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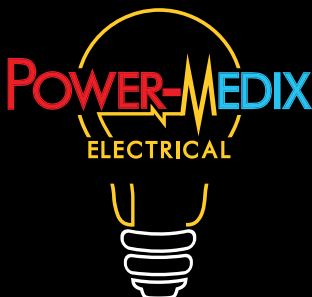
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## EDITORIAL

The cover of this News shows The Lodge, behind the wall at the top of Church Hill which was built around 1830. It was built by the Milles family who owned Elmham Hall and the Park and who built the lovely flint wall alongside the present road, a few years later.

This era around the Enclosures Act, was a worrying time for the poorer people of the village who would find it changed their way of life.

You will see we have put in an explanation about the distribution of the News meaning that Billingford will no longer have the magazine delivered to. When we started the News all those years ago, it was part of a church initiative and the three parishes of Elmham, Billingford and Worthing were bound together, so naturally we included them all. Now 48 years on, finances and the burgeoning houses in North Elmham mean we are looking to make savings. Sadly, most of the content, the advertisers and donations come from North Elmham.

Two Bank Holidays to look forward to in May, let's hope the weather knows it's supposed to be good

## NORTH ELMHAM GUIDES

We would like to thank the people from the village who supported the Spring Fayre run by Elmham Guides with Swanton Morely Brownies and Rainbows at the Eastgate Centre in March. We raised the wonderful total of £400, which will help us to continue to offer an exciting programme for our members. The girls involved gain so many useful life skills by organising and running the stalls and love being involved in the event.

Thank you to all who came.

*Marion Morgan*

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### NEXT DEADLINE: 14TH MAY

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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# Elmham News

## AN UPDATE

Dear Readers,

For the first time in our long 48 year history, Elmham News is facing a financial crisis which we feel obliged to share with you in the hope that you can help us solve it. Thankfully, it is not due to mismanagement but rather is due to the growth of our village and increased costs.

As many of you will know, we started printing the magazine on an old Gestetner machine (Google that!) that lived in the church vestry or the Vicarage study. It was typed and then printed by hand before given to volunteers who collated each magazine, by hand and individual sheet by individual sheet before being stapled and delivered.

Since then, we have come a long way, becoming more and more professional in our approach and in 2022 won the prestigious award of the Best A5 Magazine in the country! Something we are very proud of.

Today, we print 800 magazines and deliver to every house in North Elmham, Broom Green, Billingford and Worthing for no charge. Paid advertising by local businesses has covered our costs and we suggest small donations from local groups when they place event adverts (some do, some don't).

The Elmham News has also been lucky enough to give back to the village over the years funding noticeboards, planting daffodil bulbs, and holding

various "Thank You Celebrations" for our wonderful team of deliverers and contributors. To our delight, we were able to have all the copies of the magazine over the last 48 years, professionally bound for posterity, a real legacy for the village and part of the archives.

But... over the last five years we have also been dealing with a number of issues.

- Printing costs have risen by 35%.
- Advertising income has fallen by 23%, mainly due to the growth of the internet and social media such as Facebook etc. The need for businesses to use us to advertise their wares has waned somewhat though we still have an exceptional core of advertisers.
- North Elmham is a growing village and the numbers of houses to whom we deliver has increased by over 20%, thus increasing our print run and subsequent costs.

There are those splendid folk in North Elmham who do give us donations because they love to read the News and those who give a little and often, plus some organisations donate as a thank you for printing their news and keeping everyone informed as to what's on BUT SADLY, IT'S NOT QUITE ENOUGH! Each magazine costs roughly £1 to produce.

To resolve our immediate problem, we have taken the tough decision to stop delivering to Billingford and in future, we may have to consider not delivering to Worthing and to holiday homes.

If you are holding a fundraising event for your club or organisation and place a colour advert in the magazine, please consider a donation to the News out of your proceeds.

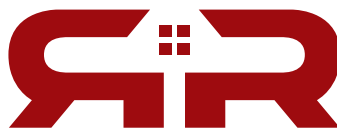
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## NORTH ELMHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL, 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 and the March meeting minutes can be viewed in the Post Office and on the Community website, once approved.*

**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, Mrs. A. Keeble, Mr. N. Markwell, Mr. M. Rayner, Mr. C. Smith and Mr. J. Sowinski.

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

### Public Participation

a) A parishioner asked if bin lorries were assessing 'phone coverage capacity' and, if this is so, how will the District Council use the data. Mr. Bambridge said that he was unaware of this particular news but a certain amount of money had been

previously allocated (about £950K) with an aim of improving services. The mast in North Elmham is a 02 mast and the experience of parishioners, in general, was that it is of very little use to the mobile 'phone users of other companies.

b) Dr. Peter Wade-Martins stressed that he was attending as the church Fabric Officer and not as a member of the Parochial Church Council. The Parish Council had previously challenged the grounds for closure (minutes 5th March, 2025, item 312) but Dr. Wade-Martins gave his views on the various matters raised involving headstones, walls and trees. He suggested that a further meeting should be held between the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council.

### Updated Information And Matters Arising

#### Land Management Matters

**Village Green:** It is planned for the piece of equipment known as the camel to be returned to the Play Area. It probably requires a concrete pad and it will need to be established that any arrangement satisfies Health and Safety rules. Quotations are to be obtained for any necessary work.

