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EDITORIAL

We hope you enjoy reading about the excellent result regarding the Garden Fete and reliving the afternoon with the photos. We could not resist sharing the photo of "Bear" with you for the front cover.

Looking back ,can you believe it is four years since we were just starting to get back into the swing of things after Covid?

When we all wore masks when shopping, had to keep a fair distance from others and thought we would never get back to normal.

Looking forward, there will be a celebration of VJ Day on Saturday August 23rd, more details to follow but it will be the last memorable date and perhaps only the more mature among us will remember in future.

Elmham Sewers have decided to run their Christmas Pop up shop on Saturday 15th Nov from 10.00 am–1.00 pm in the Eastgate Centre.

We were introduced to a new app by Sarah and are totally smitten with it. Some of you may have it but for the rest of you, it is called Merlin, a free app that identifies bird song. Absolutely enthralling.

Our thanks for donations from Linda Smith and Anon in Beattie Gardens.

PANTO HELP

Can You Help Please? Needed For The Panto

Have you any spare paint kicking around in your garages that you no longer need, in particular we need RED? Anyone have any wigs they no longer use? Are you having a clear out of clothing? - we need party, glittery gear for men and women? Please get in touch if you can help.

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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

It's been a year since the Parish Council last published an update on Breckland's Local Plan review. This is because the draft Plan was paused by Breckland following the change in national government last July, as it was clear that changes would be made to various aspects of Local Plans, not least the formula by which housing numbers are calculated for each Local Planning Authority such as Breckland. These changes are now clear and so Breckland has re-started its Local Plan review. Most significantly, Breckland as a whole has had its mandatory housing target increased from 625 units per year to be built, to 903 per year, an increase of some 45%.

This increase will inevitably affect North Elmham, although Breckland will not be deciding on our own housing numbers to be delivered during the life of the new Local Plan until later in the summer. For the time being Breckland has asked the Parish Council to give its views on sites which have been put forward as potential sites to be allocated in the new Local Plan. Most of these are the same as were put forward before the change in government, although two new sites have been suggested: land east of Pump Street for 6 dwellings; Blackhall Farm buildings for 8-10 dwellings. To see all the potential sites go online to https://www. arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index. html?webmap=06a5294b7c654f 95a7a3d0855193ed36 where you will see a map for the whole of Breckland where you can zoom in to see North

Elmham. At the moment feedback to Breckland on

At the moment feedback to Breckland on these sites is informal, although there will



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| Blue: | Housing Site Submissions Call for Sites 2025 | | | |
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be a formal consultation starting in October 2025, when everyone will be able to submit their views.

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NORTH ELMHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 2025

The following information is taken from the Draft PC 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 approved.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Also in Attendance: Mr. K. Webb (Clerk) and one parishioner.

Apologies for Absence: Mrs. A. Keeble, Mr. N. Markwell and Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor)



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Election of Chairman

One nomination as follows: Mr. P. Grainger (nominated by Mr. Fitzalan Howard and seconded by Miss Ferris). All in favour.

Election of Vice Chairman

One nomination as follows: Mr. M. Phillips (nominated by Mr. Sowinski and seconded by Mr. Smith). All in favour.

UPDATED INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING

Land Management Matters

Village Green: The tower on the play area is to be inspected.

Cathedral Ruins: There has been a change of Officer at English Heritage dealing with the Ruins.

Cathedral Meadows: The Clerk has completed and returned the annual Environmental Stewardship form to the Rural Payments Agency.

Millennium Wood (and Jubilee

Wood): Mr. Sowinski had obtained two quotations for new fencing. The aim is to keep children and dogs in and animals, especially deer, out. It was agreed to leave this matter until autumn. In the meantime, the secondary fence can be removed and Mr. Sowinski will put together a working party to achieve this objective. The self-closing gate is to be repaired.

Prince William Wood: Mr. Markwell is to look at the state of the dead tree and others.

Allotments: The potholes are to be filled in as soon as possible.

Street Lights: A new light has finally been put in place outside 29 Eastgate Street. It seems to be rather bright!

Highway Matters

The installer of village gates is to revisit the cost of the Parish Partnership road

safety project as there is a potential saving. The Chairman is to meet with the Highways Engineer. The position with the smashed gate at Billingford is to be followed up.

Pavilion and Playing Field

Paint has been applied to the bus shelter and the broken pavilion window has been repaired. The basketball backboard needs replacing and the boards on the skate ramp have been damaged. The feasibility of providing new CCTV cameras covering the Tennis Club and the skate ramp area is to be investigated. Contact has been made with Sport England with a view to developing a long-term relationship.

Eastgate Centre

Mr. Fitzalan Howard reported that the water bill had been rising, from about £300 per year a few years ago, to the current figure of some £2,000 per year. An investigation by Anglian Water revealed that the Centre had been paying for water used by two adjoining properties.

Brookside Development Update

The solicitors are still dealing with some matters. A quotation of £2,645 for fencing next to the bridge over the stream has been obtained. All in favour of acceptance (proposed by Mr. Sowinski and seconded by Mr. Rayner). The work is to be carried out when the land is finally handed over to the Parish Council. The position regarding the electric charging points is to be chased.

