. Leaders, members, and families joined in and enjoyed riding on passenger trailers throughout the day. A brilliant firework display rounded the evening off perfectly.

On Monday 3rd, we held a fantastic team-building evening, including spaghetti-and-marshmallow towers, biscuit slides, and a range of fun team challenges. Bidwells Quest took place on 7th November, where we achieved a very respectable 3rd place. On 9th November, some of our Leaders, Countrysiders, and families attended the North Elmham Remembrance Service. Archie laid our wreath, and Brydy read a prayer on behalf of the club. At the County AGM on 13th November, we were proud to win the Growth Cup. All in all, it has been a very full and exciting month!

Don't forget to support our tree at the Fakenham Christmas Tree Festival, running Thursday 27th November–Thursday 4th December. Come along, admire the beautiful displays, and soak up some Christmas cheer. We will also have trees at the Brisley Church Tree Festival and the West Raynham Veteran Tree Festival.

Coming Up

1st Dec: Visit to the Fakenham Christmas Tree Festival

7th Dec: Winter Competitions at Easton College

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Wendy Cotterill

DEREHAM WALKERS ARE WELCOME

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

Our next longer walk will be in January.

For up-to-date information, please check our website derehamwaw.org.uk or email Ken Hawkins: ken-hawkins@tiscali.co.uk or call him on 07505 426750.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

I wanted to give you a quick message and feedback, following my wife's visit with our grandson to the children's playground this morning.

We've again been greeted with dog mess, multiple piles, within the enclosed children's area as well as litter left throughout.

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NORTH ELMHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

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. M. Rayner and Mr. J. Sowinski.

Also in Attendance: Mr. K. Webb (Clerk) and two parishioners (one left after the Public Participation part of the meeting and the other after the NELS Group submission).

Apologies for Absence: Mr. F. Gillespie, Mr. N. Markwell, Mr. C. Smith and Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor).

Public Participation

Mr. Jim Biggie, representing North Elmham Tennis Club, wished to clarify the position with CCTV cameras on the Playing Field, at the Pavilion and near the tennis courts. It was explained that two contractors have visited to discuss proposals to upgrade the present system to also cover the Tennis Club and equipment. To date, one quotation has been received which is expensive. As a result, a further one is being obtained. An alternative is to have separate cameras at the Tennis Club not linked to those at the Pavilion which would require a separate storage facility at the Tennis Club. The Tennis Club is holding its A.G.M. on Tuesday, 14th October and Mr. Biggie will further discuss the matter with the committee.

Update from North Elmham Living Sustainably (NELS) Group

Mr. Ben Earle visited to update members on his biodiversity action plan (BAP). The plan, which was duly circulated, is designed to develop the village through sustainable interventions that will also help to tackle the cost-of-living crisis. In addition, it will support and promote nature connectedness in young people and general physical and mental health across the community.

Proposals were outlined in respect of a possible project in Boars Hill with associated funding needs, together with the availability of grants, including the National Lottery Community Fund.

Mr. Fitzalan Howard queried how difficult it would be to monitor and control any projects of this type. It was agreed that initially Mr. Earle would liaise with Mr. Sowinski with a view to commencing involvement with the current Millennium Wood project and any subsequent items which may follow in due course.

Updated Information and Matters Arising

Land Management Matters

Village Green: Two picnic tables are ready to be put in place on the Village Green. The much-awaited camel is also to be returned to its original home.

Cathedral Ruins: Publicity regarding the site has appeared in Elmham News. There has been no response to our annual invoice, (£5,355 awaited), and the matter will again be chased.

Cathedral Meadows: Fencing with new posts is required. One estimate has been received with two more to be obtained.

Millennium Wood (and Jubilee Wood):

A seat has been removed, pressure washed and repainted. The latch on the gate has been changed to reduce the noise level when it is closed.

Allotments

Mr. Phillips advised that the collection of rents will take place in the Pavilion on 9th October. Many have already been received.

