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EDITORIAL

You will see on page 21 the update from the Parish Council regarding the Local Plan Review - potential sites for development in the village. The current proposals are for circa 114 new dwellings. The call for sites has been extended to 1st December 2022, so there may be others submitted.

The current plan runs to 2036 and under this plan Elmham as a designated Local Service Centre had 95 properties designated up to 2036, 81 of these having already been completed or committed when the plan was adopted in 2019. There are a further 41 in addition to the above. Therefore, Elmham will have delivered more than are "needed" by 2036.

Breckland District Council will be conducting a new Housing Needs Assessment which will feed into the Local Plan Review and inform the PC how many, if any additional properties will be needed up to 2046, the end date of the new reviewed plan.

The Parish Council will be discussing these proposals and will keep residents informed via the Elmham News.

Whatever your views are regarding future development it is important to make your feelings known either via our Parish Council or to Breckland directly.

The proposal of a new town bordering North Elmham for 5,000 properties (not 10,000 as before) is also a major issue for discussion.

On a very sad note, we would like to convey our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the two young people who lost their lives in two separate road traffic collisions locally.

Lastly, our thanks for donations go to Ted and Betty Williams, Mrs. M Street, Anon Cathedral Drive and two Anons Station Road.

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website www.elmham.org.uk**

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Just as we were thinking that we were in need of some new ideas, we had the good fortune to receive from a local resident, a very generous donation of an abundance of, mainly new, wool, needles and other knitting related equipment. At the same time as we had this windfall, the Norfolk Knitters and Stitchers organisers had written in their newsletter, that their Winter effort is to ask as many groups as possible to fill their "Warm Bags" project. This involves groups knitting or crocheting hats, gloves, scarves, jumpers and even blankets, which can be taken to one of their distribution centres, where they will be put into bags and given to individuals or families, who, for whatever reason, will find it difficult to keep warm this winter. It seems a long term project which all of us in the group will happily be part of, especially being able to use the recent gift of free wool.

Well, so much for us winding down - how can this happen when such good charity work is just asking to be done. It's our tenth anniversary in November, and I feel that we, as a knitting group, are stronger than ever in helping others not as fortunate as ourselves in these hard times. If you feel that you could also help in any way, give me a ring, or come and see us in the Pavilion on the first Tuesday of each month, 2-00 til 4-00 p.m.

This time we have an added piece from Eileen Bent, which is proof that it is not all just nattering.

Some members of the Knit and Natter group made large poppies ahead of this year's Remembrance Sunday. About 40 poppies were posted to Northern Ireland where they are to be used to decorate St. Matthews church in Keady Amagh, whose members were delighted with them, and sent a most generous donation, which has been passed on to the Elmham branch of The Royal British Legion.

Next meeting: 1st November at 2.00 pm at the Pavilion.

Eileen Cotterill 668380

DEFIBRILLATORS AND CPR SESSIONS

At the meeting on October 5th, the Parish Council resolved to buy a second defibrillator. It will be installed on the sports pavilion and thus will be easily accessible to anyone using the sports facilities.

In conjunction with that, we propose to take advantage of the free 1hr Community CPR sessions provided by the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Information can be found on their website – eaaa.org.uk. We would like to involve as many people as possible in this so, if you are interested in doing the training, please let a member of the PC know by 20th November. Contact telephone numbers can be found at the back of the News. Once we know how many people will be involved, we will contact EAAA and arrange a date which is suitable for everyone.

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I'm sure Olivia would have been smiling down on us, most likely laughing at us planting the tree and wrestling with the tree guard, but most definitely applauding the first dog to christen it!

Sarah Felton



WINE AND WISDOM RESULT

After a lovely evening of fun, nibbles and much banter and hilarity, £561 was raised for the twins' Jamboree Fund.

Sincere thanks were given to the excellent organisers, helpers and 13 tables of participants.



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The concert will take place at Fakenham Parish Church on Saturday 17th December at 5.30pm. Tickets are £12 (under 16s free), and can be purchased either by calling 01485 544335, via the website www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org or on the door.