A parishioner has queried the positioning of the new dog waste bin in the car park. This was decided after a number of suggestions from residents, consideration of the area by members, approval by the District Council and agreement from the waste collection company. In addition, the small patch of land at the end of Cathedral Drive before entering the pathway is considered to be "getting untidy again". It was thought that this

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could possibly be an initial project for the NELS Group. After a relatively slow start, it has been noticed that usage of the car park is increasing, with parents of school children in the mornings and afternoons particularly enjoying the benefits.

Defibrillators

The defibrillators have been tested.

Local Plan Update

Breckland Council are to hold a number of meetings. Mr. Rayner is attending one on 20th May.

North Elmham Living Sustainably (NELS) Group

It was felt that the Group should identify areas in which they feel they could take some possible action. Mr. Fitzalan Howard is to liaise with them in this respect.

New Village Hall

Another meeting has been held. It was agreed that District Councillor, Mr. Atterwill would be approached with a view to identifying other village halls which had been successfully built.

The Future of the Churchyard

Breckland Council had been informed on 16th April, 2025 of North Elmham Parish Council's position in this matter. Notice was given to Breckland Council under Section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972, requiring Breckland Council to take over the responsibility of maintaining the churchyard should the Ministry of Justice decide that North Elmham Parochial Church Council is able to proceed as they have requested. On 22nd April 2025 Breckland Council acknowledged that the Parish Council wishes Breckland Council to take on the maintenance of the churchyard should it be closed.

North Elmham Football Club Facilities

The Chairman of the Football Club, Stuart Darbyshire, advised that the Grounds

Officer from the Anglian Combination League had visited the site. A unit (referee's room) worth £1,995 has been offered by Stalham F.C. to North Elmham F.C. for £1,500. A charity day is to be held in July with 50% of funds raised being donated to Cancer Care and the remainder being retained by the Football Club. With regard to the unit, North Elmham F.C. will cover the transport costs of £320 and the plumbing charges. The unit needs to be in place by early June. Mr. Gillespie had previously suggested that the unit be financed by way of 50% commitments from the Parish Council and Football Club. Mr. Smith and Miss Ferris suggested a monthly standing order of "say" £75 with the Football Club paying back 50% of the outlay whilst also pay-ing for facilities hire on match days. In the event of the unit being sold at a future date, there would be a 50/50 split between the two parties with regard to any proceeds received. An invoice, made out to North Elmham Parish Council, is to be provided by Stalham Town F.C. A second meeting with North Elmham F.C. is to be held to confirm the financial and other arrangements.

Roles for Parish Council Members

Miss Ferris drew attention to her role as Footpath Warden. It was agreed that reliance should be placed on walkers reporting any problems to her. She is to place a note in Elmham News emphasising this point. With regard to other areas, Mr. Gee is to join Mr. Markwell at Broom Green, Mr. Sowinski will have involvement with Millennium Wood and Mr. Gillespie is to assist the Chairman with Highways matters. Mr. Phillips is to produce an updated list for Elmham News.

Reports from District and County Councillors

Reports submitted by the County and District Councillors can be viewed on the website. www.elmham.org.uk

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To Consider Planning Applications and Determinations

Applications

i) Holt Road – PL/2025/0512/TCA – felling of a conifer and sycamore (sent for information only).

Determinations

None

Any Other Matters (For Information Only)

It was mentioned that Elmham News is currently losing money, with a view that the main problem is that there are a number of adverts placed for which no charge is made.

Ed's Note: we would like to clarify that it is more complex than this, increased printing costs, increased housing in the village and reduced advertisers income has all had a bearing as well, please see the article in the May edition.

THANK YOU FROM ARTHUR'S FAMILY

Following on from Dad's "Day of Remembrance" in mid-May, we as a family would like to offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to all who were involved, ensuring the events ran so smoothly and memorable for all the right reasons.

The ladies who sorted the flower arrangements both in the church and for the tables in the hall. Thank you, they were beautiful and so in tune with the floral arrangement travelling with Dad.

To the Tea Post, the food provided afterwards was delicious and plentiful. We heard many comments made complimenting both the food and the professional team serving drinks.

To the Fakenham and District Funeral Directors, both Emma and Beau were

exceptional in organising everything. We would recommend them to anyone if unfortunate to be in the position of requiring their services.

Of course, we mustn't forget the fantastic building that the Elmham church is and the support provided throughout by Sally. It was a big part of Mum and Dads time in Elmham.

Sincere thanks to Jonathan for playing the organ so wonderfully both before and during the service. It was lovely to have music filling the church in memory of both mum and dad.

Finally, to all of Dad's neighbours in Eastgate Street and good friends in the community, we cant say thank you enough to you all for the last few years, especially after mum left us in 2021, for your kindness and support for dad. We know there were difficult times especially as health problems took hold, but it was comforting to know he was surrounded by such caring people.

Our best wishes to you all and for the fantastic turnout at the church once again thank you.

Andy and Jayne, Kathy and Mark, and all of Dad's Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Ed's Note: Arthur Smith, as well as all the other things he did, played cricket for Elmham as did our son. He has always said if he did something stupid to get out Arthur always commiserated with him and suggested he should not feel too badly but another time try this. Likewise if he played well Arthur was always there with a quiet "Well Done". Like the good teacher he was Arthur knew very well when to be helpful and when to give good advice.

