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EDITORIAL

The cover photograph is of North Elmham Memorial Hall situated on Holt Road on the right hand side before the church.

In 1919, the Reverend Townsend headed a committee to provide a memorial to be built "as a mark of appreciation and admiration to our own brave lads, of whom some 33 or 34 from this parish had made the supreme sacrifice and it was to their memory and to the honour of those who had survived that it was felt that some sort of memorial should be raised."

February 4th, 1920, it was finally handed over to the people of North Elmham to be run by trustees and a management committee.

So, the next time you enter the hall for a meeting, a bingo, snooker or any function, please look at the photographs and remember that these men laid the foundations over 100 years ago and started with just £94.15s 6d.

The Memorial Hall committee hold their AGM on Wednesday 5th June at 7.00pm, they are looking for new people, if you think you could help or want to know more why not pop along.

May we offer our sincere thanks to Jennie for all her hard work and support over the years as Chairman of the Parish Council. We wish her and her family all the very best for the future. You will be sorely missed and a hard act to follow.

Our sincere thanks to Mrs Jane Coulter and Mrs Parker for their generous donations which help us to 'keep a troshin.'

Right, we're off to dig out our table tennis gear (pages 36-37) see you there?

NEXT DEADLINE: 14TH JUNE

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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NORTH ELMHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL, 2024

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.

Councillors present were: Mr. M. Phillips (Chair of the Meeting), Miss A. Ferris, Mr. T. Fitzalan Howard, Mr. B. Gee, Mr. P. Grainger, Mrs. A. Keeble, Mr. J. Labouchere and Mr. C. Smith.

Also in attendance: Mr. K. Webb (Clerk) and Mr. B. Borrett (County & District Councillor).

Apologies for absence: Mrs. J. Borgnis, Mr. N. Markwell, Mr. M. Rayner and Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor)

Updated Information and Matters Arising

Land Management Matters

Village Green: The cutting of trees has been completed. Two, near Eastgate Street, were rotten and, as a result, were given additional attention. A letter was received from a parishioner regarding nests but we are able to confirm that the contractor checked these and there were no eggs present. A licence was issued by the Tree Warden. The cutting of the trees was also essential for health and safety reasons as there was a real danger to people from falling branches. Mr. Phillips is to draft a letter to the parishioner who had raised the query.

Mr. Grainger said that a reminder had been sent to Highways regarding the matter concerning the cycleway. A response to the original request, which was made some time ago, is still outstanding.

Cathedral Meadows: A quotation is to be obtained for a replacement to the map that had been wrenched off its base.

Broom Green: Mr. Labouchere reported that the road had been flooded on 11th March as the result of a blocked drain.

Millennium Wood & Jubilee Wood: The fence around the pit has been replaced.

Allotments

The mirror from Fulmodeston and Barney Parish Council is no longer available.

Highway Matters

Mr. Grainger said that reports regarding potholes have been acknowledged and the response times are improving. Potholes near the level crossing and at the Pound have been repaired.

Details of the two fatal accidents which occurred in the village in 2022 have been received from the Project Engineer (Network Safety), Community and Environmental Services, Norfolk County Council. These are as follows:-

a) 21st August 2022 – a westbound driver on B1145 overshot the junction with B1110 in dark conditions and struck a southbound motorcyclist. The motorcyclist suffered a fatal injury.

b) 17th September 2022 – a southbound driver on B1110 lost control at a river bridge 100 metres south of Sponge Farm in dark conditions. The car left the carriageway to the nearside and collided with a tree, resulting in a fatal injury to the nearside front seat passenger.

Following these tragic fatal accidents, both locations were investigated by a Road Safety Engineer.

At the B1145/B1110 site, no highway factors were identified beyond verge maintenance.

At the B1110 bridge site, it was identified that some warning signs were missing,



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road markings were worn and a bridge pilaster was damaged. As a result of this inspection, road markings were refreshed, and SLOW markings were added on each approach. Some signing amendments and hazard marker posts were installed on the bridge. Vegetation was cut back from around a sign assembly and the bridge pilaster was repaired.

Pavilion and Playing Field

The skate ramp and kick board will cost £800 and £500, the expenditure having been previously agreed. A cutting schedule of all areas has been provided by the contractors, Nurture.

Brookside Development Update

A meeting is to be arranged with the developers regarding drainage issues.

Archive Group Records

Two quotations are still awaited and will be chased *Eds Note:* This is for cupboards and shelving to store all the archive material in the Memorial Hall.

S106 monies (£15.1K) received from Breckland Council

Messrs Phillips and Rayner have visited the Play Area on the Village Green and are of the opinion that a two metre enclosing strip, totalling about 60 square metres, would be a useful addition to the facility. The cost would be about £4,770. A drawing is to be produced for members to consider. A precise quotation will be obtained.

Report from District and/or County Councillors

Mr. Borrett said that Norfolk County Council had been in discussion with Natural England regarding a bat licence for the Norwich Western Link route for some 18 months. A draft report was due on 29th February. On 8th March, some new criteria were produced by Natural England regarding bats and it is not certain who

has actually formulated the new reports. The County Council has spent almost £40m on the project so far. The Government has started to repay this money.

Service Centre villages will be allocated a small proportion of new housing needed under the Breckland Local Plan. 2,000 houses are required, and three sites have been proposed, one being Swanton Morley Barracks. Other sites are at Larling (near A11) and on the south side of Dereham, near Scarning.

The annual three day, all night rave at Sennowe Park which is licensed by Breckland Council was mentioned and it is known that a number of concerns have been voiced about the possibility of the disruption suffered by some nearby villages being repeated this year. Mr. Bambridge has full details and is making enquiries regarding the arrangements.

Planning Applications & Determinations

Applications

- i) 3PL/2024/0256/HOU – 31 Orchard Close – Mrs. H. Munns – proposed two storey gable extension – no objections.
- ii) 3PL/2024/0263/F – Oakleigh Garden Shop, 25 Station Road – change of use from dual use shop/dwelling to dwelling and proposed internal alterations and extension, including new detached garage – no objections.
- iii) Town and Country Planning Act 1980, Appeal under Section 78 – Bintree and North Elmham – land adjacent to The Chapel, County School. Appeal against decision by Breckland District Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the demolition of two agricultural buildings, to be replaced with one self- build dwelling, new driveway and proposed vehicular access – no comments.



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Determinations

i) TRE/2024/0050/TCA – Lyndale, 78 Holt Road – crown reduction of walnut tree – no objection.

ii) TRE/2024/0054/TCA – Campton Cottage, Eastgate Street – no objection.