Mr. Rayner had noticed that grass is coming through the safe areas which were laid about a year ago. The grass has recently been cut on both the Village Green and the Play Area. It has been noted that this grounds maintenance work is of a good standard. Mr. Gee reported that some young children appear to be building a den.

**Broom Green:** The state of the pond is to be monitored.

**Millennium Wood (and Jubilee Wood):** Mr. Sowinski reported that the gate into the wood is broken. Five more trees have been cut down and he is shortly to meet with the contractor regarding replacement fencing. There is a small fence in front of



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the bigger fence. There is a problem with deer tending to jump over it and getting stuck between the two. It was agreed to remove the small fence. In addition, the squares making up the fence are rather large and there have been occasions where deer have caught their heads in the fence.

**Prince William Wood:** Mr. Markwell reported that a dead tree, (approximately 50 feet high), had fallen against another tree. A contractor is to examine this and recommend the best course of action. In addition, all other trees are to be looked at.

### **Allotments**

Mr. Phillips said that there are a number of potholes and there is the intention of levelling the surface.

### **Highway Matters**

There has been no further news regarding the temporary bus stop near the County School Station junction. As previously reported, the Parish Partnership road safety application for £15,668 has been successful (Parish Council/Norfolk County Council 50% contribution each). There appears to be a dispute regarding a road sign on the Station Road development and the ownership of the land on which it is planned to be placed. It is believed that the District Council may well be dealing with this matter.

### **Pavilion and Playing Field**

A window in the pavilion has been smashed. A new piece of polycarbonate has been purchased and is to be fitted. Breckland Council have expressed a desire to take on the contract for the trade waste bin. It was agreed by all to retain the current arrangement with Biffa as the costs indicated by both the service providers are very similar. The wage rate of the pavilion cleaner is to be increased from £11.44 to £12.21 per hour in accordance with statutory requirements. The volunteers are to repaint the bus shelter, using anti-graffiti paint. The cost, including the ceiling, will

be in the region of £305 (including VAT). Proposed by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Smith. All in favour.

The flint wall, built in the 1840's, at the top of the Playing Field has been vandalised. A month ago, a small hole appeared. This has now grown to an opening measuring some four feet by four feet. It is estimated that the cost to repair the damage will be in the region of £3K to £4K. It is suggested that some Heras fencing should be erected on the Parish Council land in front of it. A distance of some twenty metres would be needed at a cost of £724 plus VAT. It was also suggested that the possibility of CCTV cameras being installed in the tennis courts area should be investigated. Mr. Smith proposed that the Heras fencing should be installed to assist in securing the area and maintaining the safety of any parishioners finding themselves in this part of the Playing Field, and to explore the possibility of providing CCTV cameras. Seconded by Miss Ferris. All in favour except Mr. Fitzalan Howard who abstained. The Chairman is to ask officials of the Tennis Club if they would like to consider a joint approach with cameras.

### **Brookside Development Update**

Tom Binks of Orchard Homes has sent an e-mail advising that the car park and Eon electric meter will be handed over in the near future. The contract for signing should be available in a few days.

Orchard Homes has concern that there are no fences either side of the bridge over the stream. The school wants the bridge to be opened as soon as possible. Therefore, a quotation for a basic post and rail fence, covering two metres either side of the bridge, will be obtained. A parishioner has again queried the position regarding trees in the Millennium Wood next to the property. It is acknowledged, and advice will be given, that there is a right to trim or cut any overhanging branches from adjoining land, but only up

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to the property boundary. The agreement to place a dog waste bin in the new car park will also be confirmed.

### **North Elmham Living Sustainably (NELS) Group**

All members had read the report with interest. It was generally agreed that some benefit may be forthcoming if a slightly more concentrated focus on the aims of the paper could be demonstrated.

Mr. Fitzalan Howard is to liaise with the author.

### **New Village Hall**

An architect valuer visited and viewed the buildings. He stated that the fabric of the Pavilion is basically sound. The Eastgate Centre and Memorial Hall are candidates for commercial development. The next meeting of the committee is to take place on 28th April. Mr. Sowinski is to arrange dates for visits to be made to other halls previously detailed.

### **The Future of the Churchyard**

Please refer to Public Participation.

Mr. Rayner felt that paragraph 5 of the Ministry of Justice guidance notes, relating to the closure of part of a church yard, had not been properly addressed. It will be necessary to seek the view of Breckland Council before progress can be made.

### **Parish Waste Bins**

Please refer to mention in Brookside Development.

### **North Elmham Football Club Facilities**

The Chairman of the Football Club, Stuart Darbyshire, said that the preferred method of providing improved facilities, should promotion to a higher league, (the Anglian Combination), be achieved, is to extend the building. It is estimated that this will cost about £20K and grants up to £15K are apparently available. The original floor plans are needed, and the Chairman has given these to Mr. Darbyshire who will

take a copy and return the originals. From a cost perspective, it is better to retain the existing space and not extend. There is, however, a desire from the Football Club to extend outwards with the aim of funding the project themselves. The Parish Council may be approached, at some stage, for assistance although the majority of the funding will come from grants.

### **Roles for Parish Council Members**

It was agreed to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.

### **Reports from District and County Councillors**

These are printed in full on the Community Website if you would like to read them or in the Parish Council Minutes in the Post Office.