Janet Woodhouse

















ELMHAM GARDEN FETE

It's a Wrap: The Elmham Garden Fete 2025

Another year, another triumph! The Elmham Garden Fete has once again surpassed expectations, with our village coming together for what has become one of our favourite days of the year.

As always, we scurried around getting everything ready just in time, but it all came together beautifully and the weather was kind to us once again.

Thank you to our wonderful community

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to everyone who made this day possible:

- All the volunteers, stall holders, and cake bakers who gave their time and talents.
- Those who generously donated raffle and tombola prizes, books, bric-a-brac, and plants.
- The vintage bus team and vintage car and tractor enthusiasts who brought their marvellous machines along.
- The children and teachers of North Elmham School for their charming performance.
- Everyone who came along, spent money, and enjoyed themselves.

The dog show was absolutely brilliant and proved a real crowd-pleaser once again.

It wouldn't be possible without our generous sponsors. We would like to thank:

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A Fantastic Result

We're delighted to announce that this year's fete raised over £8,000! These vital funds will support key community projects including the Church Larder, Tea@2, and St Mary's Church.

We hope you enjoy the photos and memories from what was truly a special community celebration.

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GARDENING CLUB

We welcomed Rosemary Ward as our speaker in May and settled down to hear her wisdom and advice about planting containers. She brought a lovely selection of plants, some of which were new to us and went on to tell us about com-posts, containers and combination plants to use. She was a great advocate of using quirky containers and showed us photographs of some lovely examples. Some good ideas for next year's Gardening Show categories? It was a most enjoyable and interesting talk. For the Flower of the Month she chose an exquisite lavender blue iris, brought in by Joyce.

Ray announced that it had been suggested by Karen, that we held a plant stall at the Annual Show and the proceeds to go to the Blood Bikes Charity, especially as we have a "Biker" in the village. Everyone was in agreement and spare plants were offered.

We were all looking forward to our visit to Green Island Gardens and to our trip to the Black Shuck distillery on 24th July.

It's not too late to think about entering something in the Annual Show on Saturday 2nd August. Check out the schedule online on our Facebook page or the Community website www.Elmham.org. uk or see if Ray has a spare copy 667 226.

Meg White

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Our day at the Garden Fete was very successful. The weather was kind and there were so many children around, that our game was always busy.

At our June meeting, having already given a donation to the church fund, we then had to decide where the rest of the money was to be donated. Small local groups seemed to be the most popular choice and, of course, our award winning Elmham Newsletter was mentioned. We do appreciate the free advertising they give us by printing these ramblings each month, and for including us in the local group's diary.

We now turn our thoughts to other places that may be pleased to receive our knitted items. Knee blankets for care homes are always needed, and sensory bands for dementia patients. Baby jackets, hats and scarves for the coming cooler



days, whilst knitted hedgehogs, seals and wiggly worms are always welcome for selling on at the animal sanctuaries. We haven't even started thinking of ideas for the November Christmas pop up coffee morning as yet. We shall keep knitting!

Next meeting July 1st at the Pavilion 2 til 4. You will be welcome to drop in and see us.

Eileen Cotterill 01362 668380









COUNTRYSIDERS

A Busy and Brilliant Few Weeks!

It's been a packed month for our Countrysiders, with plenty of fun, learning, and muddy boots! We kicked things off with a football kickabout and got stuck into practicing some of our competitions in preparation for Rally in July. As always, egg throwing proved to be one of our favourites — messy, hilarious, and competitive in all the right ways!

At the end of May, we saw the return of the much-loved Countrysider Campout. Over 40 members braved the great outdoors for a night of camping in the field. Activities included:

Building owl and bat boxes <> Den building <> Butter making <> Raft building... and much more!

Despite a wet and windy night, spirits stayed high and memories were made. A huge well done to everyone who took part — roll on Campout 2026!

A Visit to The Goat Shed

We also enjoyed a fantastic evening at The Goat Shed in Honingham. Huge thanks to Geoff, who treated us to an informative tour filled with interesting stories about how The Goat Shed began and what the future holds. We rounded off the visit with a refreshing Yummi ice lolly from the shop — the perfect way to end the day!

What's Coming Up?

We've still got plenty to look forward to as we wrap up our Countrysider year:

- Monday 16th June Orienteering at Holt Country Park.
- One more meeting details to be confirmed.
- Final meeting of the year at the Veteran Centre, West Raynham.
- Royal Norfolk Show.

Rally.

End of Year Party.

It's been a great run so far — let's finish the year strong!

We currently have 27 young people who are members and 7 young people who are currently trying us out. If you know someone who may enjoy lots of fun, the Countryside, competitions or just making new friends. Age 10-16. If they are older, try our senior club North Elmham Young Farmers. You don't have to be a farmer to join young farmers.

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BRISLEY AND NORTH ELMHAM CRICKET CLUB

Brisley Belladonnas were the stars of the month as the Ladies team top their pool after three home victories. Both mens teams have had indifferent starts to the season with both in mid-table positions. On the positive side new members have increased the strength in depth and the second team in particular should benefit from some more experienced heads in the team.