Street Lights

A quotation of £2.5K+VAT had been received to replace the light outside 76 Holt Road. It was agreed that members would visit the site to inspect the spot and also talk to residents.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER			
Mon 1st	Countrysiders -visit	Fakenham Christmas Tree	7.00–8.30 pm
Tue 2nd	Knit and Natter	Pavilion	2.00 pm
Wed 3rd	Mobile Library visits	The Heath–Wensum Drive	1.15–4.40 pm
	Parish Council	Pavilion	7.30 pm
Thu 4th	Wives Plus All Christmas Dinner	Railway Arms	6.30 for 7.00 pm
Tue 9th	Informal Carol Workshop	1 Cedar Close	11.00–2.30 pm
Wed 10th	Tea at Two	Memorial Hall	2.00 pm
Sun 14th	Christmas Songs	Kings Head	7.00 pm
Mon 15th	Countrysiders Christmas Party	Memorial Hall	7.00–8.30 pm
Fri 19th	End of term		
Thu 25th	Christmas Day		
Wed 31st	Mobile Library visits	The Heath–Wensum Drive	1.15–4.40 pm
Countrysiders Holiday 22nd Dec–5th January 2026			
JANUARY 2026			
Thu 1st	New Years Day		
	No Knit and Natter or Wives Plus All during January		
Mon 5th	School starts again		
	Parish Council	Pavilion	7.30 pm
Wed 14th	Tea at Two	Memorial Hall	2.00 pm
Fri 16th	Beauty and the Beast	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Sat 17th	Beauty and the Beast	Memorial Hall	2.30 pm
	Beauty and the Beast	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Thu 22nd	Gardening Club: AGM & Gardeners' Question Time	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Wed 28th	Mobile Library visits	The Heath–Wensum Drive	1.15–4.40 pm
DON'T FORGET			
Wed Weekly	Norwich Bus	Bus Shelter by Pavilion Opposite Orchard Close	9.37 am 9.39 am

Please remember, we can only print dates that YOU give us

Highway Matters

A resident in a property near the school reported that the Boars Hill developers had not kept a promise to put up a hedge at the edge of his property. There is a fence in place at the moment but it is not high enough to prevent people looking into his garden as they pass. It is a rented property and it was felt that he needs to draw this matter to the attention of his landlord.

The Gateways which will assist in improved road safety have been delivered and it is the intention for these to be installed in the near future. The hedge near 39 Station Road has been cut. Mr. Gillespie is to give a full report on this issue at the next meeting.

It was suggested that the build-out near the surgery would benefit from having a priority sign for the guidance of traffic.

Pavilion and Playing Field

The question of the provision of a Christmas tree was raised and the general view was in favour of having one. Mr. Sowinski is to talk to Nick Saunders.

The previous quotation for a new CCTV facility was in the region of £6.5K but an alternative option has been priced at about £1.5K.

Miss Ferris has prepared a booking form for the Pavilion and this is to be circulated for consideration. The waste paper facility is to be removed shortly by Whites as this service is to be no longer available.

It was agreed by all to switch the trade waste facility from Biffa to Breckland Council. The appropriate notice will be served on Biffa. (Proposed by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Fitzalan Howard).

Work has not yet been done on the guttering (quotation of £660 received for guttering and replacement of roof tiles). It was agreed by all to proceed (proposed by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Sowinski).

Boars Hill Development Update

Following the successful installation of two new dog waste bins which are being suitably utilised, it has been reported that the bin on the western side of the Village Green is badly damaged with the bottom not holding packages deposited, as required. This bin is slightly larger in size and will need to be replaced by a Fido 50. All in favour of purchasing this item (proposed by Mr. Gee and seconded by Mr. Rayner).

E-on Next continue to struggle with understanding the current position with regard to EV charging points but have finally issued a contract which involves a standing charge of 30p per day and a unit rate of 22.9p per kWh. They have been advised that they will be notified when the points are ready to be made available for use.

The development is subject to a 20 mph Speed Limit Zone Order which came into operation on 15th September, 2025, as advised by Norfolk County Council.

A note had been received from Fiona Wilson of Breckland Council which basically summarised the current position regarding the EV charging points. She is to be asked to provide assistance in finding a contractor to take on the administration of the system.

Overview of Parish Council Financial Situation

The final AGAR report had been circulated, duly discussed and accepted by all members.

Defibrillators

Miss Ferris reported that all defibrillators are now fully operational.

New Village Hall

A valuation for the Eastgate Centre is awaited. Mr. Phillips will chase.



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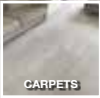
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North Elmham Football Club Facilities

The cricket nets have not yet been moved from the corner of the Playing Field near the Pavilion. The Clerk will chase.

Audit

The final response to the audit (AGAR) had been received from the external auditors. Two matters had been raised which had previously been circulated to members with information duly given as follows:

1) Section 1, Assertion 9 has been incorrectly completed. Mr. Phillips' explanation is below and relates to the historic, dormant Village Green Trust Charity which has had a Nil balance for some six years. The auditors spent much time discussing and eventually deciding that the "Yes" box shouldn't have been ticked as we hadn't met our responsibilities as sole managing trustee by not filing a report. They then spent just as long on deciding whether the "No" box or the "N/A" box should have been ticked and eventually plumped for "No".