Correspondence

Advice from the Environment Agency of maintenance work to be done on the River Tat and the River Wensum between April, 2024 and March, 2025.

E-mail from parishioner regarding the pruning of trees on the Village Green.

E-mail from parishioner regarding speeding traffic in Eastgate Street (this is a matter for the police and Norfolk County Council, Highways).

MAY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

There are no Parish Council minutes for the May meeting in this edition as they had not been received in time.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 5th June at 7.30pm in the Pavilion. Parishioners are always encouraged to attend.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 5th June at 7.30 pm.

BRECKLAND DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

New Consultation

Breckland District Council has announced the latest consultation for their emerging Local Plan, which will give residents their first opportunity to comment on sites which have been suggested for housing. Unfortunately, this opportunity has only been given after Breckland has decided

which of the proposed sites to put into the draft Plan as their “preferred” ones.

Two sites have been “preferred” for North Elmham: one for 10 houses off (lower) Back Lane, and one for 30 houses behind and to the south of (lower) Eastgate Street. Further details of these and of the other sites put forward in the Call for Sites can be viewed on Breckland’s Commonplace website for the Local Plan at: <https://brecklandlocalplan.commonplace.is>. Although these two sites have been preferred at this stage, they are not yet set in stone, so comments on these and the other potential sites can be made, as well as comments on other aspects of the draft Local Plan. If residents feel strongly about any of the sites, make these thoughts known through the consultation.

North Elmham as a designated Local Service Centre will have to have some new housing during the period of the new Local Plan, with thinking currently being that most growth will be focussed in the market towns, which will receive about 75% of the new housing across the District. This figure for new housing in North Elmham is 40 new houses over the Plan period to 2046.

The consultation has been announced to run from 3rd June to 15th July, with a local drop-in event at Dereham Leisure Centre on 3rd June, with additional events on Zoom on 5th (12.30pm – 2.00pm) and 17th June (6.30pm – 8.00pm) and 3rd July (6.30pm – 8.00pm.)

Residents will also be able to comment on other aspects of the draft Local Plan, one of these being on the proposal to remove settlement boundaries, to allow some new development outside existing boundaries, subject to a range of criteria, which would be in addition to any allocated sites covered above. The Parish Council and many others were concerned about this proposal and commented accordingly in earlier

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consultations. In the first consultation in 2023, 53% of those responding to the question about settlement boundaries said they wanted them to remain, with 21% wanting them removed. In the consultation earlier this year, question 2 asked whether Breckland should “continue with a settlement boundary approach or develop a criteria-based policy”, with 69% of the respondents to that question saying that settlement boundaries should be continued, with 26% in favour of developing a criteria-based policy. Despite these clear majorities in favour of keeping settlement boundaries, Breckland has decided to remove them and adopt a criteria-based approach in the draft Local Plan: it makes one wonder what is the purpose of consultations?!

One positive to come out of previous consultations is that the proposal for a new town in Bintree, Billingford and North Elmham has not been put into the draft Local Plan: good news indeed!

The Parish Council will discuss its response to the new consultation at their meeting on 3rd June, with this being finalised at the July meeting.

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

FAKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Celebrating the sea and ocean at its summer concert.

Join Fakenham choral society for a celebration of the sea and ocean at its summer concert, ‘Songs of the sea’, the final concert marking its 50th anniversary season. The concert is at Fakenham Parish Church on Saturday 22nd June at 7.00pm.

Mark Jones, the choir’s musical director and Head of Chapel Music at Gresham’s School, will conduct the concert with Justin

Harmer, Cantor at the Roman Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, as accompanist. The choir will be joined by three professional soloists and the programme will include The Seal Lullaby, O Waly Waly, a medley from South Pacific as well as The Pirates of Penzance.

“Norfolk’s breathtaking coast is such an integral part of our lives in North Norfolk so it is fitting that our summer concert should showcase songs of the ocean and sea. Our programme includes well-known and less-known, amusing and inspiring, solemn and frivolous pieces and should appeal to a wide audience of music-lovers,” comments Roger Burbidge, chair of Fakenham Choral Society.

Tickets are now on sale. Early birds will pay just £14 per ticket until the end of May. After this tickets will be £16. There will be a cash-only bar at the interval.

For more information and to buy tickets online visit the choir’s website:

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AURORA BOREALIS

On Friday 10th May and into Saturday 11th much of the UK was treated to a celestial sight. It's not often that we get to see the Aurora Borealis, also more commonly known as the Northern Lights, in Norfolk but sometimes we get to share in something special that is usually only visible in regions close to the Earth's magnetic poles. If you missed it, you probably woke up on Saturday morning to tv reports and social media sites full of amazing photos.

This aurora being visible so far away from the poles was due to one of the strongest solar storms in 20 years. According to information from NASA the Aurora Borealis is caused when charged particles from the sun collide with Earth's atmosphere, striking gases, causing them to heat up and glow. These particles follow the Earth's magnetic field lines as they dive into our atmosphere in a "ring" around the poles called the auroral oval. The colours seen depend on the type of gas (oxygen and nitrogen) they hit and the altitude.

So what did I see when I went outside in the garden? Well in Eastgate Street we do have quite a bit of light pollution, so not completely dark, which is what you really want. However, I could see a strobing effect and the diagonal lines as seen on the opposite page, just not the depth of colour. The sky definitely had a green and

pink hue, but when I looked through the camera on my phone what a difference! The sensors on my smartphone (as you can see in the photos) detected a broader spectrum of light and colour than my eyes could. But either way it was an event I was glad to witness.

If you are like me and are interested in the night sky I can recommend following Adrian West aka VirtualAstro on social media sites such as Facebook, X and Instagram, he keeps his followers informed of many things from International Space Station passes, meteor showers and the Northern Lights. It was his aurora alert on X that made me get up, go outside and take a look at the night sky, and I wasn't disappointed.

The sun is very active at the moment, heading to its peak in an eleven year cycle. There could be another chance to see the northern lights in North Elmham but as we go through the summer our skies are naturally lighter and we may have to stay up very late to witness anything. However, there are also chances to see shooting stars with the best display being the Perseid meteor shower which is active between 17th July and 24th August. The shower will peak 12–13th August. So maybe we could be lucky with clear night then to witness them?