Results

May 17th

Ists v Drayton (A) League Drayton 212-9 B&NE 216-3. B&NE won by 7 wickets.

5 bowlers shared the wickets with skipper Fordham 3-29 leading the way, ably supported by Jex 3-46 as B&NE rose to second place in the league. James Tuthill's unbeaten century guided the visitors to victory with over 6 overs to spare with Ollie Hall contributing 38 and Abdul Ali 25 not out.

Payne Crop Nutrition MoM James Tuthill

2nds v Sandringham and Dersingham (H) League B&NE 193 S&D 184. B&NE won by 9 runs.

An excellent game played in the true spirit of cricket saw stand in skipper Darren Wiseman lead the seconds to their first victory of the season. Six batters made double figures with Featherstone 46 and Wheddon 35 leading the way. With the visitors reduced to 101-6 the home side were cruising to victory before a 76 run partnership threatened to snatch victory. The return of opening bowlers Curley and Max Wiseman however produced 4 wickets for seven runs to clinch the points.

Payne Crop Nutrition MoM Max Wiseman for his 5-44.

May 23rd

Ladies v Aylsham (H) League Aylsham 112-3 Belladonnas 114-2. Won by 8 wickets.

A winning start against League newcomers Aylsham. The visitors were restricted to 112 and a fine opening partnership between Catherine Newey and Tor George who both retired on reaching 30 enabled co-captain Sophie Hall (17no) to ease to the target with 3 overs to spare. Black Shuck WoM Tor George for her 2-21 and 31 no.

May 24th

1sts v Saham Toney (A) League B&NE 214-7 Saham Toney 216-5. B&NE lost by 5 wickets.

A second last over defeat as B&NE let slip a winning position in this 40 over match. Six batters made it into the 20s but none were converted into a half century as the visitors secured maximum batting points. Having strangled the top order and reduced Saham Toney to 25-3, the home side rallied to score 40 off the final 4 overs to emerge on top.

Payne Crop Nutrition MoM Callum Futter for his 46 runs and 1-33.

2nds v Norwich Malayees (H) League Malayees 275-9 B&NE 146. B&NE lost by 129 runs.

Having reduced one of the title favourites to 62-6 after 20 overs, B&NE allowed wayward bowling and dropped catches to let the visitors set a formidable target. However they battled their way to a respectable score and 7 match points.

Payne Crop Nutrition MoM Adie Greef for his 3-26 off 10 overs and unbeaten 24.

May 28th

v T20 Mattishall (A) Hunts Cup B&NE 166-9. Mattishall 168-5.

B&NE came so close to beating their Alliance Div 2 opponents, losing in the final over as they were pressured into bowling at reduced pace in the gloom after the home team took an age to bowl their allotted overs. B&NE will now progress into the Plate competition.

Payne Crop Nutrition MoM Josh Jex for his quick runs at the top of the innings.

May 31st

1sts v Felthorpe (H) League Felthorpe 231 B&NE 142. B&NE lost by 89 runs. The visitors showed why they are unbeaten and top of the League with a convincing victory. B&NE started brightly removing both openers with nothing on the board but eight of the subsequent batters made double figures despite a "five for" for Josh Jex. In reply again a bright start faded and the home side lost their final 5 wickets for just 2 runs.

Payne Crop Nutrition MoM Josh Jex for his 5-56 off 8 overs and 32 runs.

2nds v Beeston (A) League B&NE 217-6 Beeston 192-8. B&NE won by 25 runs.

Maximum batting points for the first time this season with skipper Phil Bend falling just short of a maiden century, well supported by Steve Curley's 43. The home team made a fine start with 89 on the board before Bend removed both openers and again Curley was his foil with 3 vital middle order wickets.

Payne Crop Nutrition MoM Phil Bend for his 91 runs and 2-32 off 10 overs.

June 6 Ladies v Sprowston (H) League Sprowston 111-8 Belladonnas 112-6. Won by 4 wickets

A thrilling finale as the home side won off the final ball of the game. 3 wickets for skipper George helped restrict the visitors and in reply unbeaten 30s from Sophie Hall and Alice Waters set B&NE on their way but a mid order collapse threatened to spoil the evening before Moira Cottey in her first ever game hit the winning run.

Black Shuck WoM Alice Waters for her 2-21 and 32 no

June 7th

1sts v Overstrand (A) League B&NE 182 (29.1 overs). Overstrand 73-3 (15.4 overs) Match abandoned.

With the match evenly balanced, a thunderstorm controversially brought an end to the game. Abdul Ali had smashed 58 from 30 balls, supported by 24s from Tuthill, Donnelly and Harvey in the visitors





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innings. A wicket apiece for Ali, Futter and Sinclair left Overstrand a target of 110 from 14.2 overs but the home team were not open to concluding the game.

Payne Crop Nutrition MoM Abdul Ali for his 58 runs and 1-9 off 4 overs.

2nds v Fakenham (H) League. B&NE 78 Fakenham 79-2. B&NE lost by 8 wickets.

In a match reduced to 25 overs, B&NE'S batting frailties were exposed with only 2 players making double figures. The visitors made light work of the chase to win with 8 overs to spare.