With regards to No1, I can comment that the Charity has filed a NIL return of income and expenditure since 2018/19. From 2024 & 2025 year we could not file the returns as the new system with the Charity Commission did not allow us to do so as the Trustee (NEPC) is a corporate body.

When I spoke to the CC I asked if we could delete the charity as there was no land, cash or any other assets. I did make the CC aware that the PC would honour their obligations to the Village Green and the play equipment, for the foreseeable future. I also asked if there was any documentation required to be signed and filed. Their answer was that as it had been dormant for so long, closure could be confirmed by an online form which was completed and receipted by the CC on 12th December 2024. The Charity was then marked as "Removed".

2) The smaller authority did not comply with regulation 15. The auditors provided

the standard form as usual regarding the Notice of Public Rights with dates from 3rd June, 2025 to 14th July, 2025, which were duly used and advertised on the website. Unfortunately, we held our meeting on 4th June, 2025 which means that the dates should have been amended to 5th June, 2025 to 16th July, 2025 as the form should not be exhibited until the Parish Council meeting authorising AGAR has been held.

To Consider Planning Applications and Determinations

a) Applications

i) Extension to house and garage including replacement of roofs and external refurbishments plus other alterations subsequently advised – High Trees, Great Heath Road – PL/2025/1292/HOU – no comments.

ii) Removal and treatment of a number of trees at Pump Street – sent for information only – PL/2025/1415/TCA.

iii) Proposed dwelling with car port and demolition of existing building – 55 Eastgate Street - PL/2025/1285/FMIN – application broadly supported, in principle.

b) Determinations

None

Mr. Rayner mentioned that the Government's New Towns Taskforce has recently recommended twelve locations for the next generation of new towns. None are in Norfolk.

Correspondence

Query from a parishioner in respect of a pathway near Elm Close (the Chairman is to enquire with Highways, NCC).

Any Other Matters (For Information Only)

Miss Ferris mentioned that an advice note regarding use of the defibrillator appears in Elmham News every month.

NOVEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

There are no Parish Council minutes for the meeting held on 5th November in this edition as they had not been received in time. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 3rd December at 7.30pm in the Pavilion. Parishioners are always encouraged to attend.

Minutes of Parish Council meetings should also be available on the community website.

FAKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Do you enjoy singing? Are you a tenor or bass? If you enjoy singing, why not join Fakenham Choral Society. The Society is looking to recruit more tenors and basses for the coming season. We'll be starting rehearsals for our Spring Concert on Tuesday 6th January.

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We meet in Fakenham to rehearse on Tuesday evenings from September to June.

For details of how to join visit:
www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org/join-us.

Christmas Concert

Fakenham Choral Society will perform Benjamin Britten's Saint Nicolas and Vivaldi's Magnificat at its Christmas concert.

Fakenham Choral Society welcomes you to join them for a wonderful and traditional start to the Christmas celebrations.

Saturday 13th December, 5.30 pm
(doors open at 4.45 pm)
at Fakenham Parish Church.

For further information: www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org/forthcoming-1

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Remembrance Sunday exceeded all expectations this year. It was Mark Burdon's first Remembrance Day service which went to perfection. The Guides, Countrysiders and the Young Farmers all playing a part in the service.

On behalf of my committee and myself, we wish to thank everyone that attended and took part in the service, it was nice to see a full church this year as well. It was good to see the church so well decorated as a tribute to the fallen. Thank you to the decorators.

Several of the branch members attended the Remembrance service at Whitwell on the Saturday, which again was a very good service and was attended by a very large congregation.

I will take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The next branch meeting will be 3rd February 2026 at the Kings Head, North Elmham at 8pm

Mike Aston, Branch Sec

THANK YOU

A big thank you for all the kind words received following the loss of my little dog, Sandy. I very much appreciate the concern shown, which has meant such a lot to me.

Ann

STORM CHASING WITH CHRIS BELL

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WIVES PLUS ALL

At November's meeting on Thursday 13th, in the Memorial Hall, North Elmham Wives Plus All were visited again by Chris Bell, who is the Chief Communications Officer & Senior Meteorologist, WeatherQuest and Lecturer in Meteorology at the University of East Anglia, in Norwich.

Chris gave members an enlightening, educational and very interesting talk on Storm Chasing in Tornado Alley, which is situated in the middle of the USA. During the talk Chris spoke about what makes the Tornado Alley so unique in producing some of the largest most severe thunderstorms in the world. These storms are capable of producing giant hail stones (larger than cricket balls), intense lightning, strong wind gusts, heavy rain and of course tornadoes.