Mr. Bambridge stressed the dangers presented by the very important matter of floating pennywort which is present in the Broom Green pond. It is a highly invasive plant which is a real problem for waterways. Help is available from the Drainage Board. It is recommended that dead trees are left and not removed, unless they represent a risk to safety.

### **To Consider Planning Applications and Determinations**

#### **a) Applications**

i) Oakridge, 26 Eastgate Street – PL/2025/0347/HOU – replacement single storey rear extension - (no comments).

#### **b) Determinations**

None

Mr. Rayner had followed up two possible breaches. The situations, both at the bottom end of Eastgate Street, will continue to be monitored.

### **Correspondence**

Confirmation from Norfolk County Council of the granting of an award of £7,834.26 (total project cost £15,668,51)

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under the Parish Partnership Scheme to facilitate the introduction of additional road safety measures.

Call for Sites 2025 from the Breckland Planning Policy Team.

Request from Gemma Manthorpe, Breckland Planning Policy Manager, for village checklist to be checked and completed. (Completed by Mr. Phillips and to be returned, confirming accuracy).

### **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

a) Roles for Parish Council members.

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 7th May, 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

## **FAKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY**

Fakenham Choral Society's 2025 summer concert will feature contemporary British composer Will Todd's vibrant and upbeat Mass in Blue.

Chairman Rosemary Dear explained: "Last year, when Fakenham Choral Society celebrated its 50th anniversary, choir members were asked which pieces of music they would most like to perform again and Mass in Blue came high on the list of favourites, second only to the Verdi Requiem, which we performed in April 2024."

Well known composer Will Todd is a lover of jazz music as well as traditional church choral music and this is reflected brilliantly in his setting of the traditional Latin mass in a wonderful blend of jazz music. A jazz trio together with piano, a solo soprano voice and a strong choral line weave together to give an energetic and uplifting musical experience.

In complete contrast the choir will also be performing sacred music from earlier eras, with choruses from different composers spanning several centuries.

The concert will be in Fakenham Parish Church at 7pm on Saturday 21 June. Tickets £18 or £15 if purchased before 7th June, will be available on the FCS website [https://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org/about\\_us](https://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org/about_us).

Date: Saturday 22 June at 7pm

Venue: Fakenham Parish Church

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We will be having a stall at the village Garden Fete on Sunday 18th May from 12-4.30 pm and hope to be in the same place as last year, please come along and support us.

*Mike Aston  
Branch Sec*





## **NORTH ELMHAM COUNTRYSIDERS**

Due to Easter, this month has been a quiet one for us. We had our Easter Quiz and Easter Egg Decorating competition and great fun was had by all. Some of the senior YFC club join us for the quiz and judged the egg competition. Some fantastic designs came in the theme was Farm. Well done to the winners of both the Quiz (you beat the seniors & ) and the Egg competition. We finished this term with some farm event prep. A planter was started to be built and we had some crop identification and an eye spy game. The Farm event will have been on 27th April.

We start back in group on April 28th with our annual Crab off against the seniors at Wells Quay, 7.00pm start. This term we have a few interesting things planned.

Monday 7th–Tuesday 22nd April  
Easter Hols

Sunday 27th April  
Farm Event – Morley Farm, Deopham\*

Monday 28th April – Crabbing at Wells\*  
(Annual 'Crab-off' with the seniors)

Monday 5th May  
Bank Holiday

Monday 12th May  
Wade Farm TBC\*

Sunday 18th May  
Stockjudging Competition

Saturday 24th–Sunday 25th May  
Countrysider Campout

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May  
Half Term

Monday 2nd June  
The Goat Shed visit\* (Honingham)

Monday 16th June – Orienteering, Holt  
Country Park\* (With Seniors – 18:30 start)

Wednesday 25th–Thursday 26th June  
Royal Norfolk Show

Monday 30th June  
Rounders TBC\*

Saturday 12th July  
Rally – Location TBC\*

Monday 14th July  
Veteran Centre Visit & Tour\* (West Raynham)

Friday 18th July – Countrysider Social @  
East Tuddenham Village Hall

Tuesday 22nd July– Thursday 4th  
September – Summer Hols

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We look forward to seeing you soon! A list of our running dates can be found on our Facebook page, Wensum Valley Miniature Railway, along with information updates.

Plastic-only bread bags can be delivered on Thursdays and Sundays to the Miniature Railway. No need to wash them—just shake out the crumbs!

*Gordon Ford*  
*Chairman NNMEC.*

## NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR # 1

Fraser Gillespie is one of two recently co-opted Parish Councillors and we thought that you would like to know more about him.

"I'm 59 and married to Sally who's an artist. We have two daughters, one living in Norwich and the other in Southport. We moved to North Elmham in 2021 and I have since retired in Aug 2024. My professional background has predominantly been in the automotive industry and most recently with Group Lotus. I've been in both

the Finance and Sales sector to a senior management level.

Originally born in Kent but lived in both Australia and New Zealand as a child. Moved to Norfolk in 1997 but moved to Jersey (Channel Islands) from 2006-17.

Interests: Cars, Travel, Sport, Golf and Grandchildren (not necessarily in that order!)"

**Ed's notes:** Thank you and we hope that you enjoy being part of our Parish Council.

## MEMORIAL HALL AGM

We are holding our AGM on Monday 19th May at 6.30 pm. If you wish to come and join us, we will be providing tea, coffee and biscuits.