Sarah Felton

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NORTH ELMHAM COUNTRYSIDERS

What a busy month it's been for us. Our 1st meeting back after half term was at Dereham Vets in Toftwood. The Countrysiders enjoyed a tour and very informative talk about the practice, getting to see the various rooms and looking behind the scenes. At the end there was some amazing questions and answer session. Our Countrysiders asked Flo the vet, her favourite animal, the smallest animal she had treated, the most exotic animal she had treated and even asked her the longest operation she had done. We had the opportunity to do some competition prep at our next meeting, we met at the Pavilion to take advantage of the wonderful outside space. Luckily the weather was kind to us, and we split the group into 3 groups, Some practiced welly wanging ready for Farm Event Competitions on the 19th of May, Others practiced Plank Racing and Egg throwing for Rally 2024 Competitions in July. Then they all enjoyed a game of football to end the evening.



On Saturday 20th of April, two members of the club were competing in a Calf handling Competition at Shipdham. They both did amazingly, and we are so proud of them. They attended the Calf Handling Results Night at Easton College the following week 27th of April. They were up against some healthy competition, and both came away with Highly Commended Rosettes for their efforts. The Judges spoke about how hard it was to judge the Junior handlers competition this year as there was so many children who had never worked with livestock before

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but they made a splendid effort. On Wednesday 1st May, we went along to Gresham School to support the opening night of Holt Countrysiders. Along with 3 of the Leaders we also took 3 Countrysiders to join in the fun. A great time was had by all.

Finally, Saturday May the 4th two of the leaders dressed up and attended the Oak Ball at the Royal Norfolk Showground. This celebrated 80 years of Norfolk Young farmers. What a amazing evening we had.

On 13th May we had the pleasure of welcoming BBC's Chris Bell along to talk about the weather and how they predict it.

For more information about upcoming meetings and events within Countrysiders

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Wendy Cotterell

MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL AGM

We are having our AGM on Wednesday 5th June at 7.00pm and would welcome any villagers to pop along and hear about our Memorial Village Hall and meet our existing Committee Members.

Would you like to join as a Committee Member and support our Village with various events and help our friendly Team? We would love to see you there for an informal chat.

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County School station sits squarely between North Elmham and Broom Green, a strange location for quite a large three-platform railway station. Originally it was going to be built in Broom Green – serving as the junction station for the branch to Wroxham – but a generous offer from the founders of the Norfolk County School, later the Watts Naval School, saw the station and junction moved one mile southwards of its planned location in order to best serve the needs of the school. This lasted until 1964, when the passenger service ended – although the line remained in use for goods trains for another 20 years.

Since 1999, the station and the railway line have been owned and managed by the Mid-Norfolk Railway Preservation Trust. This charity owns the entire railway between Wymondham and County School, with our core charitable aim of preserving and operating the line and associated structures. The scheme started in 1974 with Railway Development Society meeting in Dereham that presented a petition for the line to be reopened between Wymondham and Fakenham.

Since 1987, the station has operated as a visitor attraction, initially featuring full-size train rides. In 1989, the society became the MNRPT charity and moved the focus of our operations to Dereham – soon restoring the 11.5 mile Wymondham to Dereham section of line. County School was then briefly operated by another company, until the entire line from Wymondham to County School was purchased, in stages, by the charity and the required legal powers to restore and operate the entire line were awarded.

Presently, County School opens at weekends as a visitor centre, museum and tearoom. Over the last three years we've been delighted to see more and more people visiting us and expressing supportive interest in the railway project. Many of these people have also enjoyed walking along the paths that we provide under an access agreement between ourselves and Breckland District Council and appreciated our ongoing efforts to develop the biodiversity of our property.

South from the station, a footpath runs alongside the railway line, linking to North Elmham via the public footpath from the church. An additional section of the railway can also be explored, as far as the start of the tracks at the former Elmham station. Northwards, our path is open to cyclists and horse riders, connecting to a Public Bridleway that links to Broom Green and the National Cycle Network. We're delighted that these paths, maintained by our volunteers, are enjoyed by a growing number of people and we continue to see them as core attractions for our business. As such, we have already spent several thousand pounds improving them, and our plans for the restoration of the railway tracks have always included their retention.

Although we don't run full-sized trains at County School just yet, we are delighted to be the home of the Wensum Valley Miniature Railway, who now provide public rides behind their diminutive, but powerful, live steam and electric locomotives several times a year. The WVMR is owned and operated by the North Norfolk Model Engineering Club, who have decades of experience, having previously operated lines at Holt and Aylsham, and their rides are already proving very popular with visitors. The station is also included in some of the MNR's special events, such as





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the Bus and Coach Day and the Heritage Open Day, and we have plans for much more in the coming years.

Our Tea Room is open on Saturdays and Sundays, between 10:30 and 3:30, serving hot and cold drinks, light snacks and treats, home-baked goods and our much-praised bacon rolls. The Miniature Railway operates on Sundays during the summer. Our paths and grounds are open all year round.

The station, paths, structures and railway line are all maintained by volunteer members of our charity. If you feel you'd enjoy helping us to maintain our small part of the beautiful Wensum Valley, we'd love to hear from you!

Richard

25 YEAR CAREER WITH THE YHA

We had many lovely groups and people staying with us during our career. Like the children from a school for the profoundly deaf, who came most years. I would take them on a nature ramble within the hostel grounds. It was a joy to see the look on their faces when I pointed out a nuthatch nest hole in a tree and showed them a picture of the bird. Or when I crushed the leaf of Jack by the Hedge, (a member of the garlic family), and got them to sniff it.

Every year in September, we had a group from a school in Gloucester for four nights. Every child starting at the school would come to us within a week or two of starting. This gave the children an opportunity to get to know each other and the teachers, and the teachers to get to know the children. A great idea I always thought.

On the other hand! We had a young adult club from inner London. They asked if they could fish in the river. I got permission from the gillie, providing

they didn't fly fish. Couldn't have them accidentally catching a salmon! They turned up with all the fishing gear and seemed to have had a good time. On their departure Eileen went into the dormitory they had used to clean up. It was a dormitory in an annexe, and it was the last time it was to be used before we shut it down over Winter. She noticed some maggots on one of the beds and thought that they had been accidentally spilled. Unfortunately, not the case. The darlings had stuffed maggots into the pillowcases, duvets and mattress covers. They were everywhere. All hands to the pump, and we spent the next two hours hunting down herds of maggots. Finally, we thought we had got them all, and shut the room for the winter. Come Spring, we opened up to find hundreds (maybe thousands, we didn't count them), of dead blue bottles all over the room. We had obviously missed many of the maggots, which had pupated and hatched, and had ultimately been killed by the winter cold. Another clear up job! Fortunately, this sort of behaviour was very rare.

After eight years at Welsh Bicknor, with its special problems, we were tired and needed a change, so we applied for a smaller hostel.

To be continued.