During the talk Chris also talked about some of the other non-weather related things that make Tornado Alley unique and are experienced by those who chase storms i.e. lots of American food (massive burgers), the biggest ball of twine in the world, the Twister Museum and very big canyons.





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Chris finished by showing pictures and videos from his recent chase in May-June 2025 including videos of several tornadoes, frequent lightning and hail.

Thanks go to Chris for a very entertaining, informative and interesting talk.

Wives Plus All will meet again on THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER 2025 at "THE RAILWAY ARMS", North Elmham at 6.30pm for 7.00pm to enjoy a Christmas Meal together.

Wives Plus All do not meet in the month of January. Therefore, the next monthly meeting will be in the Memorial Hall, North Elmham at 7.30pm on THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2026 when the AGM of the Elmham Wives Club will be held.

Please come along all welcome.

We wish all a Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and Prosperous New Year.



Ann Ferris

THE WALKING GROUP CHARITY LUNCHES

We would like to thank all those who have offered their support and given donations over the years and grateful thanks must go to the volunteers who not only made and served the soups but also the delicious cakes which arrived in abundance each time.

Our annual lunch in October will be our last charity lunch. We have raised funds for the following charities:

Syria £650

May 2022: Ukraine £765, 65 people

October 2022: Trussell Trust £605, 50+ people

March 2023: Church Food Larder and Elmham School £600, 70 people

October 2023: St Martins Housing £560, 72 people

October 2024: Purcell School of Music £550, 72 people

October 2025: Elmham News & Smile Train £640, 62 people

Total £4,370

Sincere thanks to you all.

Jenny Cunningham

Ed's note: Thank you to Jenny and her team. There was not only delicious soup but cake too plus a bonus of music, poetry and songs. Truly a worthy occasion.

TRACKS CHARITY PLOUGHING

12th October in aid of THE BIG C

Wow, what can we say – the day started with thick fog, but that didn't stop the many vintage, tracked and steel wheeled machines, large and small. They came from far and wide, from Northampton, and Kent and many other areas, not just Norfolk.

Then the public began to arrive in their masses, for a great day out with 45 working machines. The donation bucket was overflowing and with our raffle and various stalls which were extremely busy, we were able to raise £5,543.44 by the end of the day. Then, through our letterbox, came an overwhelming cheque for £1000 in appreciation for all the effort and goodwill, making a final total of £6543.44.

Thank you to all our wonderful team of helpers and the Hill Family, without whom we could not stage this event.

The result of the sale of our fantastic male calendars will be known in due course. You will have to wait for the surprise amount!!

Thank you everyone.

Neville and Sally Websdale

Ed's Note: A huge thank you to Neville and Sally, it is a tremendous effort and what a spectacular amount raised for the Big C.

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ELMHAM WILDLIFE



When I'm walking around the village looking for nature my interest in wildlife is usually pretty obvious from the gear that I'm carrying. As a result, people I meet often like to stop and tell me about the things they've seen, which is always lovely to hear. The one thing they tell me about more than anything else – in fact possibly more than everything else put together – is deer. Deer being large enough to see even from a distance without binoculars are, I suppose, the wild animals that a casual walker is most likely to see. There are plenty of deer around North Elmham so they provide lots of opportunities. They're not always especially shy and although they are partly nocturnal, they're often active during the daytime too.



In North Elmham two species of deer are common: Muntjac (photo 1) and Roe Deer (photo 2). The Muntjac is our smallest deer, no bigger than many dogs. It's not native to the British Isles but has become established here after animals that had been introduced to deer parks (particularly one at Woburn Abbey in Bedfordshire) escaped in the early nineteenth century.



Muntjac are short-legged, short-necked deer with an arched back and rounded rear end (photo 3). Their posture varies though and sometimes they can stand taller and straighter, and then they can easily be confused with Roe Deer. Male Muntjac have short unbranched





antlers, curved inwards and backwards, and both sexes usually show a pair of diverging dark lines extending back from their nose (photo 4).

I've seen Muntjac in my driveway and on the green so they will come right in among the built up parts of the village. Roe Deer are less likely to do so preferring to stay in the fields and woodland around the village, but sometimes an individual deer can become quite tame.



Roe Deer is one of only two species of deer that are truly native in the UK (Red Deer being the other). They stand taller with straight backs and they usually show a prominent white rump patch when seen from behind (photos 5 & 6).