*Theresa Gower*  
*Treasurer*

## GARAGE/YARD SALE

The North Elmham Memorial Hall Committee is considering organising a village garage/yard sale early in September after the school holidays. We are scoping interest from our villagers.

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## BRISLEY AND NORTH ELMHAM CRICKET CLUB

The financial investment in improving the wicket and hard work put in over the winter and early spring by Dave Pearson and his groundforce team has certainly paid off as the ground looks in fine shape despite the unseasonal dry weather. Players are keen to see how the new strips will perform and are getting familiar with the conditions as winter nets have now been replaced by outdoors nets every Wednesday for Saturday teams and every Thursday for the Ladies team. As ever we are always looking for new players and sponsors so for the former call Ollie Hall on 07583 050684 and for the latter Mark Ballman on 07980 027124.

In late March the Club held another very successful Quiz evening which raised much needed income and as ever we are grateful to all those who turned up to support their local Club as well as to the Fordham family and Dave Pearson for organising the event. It must be said that the Club team of quizzers clearly revealed

that their talents lay with bat and ball rather than pen and paper!

On the social side in April a group of players visited Lords the home of Middlesex CCC and Test Match venue for a tour of the ground and facilities as well as enjoying a meal out in the capital.

Early Season Fixtures. Home matches are as follows, all Saturday games with 1pm start:

Saturday May 10th  
Firsts v Ketteringham Hall League

Saturday May 17th  
Seconds v Sandringham 3s League

Friday May 23th 6pm  
Ladies v Aylsham. Barbecue food available for spectators and supporters

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*Mark Ballman*





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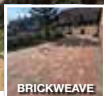
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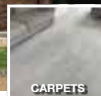
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## NORTH ELMHAM GARDEN FETE

**Sunday 18th May | 12pm–4.30pm**

The much-loved Elmham Garden Fete is just around the corner - and we need you to help make it one of the best yet!

Even if you can spare just an hour, it makes a huge difference. We're looking for friendly faces to:



Run a game



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Help with the raffle

...and generally keep things running smoothly.

This long-standing village tradition brings the whole community together - and we've got some exciting new things in store this year. Your time and energy can help keep the spirit of the fete alive and thriving.

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To volunteer contact Julia 07941021788.

Please drop donations at Elmham House before or on the day of fete - contact Jo 07796493495.

## KNIT AND NATTER

With all the lovely weather we've had already this year, our gardens are full of colour. Just as colourful too, was the Pavilion, at our last meeting. All the tables were filled with many, many, brand new donated balls of wool in every colour you could possibly imagine. We were so overwhelmed and delighted with the support we have received from the village and pleased that we can truly be a fine example of recycling. There were also patterns, needles, and buttons, all to be sorted and taken home. That means many busy days ahead knitting for all our many charities, care homes, hospitals etc. many thanks to all who have donated.

Our next meeting - yes, there will be some wool left, no doubt - is on Tuesday May 6th, when we shall be gathering together all the items which will be on our stall at the Garden Fete May 18th - see you there!

*Eileen Cotterill 01362 668380*

## HEART OF NORFOLK ECO FAIR

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## **MILK N METAL**

Reading a letter in a magazine about milk and where it comes from, sent me into a reverie of childhood days here in mid Norfolk.

Living on a mixed farm as a young child at the end of the war, with a father who was a cowman. I certainly knew where milk came from and where it went.

I vividly remember that just about every farm, however small had a dairy herd. The milk from the cows was pumped into milk churns and taken to the end of the farm track to be collected. Those churns were put up onto platforms about three or four feet high. The platforms were to make it easier for the driver of the lorry to collect the heavy churns without having to lift them.

Here in the village we had a haulage business called Mickleover Transport Ltd, in Eastgate Street, which collected the milk from far and wide, and took it to Elmham

station to a United Dairies depot which processed the milk. Then it was pumped into tankers and sent by rail to Ilford.

The beds of the lorries that Mickleover Transport used to collect the milk in churns from the farms were wooden and were being heavily gouged by the full metal churns and so a sheet of aluminium was put on top of the wood to protect it.

In 1951 the clock on St Mary's church in the village was in a sad state of repair and a local parishioner contacted Mickleover Transport Ltd with a tale of woe about the clock, which in turn enlisted the help of the Northern Aluminium Co. This company had supplied the metal for the beds of the lorries.

The Northern Aluminium Company gifted to the church an aluminium clock face, anodised gold to harmonise with the stonework. It took nine men to hoist the face into position and included the vicar, the landlord of the Kings Head and the village policeman, a good community effort!

*Janet Woodhouse*

## **GARDENING CLUB**

Our speaker for March, Frank Lambert is a well known and respected Fuchsia grower. He brought ideas for growing fuchsias, types of compost, simple remedies for pests and hints and tips which were most welcome. Ray, our Chairman had previously given each member a trailing fuchsia to be grown on for the Annual Show so everyone was keen to learn how to grow fabulous plants.

Frank's photographs of his winning plants were incredible both in size, the number of flowers and the smallness of the actual pots they were grown in. Many notes were taken, and we thanked Frank most warmly.



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Our next guest in April will be Martyn Davey, the EDP's Gardening expert who will talk about Alpines and Rock Plants.

If either of these subjects are of interest to you, why not come along and join us. You don't have to be a member but can pay a guest fee of £3.50 which includes refreshments.