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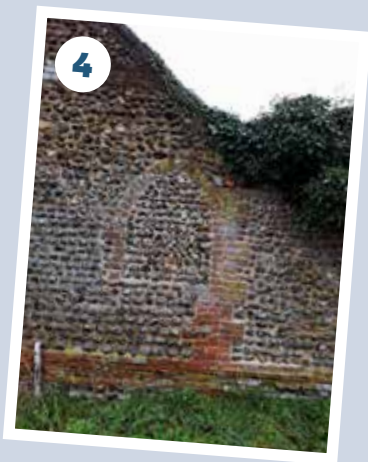
We hope you are spotting all these places around the village? Here are some more...

How did you do last month the answers were:

1. Brass handle/latch, Memorial Hall
2. No public right of way, Church Farm
3. Green metal gate, entrance to the Cathedral Ruins
4. Metal Crown, church railings
5. Blue door, school



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NORTH ELMHAM YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

Open to ages 16–28

This year at North Elmham YFC, we have chosen to support two charities very close to our members hearts. Firstly 'The Big C' was chosen as members have had family fighting and unfortunately losing their lives to cancer. And secondly 'Heart UK', one of our own members suffered with a cardiac arrest last year and is still dealing with repercussions.

A word From North Elmham YFC Chairman Luke Pratt, "Since Joining North Elmham in 2022 the club has gone from strength to strength with competitions, charity events and fundraising. The club itself has grown massively from 22 to 34 members now attending! This is a fantastic achievement in just over a year. With most of our meetings and events having a good turnout of members. I have enjoyed my time at NEYFC, and it has been a privilege to be chairman for our 80th year of Norfolk Young Farmers and my last year in Young Farmers. This

year NEYFC have held many events including a Charity Shoot, Dinner Dance and Drag Bingo. Some of our meetings this year have included, a New Members Night, Talk by Tim Papworth, a tour at H V Graves Butchers and a talk from Yana.

A word From North Elmham YFC Vice Secretary and Countrysiders Liaison Ruby Mcleod, "I became a member at NEYFC to improve my social skills and to make new friends with similar interests. I have made lifelong friends and I have become more involved in the running of the group by becoming Vice Secretary and Countrysider's Liaison. Being in Young Farmers has given me lots of opportunities, including competing in YFC Hockey League and taking part in other competitions and charity events.

A word from The Advisory/North Elmham YFC President Angus Newton, "Being Part of North Elmham YFC's journey as an advisory member and now President. It has been a great privilege to see the club grow, overcoming challenges they face and watching the coming together to support each other, succeeding in competitions, including farm event

challenges, rally competitions or team activities from hockey to tug of war. The club always pulls together. I look forward this year to watching the club grow, flourish and truly put North Elmham Young Farmers back on the map, as a club that can step up to the plate in any situation, yet still party in traditional Young Farmer Style.

North Elmham Young Farmers Club are always looking for new members, come along to one of our meetings, find out what we are all about. We are a friendly bunch. Remember you do not have to be a farmer to be a Young Farmer Club Member.

Due to building works taking place at our regular meeting venue, our current meetings are being held every Wednesday 7.30pm in various locations please call Luke or email the club for venue details.

Contact: Luke Pratt 07876010824
Email: north_elmham_yfc@norfolkyfc.co.uk

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The latest news from the village branch is very good - our stall at the Spring Fete run by Eileen Bent and Jenny Dagless raised £45, and our quiz team called The Poppys at the last quiz night at The Kings Head came 5th or 6th. We hope to improve at the next one.

The branch treasurer Nigel Parker, whose late father and his mother have connections with the village. He either receives the local magazine from our meetings or, I post it to him so his mother can read it. I have received a note from his mother thanking me and enclosing a cheque for £20 payable to the Elmham News.

By the time you read this we will have just had our 30th May meeting. We usually meet in the Kings Head, so please get in touch for our next meeting dates. Our next update in the News will be after the Garden Fete.

Mike Aston Branch Sec.

RECYCLING

Did you know you can recycle soft plastics at the supermarket?

The old soft plastic is sent for recycling where it is washed, sorted and as much of the material as possible is recycled into new products and packaging. Most accept all sorts of soft plastics including crisp and salad packets to microwavable pouches, bread wrappers and shrink wraps.

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GARDENING CLUB

Allan Archer, a fellow Yorkshire lad, from Talk:Wildlife, gave us an informative and fun talk on deer, skulls and antlers provided! He went into their development, different species and habits. There were a few mutterings about deer and their predilection for flowers and vegetables, but Allan had heard it all before and took it in his stride.

Just in case you were wondering, it was in 1838 when the then Duke of Bedford introduced the small, neat deer called Muntjac to this country from South and southeast Asia!! They have flourished and are becoming the bane of gardeners.

Ann Bartlett won "The Flower of the Month" with a beautiful Lily of the Valley chosen by Allan.

The club has a day trip by to Barnsdale Gardens in Rutland on Sunday 30th June. These gardens were created by Geoff Hamilton for BBC Gardeners' World in the mid 1980s and are a series of individually designed 'rooms'. He was a firm believer and pioneer in organic growing and Barnsdale was his great experiment in peat free and chemical free growing.

There are a few seats available if anyone is interested in going, you would be very



welcome. The coach leaves the village at 9.00am, please contact Ray on 667226 before the 9th June for further details.

Sarah has created a Facebook page to bring us up to date. Simply go to Facebook, search for North Elmham Gardening Club and there you are.

Our annual programme is there and also the schedule for our Gardening Show on August 3rd. Remember, anyone can enter anything, it is for the whole village. Sadly, the prizes are in the form of trophies rather than perhaps a live piglet or a pack of tobacco of 100 years ago!

Meg White

NORTH ELMHAM CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sheep

Sheep class have been busy improving their outdoor area. We decided to turn our shed into a calm shed and wrote letters to Ms McConnell, Mr Brown (site manager) & the Friends of the School asking for donations. We were over the moon when we received some lovely items for our new space!

We have been busy learning all about the seaside in our geography lessons and will start to make comparisons of our local area and the coastal areas surrounding us. We turned our roleplay area into a seaside cafe!

In English, we have been learning to write postcards based on the book 'The Snail and the Whale' and all of the adventures they have together.

Sheep have enjoyed our science this half term, learning about everyday materials and their uses. We are going to set up our own investigation to explore a suitable material we would need to use to keep our teddy bear dry!

During Welly Day we have been exploring the changes within the area, including the arrival of toads and newts! We have also been using our creative skills to make worry dolls and clay faces.