Roe Deer were once hunted almost to extinction but their numbers are now so high that they can be a nuisance. Muntjac also cause problems, feeding heavily on young shoots, flowers and foliage. Not only is this a problem for gardeners and farmers, but it also wrecks woodland undergrowth and inhibits natural regeneration. This is often cited as a reason for reintroducing Lynx which, it is argued, might help to restore the natural balance. Personally I can't see Lynx ever being common enough to make a dent in the deer population and unfortunately I think the problem of high deer numbers is one that won't go away easily.



There are two or three other species of deer that you could plausibly see in North Elmham, though I haven't definitely seen any of them. I'm pretty sure I did catch a glimpse of a Chinese Water Deer here once but I didn't see it clearly enough to confirm. This is another non-native species that originated at Woburn Abbey but for many decades the Norfolk



Broads has been the stronghold for their naturalised population. In recent years they've been spreading and I now see them only a few miles away from here so wouldn't be at all surprised to find them in our parish. Chinese Water Deer are somewhat intermediate in size and shape between Muntjac and Roe Deer, but are a paler sandier colour (photo 7). Males have a distinctive tusk, a long tooth that hangs externally from the side of the mouth. Although they're often associated with wetlands, they also seem quite at home in arable farmland.

I haven't seen Red Deer in North Elmham but they're doing well in Norfolk and I see them occasionally in other parts of the county. The largest wild herds are probably in the north and especially the east of the county but there are records of them all over. Recently I captured footage of Red Deer on one of the trail cameras I have out about 2-3 miles to the south of us, so they certainly close to us. You'll be familiar with Red Deer if you've ever spent much time in the Highlands but they're huge deer with long heads (photo 8 – I hope you'll excuse me for using a photo taken in Scotland!). Older stags can be enormous with elaborate branched antlers but even young females dwarf our Roe Deer.

There's perhaps a chance of seeing Fallow Deer here too, but I'm not aware of any herds very close to North Elmham. In Norfolk they're mostly restricted to private deer parks but they do get out quite regularly. I've seen them away from deer parks a few times, but never very close to North Elmham.

I'd be especially interested to hear from you if you've encountered Chinese Water Deer, Red Deer or Fallow Deer in North



Elmham, but I always enjoy your wildlife reports whatever they are. You can get in touch by emailing me at appleton.dave@googlemail.com or phoning me on 668431.

Dave Appleton





NORTH ELMHAM YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

October has been a busy month for us at North Elmham YFC, on the 2nd we hosted a Tractor Run and Bonfire Evening. With nearly 50 tractors in attendance and an amazing firework display to follow, we raised an amazing £2000. We would like to thank all those who supported the day, did you see us driving through the village?

On the 9th of November three of our members also attended the Remembrance service at St Mary's church. We were asked to read a poem and lay a wreath and we enjoyed this very much.

We are now heading towards the first few competition days of the year; our Hockey league starts on the 23rd of November where we hope to beat the other Norfolk teams to earn a spot representing the county. We also have winter competitions day in a few weeks which we are looking forward to!

If you think Young Farmers might be for you; we meet Wednesdays at 7.30pm at The Kings Head (or see our socials for more information on where to find us!) open to ages 15-28.

You don't have to be a farmer to be a young farmer! @northhelhamyfc.

Eds Note: members of the Archive Walk witnessed your Tractor Run, so we've added some of the photos they took.

BRISLEY AND NORTH ELMHAM CRICKET CLUB

The Club held its 2025 AGM on Sunday November 9th at the Brisley Bell courtesy of owners Marcus Seaman and Amelia Nicholson. A relatively small turnout was presented with the accounts which showed a small increase on overall funds. As always, the club are indebted to sponsors

for their continuing support in particular Black Schuck and Payne Crop Nutrition.

Chair Mark Ballman then outlined the plans for work over the winter to improve the pavilion and playing area. If any future application to progress into the Norfolk Cricket Alliance is to be successful, certain criteria need to be met including shower facilities which is being investigated. The club also need to enter a youth team into one of the structured competitions and that is being led by Adam Mackay.

Outside the work on the playing area continues and the grass has continued to grow strongly right into late autumn. Thanks to the extremely generous sponsorship of Nigel Stangroom, the entire outfield will have a long overdue scarification sometime in the spring of 2026.

All members of the committee were re-elected except for Tom Donnelly who has stepped down in view of a very busy personal year ahead. He was thanked for his contribution both as a committee member and as midweek captain. The club now need to find a replacement to focus on the vital task of sponsorship and media communication.