We are so sorry to announce the passing of our dear friend Arthur Smith on Monday 5th April. He will be truly missed. His funeral will be a family only service but there will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, North Elmham on Thursday 15th May at 2.30 pm.

We hope you have all got a schedule for the Annual Show, if not you can contact Ray on 667226, download it from the community website home page [www.elmhamorg.uk](http://www.elmhamorg.uk) or find it on our facebook page.

**STOP PRESS:** A few members have kindly pointed out that the carrot cake recipe in the show schedule is a little on the bland side — apparently, it's missing the spice. We've taken this feedback to heart (and to the kitchen), and a revised, more flavourful recipe was available at our April meeting and is now available online

*Meg White*

## MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 5th	Early May Bank Holiday Cream Teas	Worthing Church	2.00–4.00 pm
Tue 6th	Knit and Natter	Pavilion	2.00 pm
Wed 7th	Sewing Parish Council	73 Eastgate Street Pavilion	2.00 pm 7.30 pm
Thu 8th	Wives+ All: Talk on Redwings	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Sat 10th	Singing Workshop	St Mary's Church	2.30–4.00 pm
Mon 12th	Countrysiders - visit	Wade Farm	tbc
Wed 14th	Tea at Two	Memorial Hall	2.00 pm
Sun 18th	Elmham Fete & Dog Show Countrysiders	Elmham House Stock Judging	12–4.30 pm
Wed 21st	Mobile Library Van visits Sewing	The Heath to Wensum Drive 73 Eastgate Street	1.15–4.40 pm 2.00 pm
Thu 22nd	Gardening Club -Rosie Ward Container Plants	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
26–30th	Half Term		
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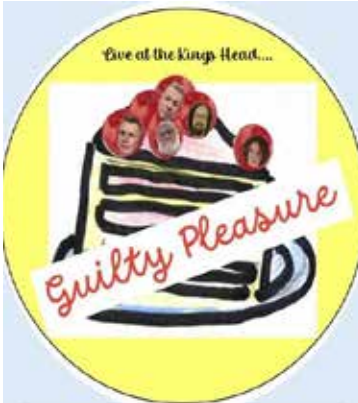
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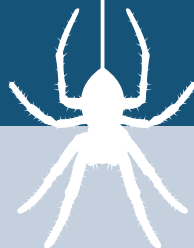
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# ELMHAM WILDLIFE



1

As this is the May issue of the magazine I thought I'd write about Cockchafer – Cockchafer are most active in May and are often known as maybugs (although they are beetles, not bugs in the strictest sense of the word). Some people call them doodlebugs though I'm not sure why.

Cockchafer (photo 1) don't have the best reputation and certainly don't rate as among our most admired wildlife, but they are fascinating insects and deserve more credit. I think the similarity of their name to that of the cockroaches may have led to some of the bad press associated with cockroaches being accidentally transferred to Cockchafer. Cockroaches are an entirely different group of insects that have little in common with Cockchafer.



2

One distinctive feature of Cockchafer is their fan-like antennae. The fans can be spread out (photo 2) or, when the beetle is relaxed, closed together (photo 3). They have quite furry bodies and viewed from the side (photo 4) they have white triangles down the side.



3

Cockchafer are easily attracted to light. This means that people like me who use light to find moths also get to see a lot of Cockchafer. They can be a bit of a nuisance in the moth trap, especially if you catch a lot of them, as they crash around disturbing the moths that you're wanting to look at. Some moth trappers call them blunderbugs because of this habit. Another consequence of them being attracted to light is that they sometimes come to lighted windows.

Some people can be scared of Cockchafer if they do come indoors







through an open window. They're quite big for beetles, up to 3cm long, and robustly-built. As clumsy and noisy fliers they buzz around crashing into things which can be quite off-putting. But they're not dangerous at all – they don't bite or sting. They do have a pointed 'tail' (correctly called a pygidium) but this does not contain any sting and I don't believe it is ever used to attack people or other animals, even defensively. The only slight discomfort you might receive from one is if it accidentally flies into you but that's really nothing worse than a mild nuisance. There are stories of them of them getting tangled up in people's hair but I suspect most of these are greatly exaggerated.



As with most beetle species, in normal resting posture the wings are held hidden beneath the "elytra" or wing cases. Hardened wing cases are a feature of most beetles that makes them almost unique among insects. Really the elytra are a second pair of wings, modified to become hard structures that are not used for flying but for protection. The elytra effectively act as shields to protect the wings and soft body of the beetle – and can be remarkably effective at doing so, being able to bear quite a bit of force before they break.



The actual wings of beetles are very flimsy membranous structures that are folded up and kept out of sight beneath the elytra. When the beetle wants to fly it lifts up the elytra and stretches the wings out as it takes off. There is just enough strength in the veins of the wing to give the wings enough rigidity to fly with. A Cockchafer's wing (photo 5) has the thickest veins I've seen in any beetle wings, presumably because the wings need to be stronger to keep such a heavy beetle airborne.

Because beetles are such poor flyers and clumsy when they try to fly, they often land upside down (photo 6). They can struggle to right



themselves when this happens, especially if they can't push up against anything, and they spin round on their backs as they try.