Whales

Whales class have been getting to grips with some local geography so far this term. They have been using different maps (digital and OS) to study the village and the surrounding area. In history, children are beginning to learn about some of the key British monarchs, starting with William the Conqueror, who they decided was a powerful but ruthless leader! In our reading, we have been looking at a book about the history of Norwich, and have so far reached the mucky middle-ages! We were all

fascinated to find out that Norwich was the second richest city in England at that time! In our writing lessons, children are loving 'Float' by Daniel Miyares, and have been constructing some super sentences inspired by this beautiful picture book. We will be writing some stories of our own by the end of term. Years 3 and 4 are very much looking forward to their residential this month at Horstead! Lots of adventurous activities await!

Lions

Lions have had a busy time, working hard to prepare for SATS. Much recapping in maths and practice at finding evidence to justify their opinions on what they have read. In history we have started to learn about the Vikings, where they came from and the reasons they travelled to our shores. In geography we have been learning the concept of globalisation: increasing links between people and places across the planet, made possible by developments in transport and technology. In science we are learning about forces and have conducted experiments to investigate friction and air resistance. In RE we are learning about the beliefs in Hinduism. The children have asked lots of questions as we discuss Hindu beliefs and practices. Later this term, the class will be doing bikeability and, on Friday afternoons, the children enjoy their PE and outdoor activity, including team building skills.

Donations

As you have already read, Sheep class have been busy improving the shed spaces outside. We are still looking for cushions and blankets that would be suitable for outdoor use. We are also developing our planting area and would love a bench to add to it.

If you have anything you feel would make our area even better, please contact the office!

Thank you!

NORTH ELMHAM SCHOOL HOUSE & LAND CHARITY

Are you under 25 years of age? If so, were you a pupil at North Elmham School? Do you need financial assistance to help you gain further qualifications to enable you to undertake higher education or to develop non-academic skills?

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Clerk to the School House & Land Charity, Mrs C Payne, 84 Eastgate Street, North Elmham, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 5HF by 31st July. Unfortunately the Trustees are unable to consider applications after the closing date.

All applications will be carefully considered by the trustees and a reply will be sent.

JENNIE - THANK YOU

As you may know, Jennie Borgnis has taken the difficult decision to step down from the Parish Council and as our Chairman.

Jennie joined the PC in 2012 and became Chair at the annual meeting in May 2016. Throughout her tenure, Jennie has blended a unique mix of compassion, intelligence and dedication in carrying out the role. Jennie has ensured the voice of the village has been heard through her support for the Campaign Against the New Town (CANT), and has quietly but very effectively managed to ensure our meetings are conducted firmly and fairly.

She will be much missed by us all and I would like to take this opportunity to wish her, Humphrey and all their family all the very best for their future.

Jennie - thank you!

Paul Grainger

Chairman North Elmham Parish Council

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR JUNE

Sat 1st	The Riffits: 60s 70s 80s Live Music	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Mon 3rd	Countrysiders	Visit to Wade Game Birds of Foulsham	7.00pm start
Tue 4th	Knit and Natter	Pavilion	2.00 pm
Wed 5th	Memorial Hall AGM Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall Pavilion	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Tue 11th	Wives Plus All	Visit Dale Farm	6.30 pm start
Wed 12th	Tea at Two	Memorial Hall	2.00 pm
Mon 13th	Countrysiders	Memorial Hall	
Wed 19th	Mobile Library	The Heath to Orchard Close	2.30–5.20 pm
Sun 30th	Barnsdale Gardens with Gardening Club	TBA	9.00 am

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ANOTHER SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

In March we featured a school photograph from the early 1950's. As before we think the above was a year photograph with Mrs Caley (how we all loved her). Again everyone was wearing boots, the children didn't change into shoes when they arrived at school. By the look of the playground, we all needed boots. These children all look happy and comfortable. Would love to see them now!

This is who they are on the photograph:

Top row left to right: Could be a brother to Geoffrey Rainbird in the previous photo (Watts Naval School), Gladys Lowe, Judy Wyer, Nancy Adcock, Norman Margerson, Anthony Chambers

Bottom row left to right: Richard Morris, Ray Osborne, Kathleen Clarke, Georgina

Love, Ann Taberham, Ronnie Giblet (a hard G at the start of Ronnie's surname).

People say that living in the country was tough and not conducive to happiness, but these children all look extremely happy... and well behaved!

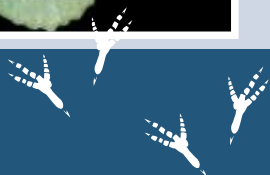
Not quite sure what Georgina in the front row had on her feet.

Janet Woodhouse

Gardening Club now have a Facebook page. Search "North Elmham Gardening Club" and follow us to keep up to date with our meetings and events.

If you are interested in entering something into our Annual Show, check out the show schedule in the photos.





ELMHAM WILDLIFE

Animals are often coloured in such a way that they blend in to their environment. Camouflage lets them hide from their predators so increases their chances of being eaten. There is so much green vegetation in the natural environment that you might expect a lot of our animals to be green. There are a few green animals, but perhaps not as many as we might imagine.

Of all the hundreds of different moths we have in North Elmham (well over 1,000 species in fact) only a handful are green but among these are some of my favourite moths so in a month when I don't have time to think too hard about what to write I thought I would showcase some of these beautiful green moths.

Perhaps our commonest green moth is the Green Carpet (photo 1). It's a species that you may well see when you're going for an evening walk as they often start flying well before it's really dark. The Green Pug (photo 2) is another common species that comes to light. When fresh these are nice and green but the green quickly wears off leaving a much browner insect.

The Common Emerald (photo 3) is, as its name suggests, common, but the Small Emerald (photo 4) is a little scarcer. Despite its name, it's actually slightly bigger than the Common Emerald, but the Large Emerald (photo 5) is aptly named as it is one of our largest moths. All three are regular visitors to the moth trap I run in my garden.

Flying later in the year than any of the other moths mentioned here is the Merveille du Jour (photo 6). It's a favourite of many moth-trappers but my personal favourite is the Green Silver-

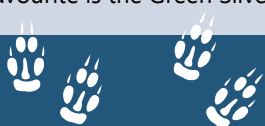
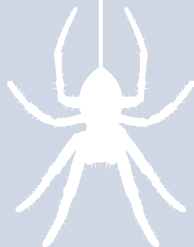
lines (photo 7). Sadly this is a moth that is in sharp decline – I caught nine here between 2015 and 2019 but I haven't caught any more since then. The Scarce Silver-lines (photo 8) is superficially similar but another close relative, the Cream-bordered Green Pea (photo 9) is quite a different moth, not least because of its tiny size.