The chairman concluded by encouraging members to continue to suggest and support fund-raising activities, especially considering the expenditure required for the facilities upgrades.

The following Friday a good crowd of members visited the Black Schuck distillery and were entertained with a delicious ploughmen's supper, tastings of the various gins, rums and schnapps produced, a talk about the origins and development of the company and a tour of the actual distillery. Our thanks to Sarah and Patrick Saunders both for their support of the Club and a very entertaining evening and their offer to continue their sponsorship into next season.

Mark Ballman

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SCHOOL NEWS

Woodland Room - Nursery

The Nursery children have had a wonderfully busy few weeks exploring all things Autumn! From pumpkin carving and slime making to learning about fireworks and Remembrance Day, the children have enjoyed a wide variety of engaging experiences.

Through our activities, we have been learning more about ourselves—our likes and dislikes—and observing the changes happening in our environment. We've also been exploring our emotions through our senses, helping the children to better understand and express how they feel.

We've been developing our new mud kitchen too, adding more opportunities for pouring, mixing, and experimenting. The children have especially enjoyed creating colourful "mud kitchen soup" using water and fresh herbs.

Over the next few weeks, we'll be diving into more Autumn and Winter stories—and, of course, beginning to explore the magic of Christmas!

Acorn Class - Year R, 1 and 2

Acorn Class have had a fantastic few weeks filled with curiosity and creativity. We've been exploring the human body inside and out, asking questions and making discoveries along the way.

In English, the children have been busy writing their own imaginative endings to *How to Catch a Star* by Oliver Jeffers. The children are also becoming experts on the seasons as they prepare to create their own information texts. Our maths learning has taken us into the classroom and outdoors as we explore addition and subtraction in real-life contexts.

During outdoor learning, the children loved creating their own natural paintbrushes for art, and in P.E. Acorns have enjoyed a range of team-building activities that have helped develop cooperation, confidence, and lots of smiles. The children's hard work, curiosity, and positive attitude have truly shone through in everything they do.

Oak Class - Year 3, 4, 5, 6

As the shorter days and colder nights have set in, the children in Oak class have

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explored Europe in their Geography, the Fresh Prince of Bel Air in their Music and building websites in their Computing.

The children have been busy during this second part of Autumn term working on their narrative writing. They have built stories based on adventures whilst always attempting to build a picture in the author's mind with their keen language choices.

Alongside this, the children have keenly spent time practicing their times tables - competing in daily challenges and arithmetic exercises aimed at developing the children's fluency and mathematical understanding.

The team in Oak class have been incredibly proud of all the hard work. We are all looking forward to seeing how the children further flourish as the academic year continues.

Remembrance

Our school community came together for our Remembrance Service to honour those who have served and sacrificed for our country. The service included readings, poems, and displaying artwork made by pupils, followed by a two minute silence.

We are proud of the respect, thoughtfulness, and maturity shown by our children during this important occasion.

Our sensory garden

As many of you know, we were fortunate to receive a £500 grant to help develop our sensory garden. Thanks to this support, we now have raised flower beds, compost areas, and a beautiful water feature in place!

This project is still in its early stages, but we're already so excited to see how this calm, nurturing space will grow and become a special part of our school community.

Are you interested in a Nursery or school place for your child?

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CHRISTMAS POP UP SHOP

The weather was pretty damp, so thank you to everyone who made an effort and braved the weather.

Actually, despite such poor numbers and hardly any children, everyone enjoyed the warmth and the convivial atmosphere. There was lots of interaction between stalls and a feeling of camaraderie over coffee, sausage rolls and cakes.

A good time was had by everyone, and the following charities will be receiving donations courtesy of organisations, Salvation Army, Alzheimer's Society, CATS Protection, Royal British Legion, Great Ryburgh home for the elderly and disabled, N & N Hospital children's wards and the Institute and Broom Green Bowls Club. Not huge amounts but donations given with love.



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Christmas opening times

Christmas is fast approaching, we will be closed

- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day
- New Years Day.

Message from the Partners of Elmham Surgery

Dear Patients,

As we come to the end of the year, we would like to take a moment to thank you for your support and understanding throughout the past twelve months. It has been a year of both challenges and progress, and we are grateful for the kindness, patience, and trust you show our team.

Our entire team remains committed to providing you with the best possible care, and we look forward to continuing to support your health and wellbeing in the year ahead.

We send our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for a healthy, safe, and restful Christmas and New Year.

With best regards,

The Partners of Elmham Surgery

Anima Why are there more questions when filling out the new form?