So do come along for a wonderful evening.

WIVES PLUS ALL

At our last meeting which was on Thursday 14th October in the North Elmham Memorial Hall, Matt Darge gave us a very interesting talk. Matt who is based in Hockering is a local Chainsaw Artist and he launched his chainsaw and power carving business 2 /3 years ago, which started as a hobby and has become his full time job. He now undertakes commissions creating spectacular creations based on wildlife for both private individuals and commercial and charitable clients. With a bit of time to spare when he first began his creations, he began by making log furniture but then he felt he could be more creative and began making owls. As his talent increased, he made larger creations, and he then donated a wooden sculpture of a squirrel and a buzzard both sitting on a carved piece of wood to North Norfolk District Council and these now stand

in the marked woodland paths at Holt Country Park. This item was carved from a piece of chestnut from the Park and was inspired by the woodland surroundings.

Matt brought along some of his superb creations for us to see including a very large hare, hedgehog, owl and buzzard. A display board showed pictures of spectacular large life size items he has created including an elegant woodland lady, also an aged man leaning on a woodland stick wearing a long coat and hat, and a cart horse with her foal. The picture of the horse is so remarkably lifelike that one assumes the rider sitting on her is a real person. The latter was commissioned by someone in Scotland and took many weeks to complete. Thank you, Matt, for coming along to see us.

The next meeting of Wives Plus All will be on THURSDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2022 at 7.30pm in The Memorial Hall, North Elmham when Jerry Woolley will talk about his 40 years as a Coastguard member of the RNLI

PLEASE COME ALONG. YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME

There will be a raffle and refreshments

Ann Ferris

SEAT ON THE GREEN?

As you leave Oak Avenue going on to the village green there is a seat on the left overlooking the green. But who had it made and put there?

We know it was the Women's Institute who paid for it but there has never been a plaque on the back of it to say why the Elmham Branch had this seat commissioned. We feel it is a great shame there is no plaque and nothing to say why it is here.

We realise the WI is no more but does someone remember why the seat was made.

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George was an avid reader and loved history books and also loved keeping up with the news. George was a dearly loved



Uncle. Sadly, after a short illness, George passed away surrounded by his family on the 29th of August. George will be greatly missed but always loved and, in our hearts.

Marilyn Green

DID YOU KNOW?

Ash Gilbert, formerly of Eastgate Street and pupil of North Elmham School has completed one of the most iconic and gruelling ultra-distance foot races on earth, The Spartathlon, with attendants from all over the Globe. Ash was selected to represent England and completed the 153-mile race which started at the foot of the Acropolis in Athens and finished in Sparta with challenging mountains to climb and extreme weather, hot during the day and cold on the mountain, mount Parthenon being a 1,200-metre ascent and descent, this challenge under the darkness of night!

Ash's brother Toby and friend James were crew for Ash.

Ash is Director of Naked Fitness Personal training studios. He studied sport and leisure management at Staffordshire University and has run countless

marathons. Ash represented Northgate High School and also his university as a cross country competitor.

Ash is a proud Dad of three and his two eldest children now participate in local park runs. It's obviously a family trait! Ash's Mum who still lives in Eastgate Street ran the London marathon in 2012.

We wonder what Ash's next adventure will be. Watch this space!

Ed's note: Congratulations to Ash, a wonderful achievement- we all feel tired just thinking about it!

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FONES

Calling all parents and carers

We have had to call an emergency meeting. The F.O.N.E.S Committee really need new parents/carers and would like to invite you to join our PTA.

Our AGM meeting, which was due to be held on Tuesday 11th October at 7.30pm, at the Eastgate Center, Eastgate Street, did not have enough people attend, therefore the meeting could not go ahead. The new meeting will now take place on Tuesday 22nd November at the school in the staff room. If we do not have enough members at this meeting, then unfortunately the Friends could fold. We really do not want this to happen. The friends have been running for many, many years and it would be a great shame to see it go.