Cream-bordered Green Pea isn't much bigger than the micro moth, Green Oak Tortrix (photo 10), and the two species are often confused by novice moth trappers. Like many insects Green Oak Tortrix have good and bad years. Last year there was a glut and I caught over 50 in my garden, more than ever before. Another year I didn't catch a single one all year. These cycles of good and bad years can mask the long-term trend of moth populations.

The Green Arches (photo 11) is quite a scarce species but I occasionally catch one in North Elmham. When fresh they are bright green and are one of our smartest moths. The green colour fades and eventually they become a relatively nondescript brown moth. The one shown here is the brightest I've found in North Elmham so far but I've seen fresher individuals elsewhere that were just stunning.

Have you seen any interesting wildlife recently? If you have anything else interesting to share please do drop me an email me at appleton.dave@googlemail.com, or phone me on 668431 or message me via X at @ElmhamMeadows.

Dave Appleton







ANYONE FOR... TABLE TENNIS

Have you noticed the new piece of kit on the Village Green? A large slab of concrete has been there for a while with people wondering what it was for.


Wonder no more. The new table tennis table was recently purchased by the Parish Council from part of money provided from the Boar's Hill development to enhance the playing facilities in the Village.

It arrived all the way from the Netherlands at 5.00 pm one evening on a large lorry that was unable to get through the gate onto the green. It was eventually installed in position on the green with a lot of skill and expertise of the lorry driver, Theo, the owner of HeBlad, and a few volunteers.

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WIVES PLUS ALL

At Wives Plus All's meeting in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 9th May, Trevor Howlett, Vice Chairman and Jackie Noy both of the East Coast Trucker's gave a DVD presentation and talk about the Truckers voluntary work in the Special Needs community here in East Anglia.

East Coast Truckers were originally formed by a group of East Anglian Truckers getting together to support drivers who were caught and prosecuted for using C.B. Radios. However, legalisation of the use of C.B's led to the Truckers helping others and an outing was arranged one weekend in conjunction with Special Needs Schools to give their scholars the unique opportunity to ride in a truck cab. This was the beginning of the famous August Bank Holiday Convoy of Truckers and their lorries taking children with special needs out in the countryside and along the coast. Now totally supported by authorities, with road closures police escorts and all emergency services and their vehicles attending The East Coast Trucker's Convoy on August Bank Holiday with now over 40 trucks is thought to be the only one in the world.

The East Coast Trucker's Charity has grown because of the kindness of a substantial legacy given to them which means that in the present day the Truckers have become involved in respite care and currently have a caravan at California Cliffs, which is fully adapted for wheelchair users' use, and a chalet at Summerfields Holiday Park, both situated in Scratby and offered to families for a refundable deposit with free entertainment access. In liaison with the relevant local Occupational Therapists, Families, Schools and Hospitals apply to the Truckers for equipment such as wheelchairs, special books and other items not covered by Social Services. The Truckers can also now arrange extra outings for youngsters up to the age of 16 and their families to other

interesting community venues such as a local Zoo, the Hippodrome Circus, Norfolk Railways and etc.

Thanks go to Jackie and Trevor for a very interesting and informative talk of the Truckers' voluntary work in East Anglia.

Next Meeting

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE & VENUE

Wives Plus All will meet again on TUESDAY 11th JUNE 2024 with an Evening visit to Dale Farm, Sandy Lane, Dereham NR19 2EA. Travel by car to arrive ready to commence at 6.30 pm. There is some parking at Dale Farm otherwise free parking across the road that goes to Scarning at the Co-op Store. There will be refreshments available.

Ann Ferris

BILLINGFORD CHURCH

St Peter's Church, Billingford Re-opening Service! 16th June 2024 at 3.30pm

Visitors to St Peter's Church, Billingford will be aware that it is a very special place in a unique setting but, sadly, it has been closed for a few years. The great news is that it is currently in the midst of an ambitious programme of work to bring it back to life!

Since Christmas a huge amount has been achieved. A window through which pigeons were entering the church has been fully restored – it is looking wonderful and letting in a lot of light. The restored window has enabled further work to be carried out and the building has now had a deep clean with all pigeon excrement having been removed. This has been achieved via a grant from Norfolk Churches Trust and also the generosity of local cleaning company, Symclean (formerly Stulee of Dereham). The south porch is currently still out of action and grants are being applied for to cover the

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cost of its repair. However, the church can now be entered with access being via a door on the north side.

In order to celebrate the fact that St Peter's can now be used a re-opening service will be held at 3.30pm on Sunday 16th June, followed by refreshments. Everyone is, of course, welcome!

TENNISATHON

Dear North Elmham Residents

Twelve months on from a 24-hour charity DJ music event, when Brisley and former North Elmham resident Jim Biggie uttered the immortal words, "Let's do this all again next year", it's time for Midsummer Madness II...

On Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June, Jim will join James Buddell for a 24-hour tennis fundraiser at nearby North Elmham Tennis Club.

If you're a tennis novice, have never played before, no matter your age, get on court between 12 noon on 15 June and 12 noon on 16 June to raise funds for North Elmham Tennis Clubs' award-winning inclusive tennis programme and St. Bartholomew's Church, Brisley.

Come along, play tennis for however long you would like to participate — one hour, two hours, or five hours... — between 12 noon on 15th June and 12 noon on 16th June.

How to Book Your Spot/Time: You will be able to view the spreadsheet when you click on the link shown below using an electronic version of the Elmham News.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NXX-rp2xUqJ3QcWdFezxyPUI7CLgKhAp/edit?gid=416196178>

The suggested donation to participate is £10 for adults and £5 for children via a JustGiving page. You will note a QR code included within the promotional

poster advertised in the Elmham News and which, when launched, will take you straight to the JustGiving page. A card reader will be available on the weekend, or if people prefer to pay by cash, charity buckets will be available.

All members, friends and family, and members of the community can play! Three hours of coaching for all ages and abilities are scheduled from 2-5pm on 15 June with Jim and James, and Jim will lead cardio tennis from 9-10am on 16 June.

There will be food and refreshments at a small cost on Saturday afternoon/evening via a barbeque, with meat and vegetarian options. On 16 June, bacon rolls will be offered as part of a Fathers' Day special.