Payne Crop Nutrition MoM Tom Thorpe for his 22 runs and energetic fielding

June 8th

Ladies v North Runcton (H) League. North

Runcton 92-9 Belladonnas 94-1. Won by 9 wickets.

A third successive victory for the Ladies team. Mollie Burton's 4 wicket haul helped restrict the visitors to under 100 runs and then co-captains Sophie Hall and Tor George put together a winning 70 run partnership.

Black Shuck WoM Mollie Burton for her 4-14 off 4 overs.

July Home Fixtures

Sat 5th 1sts v Snettisham

Sat 12th 2nds v Mundford

Sat 19th 1sts v Drayton

Sat 26th 2nds v Grimston

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DATES TO REMEMBER: JULY

| Tue 1st | Knit and Natter | Pavilion | 2.00 pm | |
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| Wed 2nd | Sewing Parish Council | 73 Eastgate Street Pavilion | 2.00 pm 7.30 pm | |
| Sat 5th | Come & Sing | St Mary's Church | 2.30-4.00 pm | |
| Wed 9th | Tea at Two | Memorial Hall | 2.00 pm | |
| Thu 10th | Wives Plus All | Visit to Severals Grange | 6.30 pm | |
| Mon 14th | Countrysiders | Visit to Veteran Centre | | |
| Wed 16th | Mobile Library visits Sewing | The Heath to Wensum Drive 73 Eastgate Street | 1.15–4.40 pm 2.00 pm | |
| Fri 18th | Countrysiders Social | East Tuddenham Village Hall | | |
| Tue 22nd | Last day of school | | | |
| Thu 24th | Gardening Club Visit | Black Shuck Distillery | 6.30 pm | |
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ELMHAM WILDLIFE







Since moving to North

Elmham in 2014 I've been running a moth trap in my garden virtually every night. The trap is basically a bright light that attracts moths (and other insects) which drop into a tub full of eggboxes in which they hide until I go through the trap in the morning (photo 1). Each morning I get up and look through the trap identifying and recording the moths and other insects that have come in overnight. It's not until you do something like this that you really begin to appreciate the diversity of insect life that we have living in our gardens. My garden is nothing special – it's very small and quite weedy, but the number of different moths that live in it or visit it overnight is incredible.

In just over 10 years I've seen just 24 species of butterfly in North Elmham. A handful more would be possible, but I doubt if the keenest butterfly watcher would have seen as many as 30 species in the parish over the last decade. Moths on the other hand are far more diverse. I've caught over 150 different species in my garden trap in a single night – though it's usually a lot less than that.

Over the last month I celebrated hitting a milestone. I caught and identified the 1,000th species of moth in my garden. Yep, 1,000 different species of moth, all in my little garden in North Elmham in just over 10 years. Isn't that amazing?

So rather than focus on a single species this month I thought I'd share with you the last few new additions to my garden moth list.



My first new moth for the garden in 2025, species number 998, was at the beginning of May, a Bordered Marble (photo 2). This is quite an attractive little moth with a marbled pattern of blues, blacks, oranges and whites, though it's quite similar to two other species that I'd already recorded here. Once I'd managed to persuade it to show me its hindwings the identification was straightforward – this one has a white hindwing with a dark border (hence its name) whereas the other two have darker hindwings.

Number 999 was a Dark Pine Shoot Moth. This has a status of Nationally Scarce though it seems to be increasing. Most of the records in Norfolk have been during the last decade and 2025 has been a particularly good year with at least seven recorded, including mine. Mine was a bit worn, so not the most attractive moth to look at perhaps (photo 3).

The same can't be said of the big 1,000. Instantly recognisable, I knew immediately what I was looking at when I spotted it in the trap. Like the last two, this was another tortrix moth, a diverse family of small moths that are typically about the size of a finger nail or a bit smaller. This one is very distinctive with a solid chestnut base to the wings, separated from its orange rear by a sharp white line (photo 4). I've seen them at a few places before, including in North Elmham at the Cathedral Meadows, so it wasn't altogether unexpected here in my garden. This species is often seen during the day, resting on leaves especially in woodland or on heathland.

Hitting that milestone didn't stop the new moths from arriving. Number 1,001 was a much larger moth called a Shark (photo 5). I bet you never thought there were sharks in North Elmham! This Shark isn't exactly Jaws, but it's an impressive sleek grey moth, elongate in shape with a distinctive helmet covering its head. Each wing is about an inch long so it's quite a sizeable moth.

My fifth new moth for the garden in May, number 1,002, was a Clouded Buff. This is a common moth in the Brecks where it can sometimes be found during the day, but it's much rarer elsewhere in the county. This was the first one to be recorded locally, although I see someone else caught one at Great Ryburgh a few days after mine. Mine was a bit tatty and bald but it was very easy to recognise (photo 6). It's a fairly large yellow moth, the wings edged in pink and containing a large dark and pink spot.

Still they keep coming and 1,003 was another Breckland speciality, the Speckled Bugloss Moth. This has a Nationally Scarce status and in Norfolk it is almost exclusively found in the Brecks. There have been four records in the Snettisham area suggesting a small isolated population exists up there, and it's been found breeding in the far south-east of the county too. Other than that the only previous record away from the Brecks was one a friend caught in Litcham a few years ago, so this wasn't a moth I was expecting to catch here in North Elmham. The larvae of this moth feed on Viper's Bugloss, a distinctive large plant that I haven't seen growing locally. The nearest I recall seeing Viper's Bugloss grow is beyond Beetley, so I'd be very interested to hear from you if you're aware of any growing in or close to North Elmham.