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- Could it be a red flag symptom?
- Which care pathway should this person go to?

Anima's extra questions are doing what a nurse or GP would have previously had to do based on the limited information on the old form or by calling/messaging the patient.

In short, the benefits:

- Safer triage for patients and clinicians
- Reduces any potential delay in making a clinical decision
- Clinically efficient to meet the increasing demands enabling us to deal with more requests on the same day

Anima is part of this Practice commitment to ensuring we meet the Governments vision of digitisation whilst ensuring your care is faster and more convenient, whilst helping our triage team manage demand safely and fairly.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH

Do you have around an hour to spare, say every four weeks? We are looking for people to join our Church cleaning team, and any offers of help will be greatly appreciated. Dusting, sweeping or if you have a passion for cleaning brass, we would love to see you.

Contact Gill King 668530

WEST RAYNHAM VETERANS

Our Young Farmers visited this charity based at West Raynham and have adopted them as their charity for the year. Here is a little more about them.

Veterans Central is a facility for Military and Emergency Services veterans, serving personnel and families, as well as associated charities, organizations and veterans to support activities, wellbeing and engagement.

The Veterans Voice project starting next year, aims to help veterans and family members find how to access veteran organisations and support groups, such as breakfast clubs and social hubs, identify opportunities for social interaction with other veterans, and provide information about support resources.

Veterans Central, as part of the Veterans Voice project, will be running a monthly drop-in at the Assembly Rooms in Swaffham from 10.30am–1.00pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month in 2026. Free tea, cake and conversation.

Contact: ops@veteranscentral.co.uk

Facebook: West Raynham SHQ Veterans Central

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Dear Friends,

I am writing these in the first few days of November whilst cruising the Norwegian Fjords and the snow-capped mountains are putting me in the mood for the coming season.

This edition of your magazine covers two new year beginnings. The start of 2026 in January and the beginning of the new Christian year which starts with the period of Advent in December.

In one of the villages I have visited on our trip round Norway, there is a year round Christmas shop. In many ways the secular Christmas and all its trappings appears to be taking many away from what it's true meaning is.

Christmas is all about love, God's love for this world that he created. A love so strong that he sent his only son to redeem it. A son who would later die at the hands of those he came to save.

One of the great traditions of Christmas is the singing of carols. I love hearing carols being sung in Church or by groups of carol singers. The singing of carols has a longer history than most people realise.

The first Christian Christmas hymns can be traced back to the 4th century. Then in the 12th century the Parisian monk Adam of Saint Victor began to derive music from popular songs, introducing something closer to the traditional Christmas carol.

In the 13th century, influenced by Francis of Assisi a strong tradition of popular Christmas songs in regional native languages developed all over Europe and Christmas carols in English first appear in 1426.

The songs now known specifically as carols were originally communal songs sung during celebrations like harvest tide as well as Christmas. It was only later that carols began to be sung in church, and to be specifically associated with

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Understanding Your Blood Test Results

This information sheet explains how your blood test results are reviewed and what they may mean. Our aim is to ensure you remain informed and confident in your ongoing care.

How Your Results Are Reviewed

After your blood sample has been taken, your doctor will review the results carefully. We check whether the results fall within the expected range and identify whether any further action is required.

Multiple Test Results

If you have had several blood tests, you may notice that your online record or app displays a message indicating an abnormal/borderline result. This does not mean that all your results are abnormal/borderline.

Please note: this does not necessarily mean you require a follow-up appointment.

If any result needs further discussion, monitoring, or treatment, we will contact you directly.

If You Do Not Hear From Us

If you do not receive a message or phone call after your results have been reviewed, this means:

- Your results are within an acceptable or expected range
- No further action is required at this time
- You do not need to contact the surgery to check your results

When to Contact Us

Please get in touch with the practice if:

- You develop new or worsening symptoms
 - Your symptoms are not improving as expected
 - You have any questions or concerns about your treatment or results
- We are here to support your health and wellbeing.

Where to Access Your Results

You can view your test results online through:

- Your NHS account (via the NHS App or NHS website)
- Your SystmOnline account

Appointment Statistics

- In the month of **October** a total of **160** patients failed to attend their appointments which could have been offered to other patients.
- This has cost the NHS **£40,920** so far this year in missed appointments.

Christmas. Many people, I believe, think that carols, like the Christmas tree, were a Victorian introduction. This is not so although many of the popular ones we sing today were written in that era.

I would like to wish each and every one of you a peaceful, restful and joyous Christmas. Perhaps you would like to attend a Carol service in one of our villages and towns. If you do, then remember you will be connecting with many generations before.