WVBS

At the end of April around 20 members gathered at Billingford Lakes, a new venue for a club outing. These fishing lakes have recently been developed to include country walking trails and camping, together with a café and toilet facilities. We had not chosen the best day for weather (were there any around that time?) but it didn't rain very hard, and it had cleared by the time we returned to the café for lunch. Still very cold for the time of year though so we mostly sat inside. Billingford Lakes was an excellent site for warblers, and in spite of the weather we encountered Blackcaps, Garden Warblers, Willow Warblers, Whitethroats, Chiffchaffs and smaller numbers of Cetti's Warbler, Sedge Warbler, Reed Warbler and Lesser Whitethroats. We didn't see Hobby or Cuckoo but would expect them on a better day. There were plenty of Hirundines around, with Swallows and House Martins greeting us at the car park on arrival, and around 50 Sand Martins seen by those who stayed after lunch at the newly installed sand bank. Later in the morning we were delighted to see a Swift overhead — a first of the year for many



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of us. On the lakes there were plenty of geese, often with young, plus Great Crested Grebes, Coots and Moorhens and Tufted Ducks. Common Terns flew around over two of the lakes, always a pretty sight. There is a £5 entry fee for the site, but we all agreed it was good value with enough walks for a full day visit and good facilities provided. I'm sure some of us will be back.

Our early morning (5.00am start) visit to Pensthorpe for the dawn chorus took place on 11th May. Unfortunately, your correspondent didn't make it, having been away and walked too far around Frampton marsh RSPB the previous day, so I can't yet report on how that went. With the good weather and the excellent breakfast provided afterwards I'm sure it will have been good! You will see from the events list that there are plenty of trips coming up, for our usual seasonal search for Nightjars to a visit to the Little Terns on the East Coast and hopefully a ringing demonstration when we visit Mannington Hall.

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 20th June – Drew Lyness 'Hot and Cold European Breaks'

18th July – Summer social including talk from Steve Cale on Nightjars, Owls and Potoos

15th August – Matt Wickens, NWT Urban Reserves manager on Sweet Briar Marshes.

Outdoor Meetings

Sunday 26th May – Wild Ken Hill

Sunday 9th June – Sculthorpe Moor HOT (rearranged trip from February)

Sunday 30th June – East Coast birding in Winterton Area (hopefully including a visit to Little Tern colony)

Saturday 22nd June – Evening at Broadland Country Park for Nightjars (9.00pm start, weather permitting)

Saturday 27th July – Mannington Hall

For more details, especially for meeting times and venues, and for confirmation of Nightjar evening, please see the website.

KNIT AND NATTER

A chatty meeting this month, with last minute items to be collected together for the upcoming Garden Fete. A change in members due to two of our group leaving us. Megan, who has now got herself a "proper" job, but who will no doubt keep on knitting, but missing the Tuesday afternoons. Daphne, who was born and bred in North Elmham, was one of our longest serving K&N members, is now moving to Dorset to be closer to her family. We wish them both well in their new lives, but we will miss them. Then there is Joy, who is one of our "out" knitters, has also moved away, so we will be looking for new knitters to fill the gaps. Even if you can only produce a few squares for blankets, we will always provide wool, needles, patterns and good company, not to mention tea, coffee and cake etc. Come rain or shine, you will have a warm welcome at 2-0'clock on the first Tuesday of the month, in the Pavilion.

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BRISLEY AND NORTH ELMHAM CRICKET CLUB

And so, the season is underway and history was made with the first ever Saturday second team fielded by Brisley and North Elmham CC. A team comprising 8 club debutants and 4 U16s travelled to Aylsham St Giles for their inaugural fixture and almost pulled off a stunning victory falling just 3 runs short. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon for the players and vindication of skipper Phil Bend's commitment to getting this venture off the ground. The second team has also decided to resurrect the old tradition of the cricket tea between innings, a practice that fell victim to the pandemic. This innovation might well be the catalyst for other clubs to follow suit.

After gaining their third successive promotion, the Saturday first team began their campaign in Division One with a home victory against Castle Rising followed up by a narrow win at Snettisham.

Our ladies team the Belladonnas also began their season with a home friendly



game against Bradenham in a format designed to give players on both sides the opportunity to bat and bowl and victory went to the hosts. A good crowd enjoyed the cricket and Mexican cuisine courtesy of the catering committee on a beautiful early summer evening.

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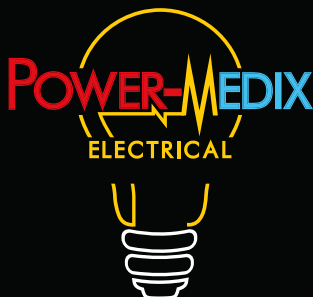
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Results

Sat May 4th

Div 1 West B&NE 1sts won by 70 runs

B&NE 100 all out (Futter 28 Abdul Ali 24)
Castle Rising 30 all out (Jaggard 6-3)

On an early season challenging wicket a low-scoring game saw the home side to a convincing victory. A hat-trick for visiting bowler John reduced B&NE to 49-6 before a mini recovery from skipper Futter and Hassan just raised the score to 3 figures. The same two players then ripped through the opening batsmen before a remarkable spell from Ollie Jaggard sealed the winning points.

Premier Seeds MoM: Ollie Jaggard for his 6-3

Div 4NE B&NE lost by 3 runs

Aylsham St Giles 3rds 188-4 B&NE 185-9 (Donnelly 72 Bend 50)

A youthful and relatively inexperienced team pushed the hosts hard and were just one boundary from victory when the overs ran out. Seven bowlers were used by the visitors and every player had a bat which is a main objective for this team.

Aspire Mortgages MoM: Tom Donnelly for his 72 runs and 1-20.

Saturday May 11th

Div 1 West B&NE 1sts won by 5 runs

B&NE 193-7 (Tuthill 48 Donnelly 46 no Futter 36 no) Snettisham 188-9

A very tight finish as B&NE just had enough to maintain their unbeaten start

to the season. Key was an 87 unbeaten partnership between Tom Donnelly and skipper Callum Futter. Injury left the visitors a strike bowler short, but the wickets were shared between 6 bowlers in a gutsy team effort.

Premier Seeds MoM: Tom Donnelly for his unbeaten 46 and 2-16 off 10 overs

Div 4NE B&NE lost by 7 wickets.

B&NE 49ao (Curley 18) Lowestoft 53-3

Shorn of experienced players taken into the first team, B&NE succumbed to some excellent bowling, only Steve Curley making double figures. In reply the visitors coasted to victory with 30 overs to spare.

Aspire Mortgages MoM: Steve Curley for his 18 runs and 2-14.

Upcoming Home Fixtures

Date	Team	Fixture Type	Opposition
Sat 1st June	Saturday 2nds	League	Felthorpe
Fri 7th June	Ladies	League	Sprowston
Sat 8th June	Saturday 1sts	League	Saham Toney
Fri 14th June	Social	Friendly	Holkham
Sat 15th June	Saturday 2nds	League	Horsford
Fri 21st June	Ladies	League	Snettisham
Sat 22nd June	Saturday 2nds	League	Overstrand
Sat 29th June	Saturday 1sts	League	Overstrand



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Closing date for applications is Monday 17th June 2024
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AN OASIS OF CALM

We are blessed in North Elmham by areas of green space: Cathedral Meadow, Jubilee Green, the playing field, the allotments... which we can all enjoy in a variety of ways.