I wonder if this was a moth that started life in the Brecks and gone for a wander, or if there is a patch of Viper's Bugloss hosting a population nearer here? Either way, at a glance this looked like a pretty nondescript tiny moth (about half a centimetre long) that I nearly overlooked as something else. But on a closer look it has a very unusual speckled appearance, each grey scale having a fine white tip. Very unusually among moths, it has red eyes – I can only think of two other moths that have red eyes – although this one tends to hold its head down with its antennae covering the top of the eyes, so it's quite hard to see the eyes at all (photo 7).

It's great hearing from you about what you've been seeing. Joyce emailed me about the Buzzard that's been seen right in the middle of North Elmham and I had a nice call from David who told me about several things including Bee Orchids and a Broomrape flowering at Bintree Mill. I've seen Bee Orchids there before (photo 8) but it's great to know they're still there. The North Elmham Living Sustainably group (NELS) have also been busy reporting some of the wildlife they've seen in their gardens, with two members having seen Broad-bodied Chasers (a type of dragonfly) recently.

You can let me know what you see by emailing me at appleton.dave@ googlemail.com or phoning me on 668431.

Dave Appleton





ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

A meeting was held at the Kings Head on the 24th April at 8 pm where he final arrangements were made for the Garden Fete. Discussions regarding the refurb of the Memorial seat, will be talked about after the Fete. The next meeting was agreed to be on Tuesday the 24th June.

The Garden Fete went well for the branch, but a lack of visitors to the stand was apparent, however, it would appear that we will have a new member for the next meeting. The photograph shows our president Eileen casting her eye on the completed stand, I would like to thank all those from the branch that helped on the day.

The date of our next meeting is not yet known, therefore please contact me if you are interested in turning up.

The branch together with The Memorial Institute will be holding VJ celebrations at the Memorial Institute on August 23rd, further details to follow.

Mike Aston, Branch Secretary

MY (SLOW) JOURNEY INTO HOMEMADE CLEANING PRODUCTS

It all started with stubborn limescale marks in the toilet (apologies for the overshare!). Internet searches led me to Nancy Birtwhistle, the former Bake Off winner turned green cleaning guru, who makes a compelling case for creating our own cleaning products at home.

After reading hundreds of glowing reviews praising Nancy's 'Pure Magic' solution, I decided to give it a try. I'd already attempted the old Coca-Cola trick (save yourself the bother) and splashed out on some expensive chemical cleaners from the supermarket with disappointing results. The before-and-after photos people had shared using Pure Magic were remarkable.

The method is simple. Dissolve 200g of citric acid in 150ml of boiling water, add 20ml of eco-friendly washing up liquid and leave to cool. Spray this concoction on stubborn limescale, leave for 30

minutes and watch it scrub off with ease. I now use Pure Magic on the shower, taps, and for descaling the kettle.

You can buy a 1kg bag of citric acid for around ± 5 on eBay. That will make five bottles of Pure Magic - that's just ± 1 per bottle for a highly effective, planet-friendly cleaner that's free of nasty chemicals for the benefit of humans and fish.

If you're thinking "I don't have time to sit around making my own cleaning products," I hear you, I thought the same, but I can assure you it takes mere minutes. And it feels like conducting a fun science experiment in your own kitchen.

Since then, I've bought Nancy's green cleaning book and am slowly working my way through her recipes. I've made a bicarbonate of soda cleaner that made our pine table look lovely, though it was a bit messy to apply. My latest pur-chase is washing soda for making homemade laundry detergent using ivy and conkers - I'll report back on that once I've given it a proper try.

Who knew fighting grime could be so satisfying?

Nicola Earle North Elmham Living Sustainably

Ed's Note: Welcome to the Nancy appreciation Society!! My favourite for stubborn dishcloths, even floor cloths is $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of green bleach, 2 tablespoons washing soda and 500 mls of boiling water – soak overnight. Brilliant!

THANK YOU

The villagers of North Elmham would like to thank Tom and Jo for generously hosting us in their beautiful grounds and gardens for the Elmham Garden Fete. We know how much work goes into it and we all appreciate it very much. Thank you for everything you do for the local community.



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SPONG MAN OUR LITTLE TREASURE

This is a pottery lid, of the early to mid fifth century, which once sealed a cremation pot in the Early Saxon cemetery on Spong Hill. It has a seated figure on it and we called it 'Spong man', although there is no evidence of gender. It is 14.5cm high, almost complete, and hollow inside up to the lap. The arms are long, with elbows resting on the knees and the hands are holding the head. The back is straight, making the pose anatomically impossible. The facial features are crudely done, and it looks like a hat on the head. The chair is decorated with incised lines, as if it were made of wood. Transverse lines on the wrists and ankles could indicate clothing, and if this shows trousers it could be a male figure. It is on display in Norwich Castle Museum and can be viewed online (NCM No. 1994.192.1)

It was found in 1979 by Nicola James in the part of the excavation that I was supervising. Spong Hill is the largest cremation cemetery ever excavated in this country, in every summer season from 1972 to 1981, by the Norfolk Archaeological Unit, directed from 1974 by Catherine Hills. It dates to the period between 400/420 to 530/550 and in the later phase there were also inhumation burials.