Cockchafer lay their eggs 15-20cm deep in the ground and when the larvae hatch they eat the roots of various plants. In some situations they can be regarded as a pest because when there are large numbers they can damage crops, but usually they do not cause any significant problems. The beetle larvae live underground for three years until they are ready to pupate, now at a depth of about 1m. About six weeks later the adult beetle emerges and spends its first winter underground. In the spring it digs its way out of the ground and the males start to fly around looking for females to mate with. This is usually the only time we see them before the females lay eggs and the lifecycle starts again.

Cockchafer are one species among a group of beetles known as chafer. The one that looks most similar to Cockchafer is the Summer Chafer (photo 7). These fly later in the year (I see them in June and July) and are a little smaller than Cockchafer, more uniformly brown in colour and lacking the pointed tail.

The other species of chafer you are likely to see in North Elmham is the Garden Chafer. These are much smaller and don't readily come to light at night (so you're less likely to find one indoors) but can often be found in grass or on wildflowers on sunny days. These have blackish foreparts which look metallic green if you catch them in the right light (photo 8) and dark reddish-brown wing-cases.

Let me know if you find any Cockchafer or other chafer this spring or summer. It's always good to hear what you've been finding. You can email me at [appleton.dave@googlemail.com](mailto:appleton.dave@googlemail.com) or phone me on 668431.

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Our members also compete in County led competition days with one of our members qualifying to compete at Eastern Areas against the counties in the Eastern region, coming home with a Second Place in Situations Vacant (mock job interview).

As we head towards the summer the club have many exciting competitions and meetings on the horizon, meeting Wednesdays at 7.30pm at The Kings Head (or see our socials for more information on where to find us!) open to ages 15-28, you don't have to be a farmer to be a young farmer!



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## WIVES PLUS ALL

At April's evening meeting of Wives Plus All on Thursday 10th April in the Memorial Hall, Tim Fisher from Norfolk's River Trust came to speak to members and gave a very interesting, illustrated talk on "Why is Norfolk's Water Precious".

It is said that England's driest and flattest county is Norfolk and the 'swells' of the terrain that inhabitants call 'hills' in Norfolk, shelter over a dozen spring fed chalk streams, such as the Rivers Wissey, Glaven, Babingley, Gaywood, and Stiffkey. The longest, biggest and most significant river is the River Wensum which is the most protected in Europe as it is a site of Special Scientific Interest. Chalk streams are unique in the southern part of England where there are rolling hills and valleys but in Norfolk they rise from springs in the landscape of woods and water meadows.

Norfolk's distinctive spring fed Chalk Stream Jewels are rivers built on and created from billions and billions of microscopic single cell sea creatures called Coccoliths which rained down through prehistoric oceans and the streams are fertile homes for birds, plants, insects, mammals and fish.

Norfolk Rivers Trust is currently working with the Environment Agency and are creating channels next to the Chalk Streams such as the River Stiffkey. Their aim is to restore, protect and enhance the water environment and surrounding habitat and wildlife.

Thanks go to Tim for a very enlightening talk.

May's monthly meeting will be on THURSDAY 8th MAY 2025 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, North Elmham. There will be a talk and video by a Representative of Redwings entitled "Behind the Scenes at Redwings Horse Sanctuary". There will also be refreshments and a raffle All Welcome.

*Ann Ferris*

## SCHOOL LOG BOOKS

Here are some interesting snippets to share with you about our village school. I don't think the young of today would have relished life in the mid 1800's. My notes are in brackets.

### 30th September 1864

There appears very little hope of a full school for some long time as the Smallpox is still raging (remember this was when children knew their place, never mind they were dying; why weren't they all at school?).

### 31st March 1865

There are several children away on account of barley sowing (All hands to the pump).

### 28th May 1866

Mrs Calver came blowing up for punishing her boy for truancy – referred her to Rev Davies (The vicar played a large part in the village school life).

### 10th December 1866

Still at work at Long Division, not one can do a sum yet after eight lessons.

### 26th October 1868

Numbers away again today, owing to measles and acorns. This is the 5th week of the acorn season (Acorns were free fodder for pigs. Many cottages had a pig in a pen in the garden).

### 9th November 1868

Numbers away, owing to measles, mumps and potatoes (Potatoes illness! Potato picking was another essential job that children had to do).

### 15th February 1869

Sent William Cook home for going to Chapel on Sundays (Elmham school was a church school, so going to the Chapel on a Sunday was a definite no-no).

### 6th– 7th April 1869

Elmham Fair – 2 days holiday (Elmham had an annual fair in the 1800's. In one of the Census returns these travelling folk are listed as being on the Park).



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### **26th April 1869**

A girl unruly – sent her home until I could speak to her parents (wonder what they said – or did).

### **23rd September 1870**

Thin attendance – wild beast show at Dereham.

### **31st March 1873**

Admitted several children belonging to workmen of the wandering class employed at the building of the County School Station; all of them in a deplorable state of ignorance, a very unsatisfactory addition to the school (Poor little things, don't your hearts bleed for them. Families belonging to these workmen were travelling all around the countryside as the men were building railways and roads. What chance did these youngsters have when they only spent a few weeks or months in any one place).

### **14th April 1873**

Visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Elmham (This Royal party came to County School. The Prince of Wales came to lay the Foundation Stone of this new school which was to be a school for gentlemen farmer's sons. This was not successful and by the early 1900's the school became the Watts Naval School, a Barnado's home for boys, many of whom went on to join the Navy).