There is something rather special, however, about St Mary's Churchyard. Precious, of course, to those who have loved ones buried there, finding time to refresh flowers, pause, remember and reflect.

As Rector, I'm quite often committing the departed to their final resting place, but I'm always struck by the peace and beauty of this space. When not 'on duty' I like to sit on the bench to enjoy the sunshine and think about the history of our village represented by those who are laid to rest here.

Churchyards are special places and important to the environment, as they never have fertiliser or chemicals sprayed on them, providing a protected habitat for wildlife.

The management of the churchyard, however, is becoming a pressing issue for St Mary's Parochial Church Council. We are very grateful to Derek Shoesmith, who has faithfully maintained the 'old' churchyard

for so many years but has decided that the time has come to stand down.

The cost of grass-cutting alone of the entire churchyard for 2024 is £3,710, plus control of brambles, weeds and ivy (and occasional tree surgery). North Elmham Parish Council has agreed to contribute £1,500 for 2024.

The churchyard is, of course, the village 'cemetery' and you may feel that the Parish Council should maintain it; however, they are not obliged to do so.

St Mary's is funded voluntarily by 15 people, with many financial demands facing them. Maintaining the churchyard cannot be a priority for their very limited resources. The PCC is looking at how to minimise costs, which will mean reducing the area being cut; however, it is still unaffordable. If you would like to help, whether in memory of a loved-one or as a friend of the churchyard, please call 01362 668850 or email heartofnorfolkchurches@gmail.com. We would welcome one-off donations or a small monthly standing-order to enable us to maintain this special space for everyone.

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Walkers Are Welcome

Please come and join us for a walk in the local area. Our short walk of around four miles is always on the first Friday of the month. There is a dual walk planned for later in the year (a long walk with a shorter alternative) as well as continuing our walks of just two miles for those wanting an easier walking experience.

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

ST MARYS CHURCH

Dear Friends,

"June is bustin' out all over". Those who like me, are of more mature years may recall this song, sung in the Rodger's and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma". It is a song about the glories of summer, of which June meteorologically is the first month. Nature, woken from its winter slumber, refreshed by the rebirth of spring, moves to the beauty and bounty of summer, which is also reflected in our gardens.

But this fulfilment cannot always happen without a helping hand from us. Even No mow May is an action, however passive, taken by us. Humankind, not just Christians, has a major role to play. As the zenith of the ecological system, we are called to care for the world about us.

Over many centuries that care has not been forthcoming. We have not been stewards of creation but have exploited the resources of it, to the extent that many of our fellow creatures have become extinct and still many more are teetering on the edge. This is also echoed in the flora about us.

Slowly more and more people are realising that we need to change and take on board the words of St Francis of Assisi's "Canticle of the Sun" which I recommend to you. St Francis can be looked on as one of the earliest environmental pioneers. His whole life was concerned with the world about him and his effect on it.

Having been brought up in an urban environment, I thank God that my life's journey has brought me to a place where the countryside is on my doorstep, and I am able to enjoy the comforting healing power of nature can bring to my wellbeing. One good thing, and there weren't an awful lot, that came out of the pandemic was that people began to reconnect with nature in their allowed daily walk.

At our benefice service on the last Sunday of June we are hoping to relaunch our environment group to see how, as a benefice we can help the world about us. If you would be interested in joining with us, churchgoer or not, please contact me or Reverend Sally.

In the meantime, time, enjoy the summer and take every chance you can to enjoy the countryside around us.

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With blazing sunshine, even taking some refreshing shade under the oak tree to allow our visitors to tuck into some scrummy cakes baked locally and also have some fun with our bumper raffle and win prizes, it turned out to be a fab few hours.

Your generous donations for which we are so thankful, a total of £380 was raised and this will be put to excellent use adding to the Church Building Appeal for replacement heaters. We have a long way to go, but your continued support and that of our volunteers who help organise such events, is vital. A HUGE thank you to everyone that came and supported us.

No Mow May

Here we are again, doing our bit! We all need to hold off mowing our grassed

areas to not only encourage the flowers to bloom but also to help our bees, butterflies and other pollinators take full advantage of the natural food on offer.

Hopefully, you have all taken a rest from cutting your lawns, and maybe taken the time to visit our wonderful church yard adorned with an abundance of flora seen mingling around and amongst the headstones of our departed loved ones.

Although, very soon we shall need to cut and maintain our church yard to respect those that lay to rest but also for safe access when taking a walk round.

We hope you are able to make a return visit soon and enjoy the peace and tranquil setting of our Church.

Services

Our normal Sunday Services for June fall on the 9th Holy Communion Service and 23rd Iona Service both starting at 10.30am followed by refreshments and a chat with the locals. We hope you are able to join us.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SINGING PROGRAMME 2024

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8th June

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10.30 am	Bawdeswell + Zoom	Holy Communion
10.30 am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Stibbard	Holy Communion

9TH JUNE – 2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30 am	Bawdeswell + Zoom	The '10.30'
10.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Worthing	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Stibbard	Morning Praise

16TH JUNE – 3RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30 am	Bawdeswell + Zoom	Word & Praise
10.30 am	North Elmham	Iona Holy Communion
10.30 am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
3.30 pm	Billingford	Thanksgiving Service
4.00 pm	Foulsham	Sung Evensong

23RD JUNE – 4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.00 am	Guist	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Bawdeswell + Zoom	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Worthing	Iona Morning Praise
10.30 am	North Elmham	Morning Praise

30TH JUNE – 5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30 am	Wood Norton	GROUP Holy Communion
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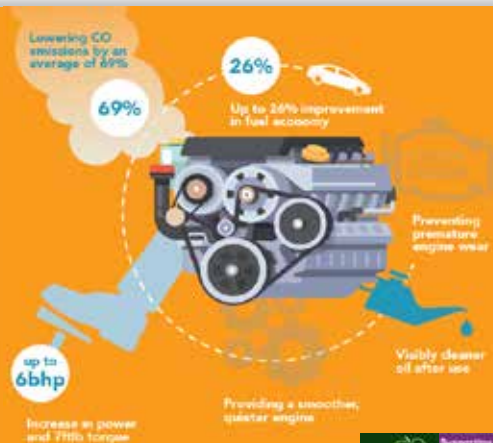
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