Spong man was found in a 'disturbed area' close to a field boundary (ditch, bank and fence/hedge) removed at a later date to form a larger field. It can be seen on a 19th century map on the south side of Broom Close, and is probably where labourers discovered pots when sent to repair a fence in 1711. Many pots were removed from that date onwards, and the digging may well have disturbed others. The bank was probably a home for rabbits, so ferreters may well have caused more damage to the pots below. In recent times agricultural activity damaged pots. Whatever the cause, the Spong man lid



had been broken and detached from the cremation pot it had been buried with.

Research by Catherine Hills has revealed that pottery lids for cremation pots are rare, but more have been found on Spong Hill than anywhere else, although still a small percentage of the total. Most are flat, but there are a few of hemispherical or 'teapot' shape. Other lids could have been made of organic materials but would not have survived, such as wood. or leather and textile which would have needed securing with string under the pot rim. Their purpose was to protect the cremated bone and grave-goods in the pot. The Spong man lid was special. The only other three-dimensional figurative art on pottery lids is one with two small birds (Newark, Notts), and one with a small boar or pig (Issendorf, Germany).

Does Spong man represent the dead person who was in the cremation pot? The seated person suggests someone of authority. Or is it a god? Tiw, God of the



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sky who received the dead, was invoked in Runes stamped on three of the Spong Hill pots. Woden, God of war, life and death, poetry and wisdom, is another possibility. As king of the gods, seated on his throne in a thoughtful, wise pose, the potter has made an image that could portray Woden.

Spong man makes an appearance in the information book for the Anglo-Saxon village at West Stow in Suffolk ('Understanding West Stow' by Stanley West, 2018). In the section on 'Woodworking and furniture' (p.16) he says 'The unique pot lid from the cremation cemetery at Spong Hill, Norfolk, provides the most striking evidence for the standard of joinery in early Anglo-Saxon England. A human figure is shown seated on a chair with a low back, not unlike the bishop's thrones of late Saxon times. The representation is solid and the scored lines may indicate panelled sides and back or free-standing legs with stretchers. In either case, mortice and tenon joints must have been used and pegged rather than glued. Slash marks on the arms and back may be padding or a cushion. The model must surely have been made by someone familiar with such an object, although we cannot know how common such chairs were.'

As the lid was so special I think it was a celebration and identification of an important person within that cremation pot, and an invocation to one of their gods to receive and protect that person in the afterlife. It was meant to have been buried for eternity.

Robert Rickett

WVBS JUNE

In early May those of us who turned up at Pensthorpe at 5.00 am were rewarded with a lovely morning and an interesting walk around the reserve. We were led by Chris Stone for the bird club and Richard Spowage from Pensthorpe. When you start out a walk of over 3 hours seems very long in prospect but we soon became absorbed and the time flew by. Richard was full of interesting information about the management of the wilder areas. When he started the woodland was being tidied up and even mowed between the trees(!) but he soon changed that, even to the extent of importing dead wood to provide natural habitats for insects etc. It has certainly paid off and we saw and heard many warblers throughout our walk. Reed Warblers are notoriously difficult to see because of their habit of singing from down in the depths of the reedbed, but on this occasion one decided to sing from the low branches of a Willow, providing excellent views for all. At the end of the walk came the star attraction - an excellent breakfast!

Early June brought a visit to Lakenheath Fen and Maidscross Common, but as I was walking in to Bath at the end of the Cotswold Way, a report on this day will come later. The Cotswolds were full of Willow Warblers, which was lovely to hear as they tend to be viewed as a declining species in Norfolk.

Forthcoming Events

Indoor Meetings

Held at Great Witchingham Village Hall on the third Thursday of each month. Visitors are welcome for a small charge (± 3.00).

Thursday 17th July – Summer Social with George Baldock, Warden of NWT Cley Marshes.

Thursday 21st August – Susan Jones of BTO Garden Bird-watch.

18th September – Steve Rowland on the East Atlantic Flyway

Outdoor Meetings

Saturday 5th July – Foxley Wood, for butterflies if fine.

Sunday 27th July – RSPB Titchwell

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North Elmham Church Rood Screen Celebration 27th July 2025, 4pm

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WIVES PLUS ALL

On Thursday 12th June, members met to walk the Cathedral Meadows with Dave Appleton. These meadows are home to many species of wild flowers, birds, plants, animals, trees, insects etc. During our walk Dave pointed out many types of wildlife including moths, damselflies, beetles, Mayflies and kestrels, various notable plants and the bugs who live on them together with the songs of many birds including some Warblers (not sure of the exact name) that he heard in the fields across from the railway line.

It was a beautiful warm summer evening, we were so lucky. The walkers found the walk very interesting and enjoyable. Thank you Dave. Afterwards refreshments were served in the Memorial Hall.

The next meeting for Wives Plus All will be on Thursday 10th July visiting the garden at Severals Grange, Holt Road, Wood Norton, arriving for a 6.30pm start. (Enquiries, please contact Gill on 668530).