In God's love and peace

Norman Johnson
Licensed Lay Minister
Heart of Norfolk benefice

WORTHING NEWS

St Margaret's Church Christmas Appeal reaching across the Heart of Norfolk Churches Benefice gathered 10 shoeboxes, which was tremendous. Our thanks to Christine, Holly, Wendy, Sharon, Penny, Anna and Sally for responding to this very important plea. These boxes and others are now being distributed to many children in need around the world including Zimbabwe, Romania, Serbia, Estonia, Namibia, Fiji. Once again, thank you ladies.

Further information may be found on their website: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

Lest We Forget !

A simpler but reflective service took place on the 9th November bringing together our local community and remembering the bravery of our lost heroes and also families left behind.

May we pray and give thanks to our Armed Forces who work in keeping us safe. We will remember them

Donations received have been forwarded to the charity BLESMA – in aid of Limbless veterans, thank you for your support.

There But Not There...

In preparation for the Christmas and New Year holidays, may we invite you to take part (or indulge!) in the following:

1. Christmas Shopping Covered, Go To...
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/worthing-church-and-town-lands-charity/
2. Something For The Christmas Table Covered, Go To

Although it was regrettable to have to cancel the wine and beer tasting this year, in aid of our Church Building Appeal, Worthing PCC are still running their Annual Christmas Raffle. So, step forward before the 21st to collect your "winning numbers." Tickets will be drawn in Church on Sunday 21st December (starting at 2pm) towards the end of our Christmas Carol Gathering.

- 1st Prize - Champagne
- 2nd Prize - Christmas Cake
- 3rd Prize - Wine

Raffle tickets from Celia, tel: 01362 668928

3. And Go To

St Margaret's Church – We Gather for Christmas Carol Singing on SUNDAY, 21st December at 2 pm. All family and friends are welcome to celebrate The Christmas Festive Season.

We hope you are able to join us.

And finally, Worthing PCC members would like to thank everyone who has supported our Church and continues to do so at our events and most importantly, charities during 2025. May we wish you all a wonderful time over the Christmas holiday and a Happy and Healthy 2026.

January 2026 Sunday Church Services

Jan 4th Holy Communion starting at 9am

Jan 18th Iona at 10.30 am

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400 grams chocolate (finely chopped)
450 ml double cream
35 ml whipped cream
Garnish: powdered sugar

- Preheat the oven to 200C /180C. Grease a 33x23 cm Swiss roll tin and line with baking parchment.
- Sift together flour and cocoa and gently fold the two together. Do not overmix.
- Whisk the eggs until fluffy and pale in color.
- Gently whisk together the wet and dry ingredients until just combined.
- Pour the cake batter into the tin. Bake for 8 to 10 min. or until the cake is golden and lightly risen.
- Cut a piece of baking parchment slightly larger than the cake. Place onto a worktop, sprinkle with icing sugar and swiftly turn the cake onto the paper.
- Starting from the top end roll the cake up with the paper on the inside.
- Add the chocolate and cream to a bowl and place over a pan of barely simmering water to melt. Once melted, put into the fridge to cool and thicken.
- Unroll the cake, spread the top side with 2/3 of the chocolate cream, followed by the whipped cream and roll once more.
- Pipe the remaining cream lengthwise to cover the whole cake including the ends.
- Gently fork the chocolate cream to roughen the 'bark' slightly.
- Dust with powdered sugar.

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9:30am	Wood Norton	Morning Praise
10:30am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10:30am	Stibbard	Holy Communion
10:30am	Bawdeswell	Word & Praise

14TH DECEMBER – 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10:30am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10:30am	Bawdeswell	Holy Communion
3:00pm	Billingford	Christmas Carol Service

21ST DECEMBER – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
10:30am	Worthing	Christmas Carol Service
10.30am	Bawdeswell	The 10:30
4:00pm	North Elmham	Christmas Carol Service
6:00pm	Bintree	Christmas Carol Service

28TH DECEMBER – 1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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

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9:30am	Wood Norton	Morning Praise
10:30am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10:30am	Stibbard	Holy Communion
10:30am	Bawdeswell	Word & Praise

11TH JANUARY – BAPTISM OF CHRIST

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

18TH JANUARY – 2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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

25TH JANUARY – 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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

Services at Bawdeswell All Saints are available on Zoom:

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MEETINGS

Held on 1st Wednesday of the month in the Pavilion at 7.30pm. All parishioners welcome. Public participation takes place at the beginning of each meeting. County and district councillors attend meetings whenever possible.

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