### **22nd March 1875**

Have been trying to cultivate the intelligence of Standard V and VI, particularly in Arithmetic the last two or three weeks, but the material does not seem capable of improvement – the stream gets muddier the more you stir it up (Can't you imagine those poor children, the girls in their smocks and the boys in short trousers and all of them wearing boots, chewing the ends of those awful dip in the ink, pens, as they struggled with Arithmetic).

## **King's Head Bowls Club**

Spring is coming and the grass is growing on the bowling green. It will soon be time to enjoy a game of outdoor bowls

During the season the Team play in 3 evening leagues, 1 afternoon league and various cup matches throughout the Mid-Norfolk area. Members can also compete for a variety of Club trophies. The Green is also open for practice sessions and social "roll-ups".

**However young or old you are, male or female, if you feel you would like to play bowls, either as part of the Team or just as a sociable way to while away an hour or two on a summer afternoon, just pop up to the King's Head Green on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30 or 2.30 for our open day. If you would like to have a go we can show you how.**

**The green will also be open on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.00pm, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30 and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm**

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**8th May 1876**

Many boys away on allotments, crow keeping and sheep washing.

**29th October 1877**

Several children returned to school in consequence of the Attendance Officer visiting the parents.

**31st July 1879**

Attendance only moderate on account of hay making and turnip picking.

**22nd September 1879**

Gave another weeks holiday on account of the harvest not being finished and the prevalence of Measles in the Parish.

**13th December 1880**

Two children died of Scarletina and more cases reported. James Copling at school last Wednesday was buried yesterday, and his sister died this morning – general panic in the village (I wonder how this Headmaster really felt, not much compassion here I think. The school was closed until after the Christmas holidays).

**6th February 1888**

Great improvement in attendance. Four of the parents fined by the Magistrates at Dereham last Friday.

**19th March 1888**

Hard frost and high winds. Thin attendance on account of stick gathering. There is always some excuse or other for irregularity in the country (Would this Head have been happier in a city, I suspect there would have been truancy that he would have railed against).

**21st November 1890**

Mr William James Pearson, son of the Master, formerly a pupil teacher at this school, died on Tuesday 18th of at the age of 20 From Consumption.

Deeply lamented by all who knew him.

**7th May 1894**

William Melton died of Diptheria. Two more children of the Melton family died during the last week, 21st May.

**29th November 1897**

Great storm on Monday, only 68 present in the morning.

Weather considered too bad to send children to school but not too bad for some to go gathering the fallen branches.

**19th September 1898**

The new vicar Rev. EH Townsend visited the school on Monday afternoon (The Rev Townsend by all accounts was a kindly soul and was our vicar until 1946. He is bur-ied to the left of the church gate).

**21st January 1901**

A great many away net keeping on Thursday. This is the fourth time this season. They were away also on Friday (Nets were used when game was being shot .Not sure exactly how this worked).

**9th October 1901**

On Wednesday the 9th at 3pm, General Baden-Powell, the illustrious defender of Mafeking who is staying at Elmham Hall, visited the school accompanied by the Vicar, Mrs Wilson and two other ladies.

**2nd June 1902**

News of the conclusion of peace in South Africa arrived this morning June 2nd at 8.30.

**16th June 1902**

Coronation mugs presented to the children by Mr Wilson, distributed by the Vicar at the Vicarage after school on Friday afternoon.

**27th June 1902**

Coronation postponed on account of His Majesty's sudden illness.

**13th March 1903**

Some children away with Ringworm.

**30th September 1903**

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I also had paper and card at the ready to observe the eclipse in a more traditional way, using a simple pinhole projector. Despite its simplicity, it worked beautifully. As the moon edged across the sun, my makeshift projector cast a little crescent-shaped shadow onto the paper; quite a satisfying reminder that the simple science experiments I learnt at school are still relevant today. It was a little tricky holding everything and trying to take a photo of the result - so please excuse the poor photo, hopefully you get the idea!

I love things like this! Standing outside on my own for a couple of hours, as the temperature dipped slightly and then rose



again, with a cup of tea nearby, added a touch of wonder to an otherwise normal Saturday morning. I couldn't help but think of all those ordinary people and astronomers in the centuries before me, observing these wonders of nature.

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Being in nature has been part of my life for some time. In the late 1980s /early 90s I was a conservation volunteer and my OU science degree centred around biology and ecology.

To me respect for nature both flora and fauna is a fundamental part of my life and also part of my faith. As a follower of Christ I firmly believe that part of my faith includes caring for all God's creation. For many centuries the church preached a human centric attitude towards the world about us. It placed humanity at the top of the creation web of life and its

theology was that it was placed by God to dominate the rest of earthly life.

As a result of this theology, many of those connected with green thinking consider the Church as the author of the current world situation, so much so that those looking for spiritual leadership in the environment are turning towards other religions that have always espoused an harmonious relationship between humankind and other parts of the earth.

I am currently reading "God is Green by Ian Bradley and in it he proposes that we should look towards the attitudes of the Old Testament which emphasises that humankind is a part of the creation whole and not above it.

It is such good news that many within the Church are moving towards the values that Bradley writes of. The Diocese of Norwich will later in the year be commissioning four people as Eco-

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## WORTHING NEWS

### Polite Notice

Worthing Village is NOT A RACETRACK, please keep your speed down as you enter and exit the village. The speed limit is 30 MPH, please drive under this limit.