Please note we do not meet in August.





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Our Class News

Acorn Class (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

Acorns have worked extremely hard on their stories inspired by the book 'That Rabbit belongs to Emily Brown'. This term we are exploring significant events, Acorns asked insightful questions when discussing Neil Armstrong's first trip to space. The children look forward to creating their own moon buggies. This term we are learning about change, the children have been discussing what changes they face and have worked together to explore ways to deal with this. The children have been busy completing assessments, and we have been blown away by their achievements. Acorns continue to thrive in our outdoor space. as we begin to explore the text 'The Tiny Seed', the children are planting a range of plants from vegetables to flowers. In art the children have created some amazing artwork inspired by Flora and Fauna. Acorns enjoyed practicing their races ready for sports day. Well done, Acorns, you were amazing!

Oak Class (Year 3 to Year 6)

As we begin the last half term of this academic year the children in Oak class have been completing their end of year assessments. All of the children have worked incredibly hard and they should feel proud of all that they have achieved. Some of the children began their half term by attending a residential trip at How Hill. The children spent time learning about the nature/ wildlife and the world around them in fun/games based activities and exploration tasks. The children explored the history of a famous 'Wherry' and dissected droppings to help build up information that helped inform a food chain. Whilst some of the children were at How Hill, the rest completed various

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STEM challenges all focused on testing, recording evidence and presenting the data with accuracy. To round off the Summer term the children will be exploring architecture in their Design and Technology, researching all about the Anglo-Saxons in History, analysing natural resources in Geography and completing various research based tasks about Evolution in science. Overall, the children in Oak class have been working brilliantly and the fun activities they have undertaken has helped them to flourish moving forward.

Whole School News

Sports Day

We held our annual Sports Day event. It was a wonderful day with children competing in team events in the morning and then we enjoyed traditional races in the afternoon!

Friends of North Elmham School (FONES)

FONES held a family Bingo event at school and raised a staggering £327.50! FONES have also raised funds to buy some new items for our Welly Day area and also brand new Sports Equipment! Thank you FONES!

Do You Have a Child Who Will Start School 2025-2026?

If you are interested in a place for your child next academic year, we would welcome you and your child to come and look round our wonderful school and see what we have to offer!

We also have places in other year groups so please contact the school office if you are interested in a place!

North Elmham Primary Academy Nursery

We are thrilled to announce that North Elmham Primary Academy will open a School Based Nursery Class from September 2025!

This new provision will offer places for children from the age of 2, providing a nurturing and stimulating environment to support their early learning journey. The funded hours can be used flexibly based on your needs as a family. We will offer wraparound care, including Breakfast and After-School provision.

If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in a Nursery space for their child, please contact the school office to complete your registration!

Thank you for your support, we hope to welcome the youngest members of our community to North Elmham School in September!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact our school office. We look forward to hearing from you.

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WORTHING NEWS

A Quiet Space Where Picnics are Welcome

As we truly get into summer and the holiday season – school holidays beginning on the 22nd July till 2nd September, you may, I hope together, start to enjoy the warm weeks ahead and perhaps be tempted to don the walking boots, trainers or perhaps have some pushchair or cycle power!

That being an option and feeling "energised," why not stop by and visit St Margaret's Church NR20 5HR as your resting point before moving on to the next stage of your adventure.

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Sunday Services

Our Sunday Services for July are on the 6th Holy Communion starting at 9.00 am and 20th Iona Morning Praise at 10.30 am. Refreshments and friendly banter in hand!

Advance Notice

Sponsor forms are coming soon for The Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride 2025 is on Saturday 13th September. This is the date that should be in everyone's diary whether you decide to cycle, walk, travel by car, horse-ride or act as a 'sitter' at a church to give you a welcome, we look forward to seeing you on the 13th.

Please join us on the day and visit these unique buildings and help sustain what we are all proud to have around us. Details & sponsor forms from:

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6TH JULY – 3RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

| 9:00 am | Worthing | Holy Communion |
|----------|--------------|----------------|
| 9:30 am | Wood Norton | Morning Praise |
| 10:30 am | North Elmham | Holy Communion |
| 10:30 am | Stibbard | Holy Communion |
| 10:30 am | Bawdeswell | Word & Praise |

13TH JULY – 4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

| 10:30 am | North Elmham | Iona Holy Communion |
|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| 10.30 am | Bawdeswell | Holy Communion |
| 10:30 am | Foulsham | Holy Communion |

20TH JULY – 5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

| 10:30 am | Wood Norton | Holy Communion |
|----------|-------------|---------------------|
| 10:30 am | Worthing | Iona Morning Praise |
| 10.30 am | Bawdeswell | The 10:30 |

27TH JULY – 6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

| 9:00 am | Guist | Holy Communion |
|----------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 10:30 am | Foulsham | Holy Communion |
| 10:30 am | Stibbard | Morning Praise |
| 10:30 am | Bawdeswell | Holy Communion |
| 4:00 pm | North Elmham | Sung Evensong with Trinity Choir |

Services at Bawdeswell All Saints are available on Zoom – please contact Robin Taylor for joining details: robin.bawdeswell@gmail.com

CONTACT DETAILS

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