The safety of several walkers, those in pushchairs and a cyclist have been threatened with vehicles speeding along these narrow roads. Please slow down!

Let's enjoy the warmer weather in safe conditions. Thank you.

### Duck Race

At the time of going to press, our Annual Easter Duck Race on the 20th April will not have taken place however, the June editorial will happily announce winning ducks, winners and share news following our first Easter Bonnet Parade. Therefore, in advance, may we thank everyone who came along and also, our Lay Licensed Reader Norman who read a Children's Easter Story, thanks to Ben & Kevin our Duck Marshalls on the water and hosts from Millstream Cottages at the starting line and Tannery House at the finishing line. Photos from the event will be uploaded onto our Facebook page for all to enjoy. [www.Facebook.com/StMargaretsChurchworthing](http://www.Facebook.com/StMargaretsChurchworthing)

### Pilgrim Cross

Once again, Pilgrim Cross (previously known as Student Cross) arrived as part of their Easter journey on Maundy Thursday to St Margaret's Church.

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

#### 18TH MAY – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

#### 25TH MAY – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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# NORTH ELMHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCILLORS

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## PARISH CLERK

Kevin J Webb, 01328 855046

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## MEETINGS

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

Between meetings specific matters for the Parish Council can be notified according to the list below.

## VILLAGE FACILITIES

Allotments.....	Martin Phillips
Broom Green & Pound .....	To be confirmed, contact Parish Clerk
Cathedral Meadows .....	Tom Fitzalan Howard, Ann Keeble
Cathedral Ruins.....	Ann Keeble, Tom Fitzalan Howard
Eastgate Centre.....	Martin Phillips, Paul Grainger
Millennium & Jubilee Wood.....	To be confirmed, contact Parish Clerk
Playing Field & Pavilion.....	Colin Smith, Ann Ferris
Prince William Wood.....	Tom Fitzalan Howard, Nick Markwell
Village Green .....	Colin Smith, Brian Gee
Footpath Warden.....	Ann Ferris

## SERVICES

Environment & Maintenance .....	Martin Phillips
Highways .....	Paul Grainger, Brian Gee
Mid-Norfolk Railway Liaison.....	Michael Rayner, Nick Markwell
Planning.....	Michael Rayner, Martin Phillips
Street Lighting.....	Tom Fitzalan Howard, Nick Markwell, Colin Smith
Tree Warden .....	Tom Fitzalan Howard, Nick Markwell, Colin Smith
Website .....	Martin Phillips

## PARISH CHARITIES

There are a number of charities that make grants to individuals resident in the parish. Please consult the community website for information [elmham.org.uk/parish-council/village-charities](http://elmham.org.uk/parish-council/village-charities).



# NORTH ELMHAM DIRECTORY

**Elmham Surgery, Holt Rd - 01362 668215**

**Group website: [elmhamsurgery.com](http://elmhamsurgery.com)**

Surgery Opening Times Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 8.30 am–6.30 pm, Wed 8.30 am–6.00 pm

**Swanton Morley Surgery, Dereham Road - 01362 638100**

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Weds 8.30 am–12.00 pm, 2.00 pm–6.00 pm

## Other Useful Contacts

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**Dial: 111**

**111 online: [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk)**

**POLICE: Non Emergency Dial: 101 - EMERGENCY Dial: 999**

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Eastgate Centre	Heather Caley	01362 668245
Breckland Dog Warden	Confidential message or texts 07771 617417	01362 858500
London Express Tickets	Travel Centre	01362 694211
Sanders	Wednesdays to Norwich	01263 712800
Konect Bus		03300 539358
Community Website	<a href="http://www.elmham.org.uk">www.elmham.org.uk</a>	

Dereham Library, 59, High Street, Dereham, NR19 1DZ - 01362 693184

Opening times: Mon–Fri 09:30–19:00, Sat 9:30–16:00, Sun 10.00–16.00 (Open Library access only)

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Anglian Water		0845 7145145
Dereham Leisure Centre		01362 693419
UK Power Networks	Power Cut (24 hours)	0800 31 63 105
Samaritans		116 123
Citizens Advice Bureau	<a href="http://www.ncab.org.uk">www.ncab.org.uk</a>	0800 144 8848

## Clergy - All telephone numbers local code (01362)

Church of England	Reverend Sally Kimmis Reverend Richard Turk	<a href="mailto:heartofnorfolkrector@gmail.com">heartofnorfolkrector@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:revdrichardrww@gmail.com">revdrichardrww@gmail.com</a>	668850 07721 035009
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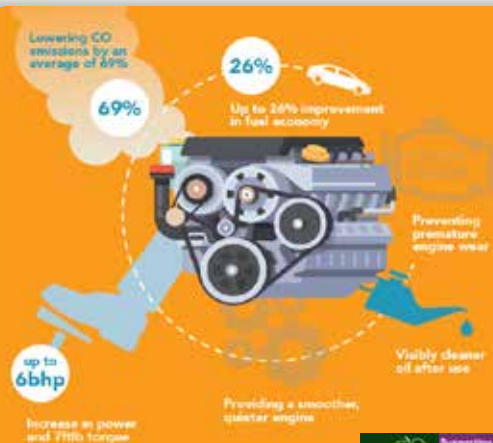
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