This meeting will provide an opportunity for any new parents to join and any existing members to exit the committee if they so wish. F.O.N.E.S very much welcomes new members who may have new and refreshing fundraising ideas. It can be a daunting experience for some, but rest assured, we really are a very friendly bunch!

If you attend the meeting and would like to join the committee, you will need to obtain a full DBS check which can be sorted out through our school office in due course.

Furthermore, the three main roles of the committee being the Chair, Treasurer and the Secretary will also be nominated and voted for by the committee at this meeting.

At present our PTA consists of 6 members who meet roughly once every half term in the evenings. As many of you will be aware, the events that F.O.N.E.S organise involve careful planning, practical help from volunteers, and many

pairs of hands to make these events achievable and fun for EVERYONE! If you feel you may be able to contribute some of your time and support to FONES, enabling us to continue as a thriving committee for many years to come, then please do come along.

The PTA brings together parents, teachers and others from the school community who are interested and passionate in supporting the school, providing an opportunity for everyone to work together, with a common purpose – to organise fundraising and social events so we can give support back to the school and the pupils there. Events organised previously include school discos, sponsored walks, movie afternoon, pottery event, book and Christmas fayres, cake bake sales and the annual summer fete to name but a few.

The committee also runs a volunteer list. This is for parents who cannot commit to becoming a full-time member but would be willing to still help the committee when needed, to help supervise school discos, help sell raffle tickets for events, bake cakes for cake selling, help with refreshments at performances and I could go on... Please do have a think and come along. Joining has been one of the best things I've done, and I've made some lovely friends along the way!

We look forward to meeting some new faces at the next meeting.

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The branch also held its own private gathering on the day of the late Queens funeral at 10am, in the church with a few short words spoken by Ian Taylor, and our bugler playing the last post as the photos show.

We also received our first Poppy Appeal donation of £60 from the Knit and Natter group, who knitted approx 40 very large poppies for a Church in Northern Ireland, who were so pleased that they gave a thank you present of £60 which has been passed to us for our appeal due to start very soon. Very well done to the entire group.

In the photos are, our standard bearer Andrew Marsh, and our group BR L-R

Harry Pointer, Andrew Marsh, Mike Aston, Carl Bean FR L-R Paul Frostwick-Wilson, Derek Shoesmith, David Green, Ian Taylor, Eileen Bent, Sue Pointer, Wendy Marsh.

The November meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd, 8.00 pm at the King's Head. New members are always welcome.

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Please book so that we can provide for the correct numbers. Look forward to seeing you there!

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GARDENING CLUB

Our speaker for September was Dr Ian Bedford, a Research Entomologist on the subject of Butterfly Gardening and a Changing Environment. His lifelong passion are bugs and his enthusiasm for his subject is captivating.

Ian started the evening with a slide show by explaining the difference between butterflies and moths and what species can be seen in Britain and how they are coping with a changing climate.

Some of the butterflies that can be found in our gardens due to the bountiful supply of nectar offered by flowering plants are the Large White, Red Admiral, Peacock and the Painted Lady species.

In the height of summer grassland, parks and fields are teeming with the Skipper, Meadow Brown, Small Copper and Marbled White species particularly if thistles and knapweed is present.

Species like Brimstone, Speckled Wood and Holly Blue are a few that can be seen in hedgerows and woodland-edges.

The Swallowtail butterfly which is the UK's largest and rarest and is only found around the Norfolk Broads area and is monitored by Butterfly Conservation which are doing a great job keeping this species thriving.

Ian told us what we could do to help them in our gardens like leaving an area of stinging nettles, longer grass throughout the seasons and flowers like the Buddleia, Verbena, Sedum, Phlox and Milkweed. If you have not got a garden, plant a pot or container that will help encourage the butterfly.

The Flower of the Month, chosen by our guest speaker was a magnificent fuchsia brought in by Ann Bartlett.

November's meeting on Thursday 24th is our last before Christmas and our speaker is James Stebbing presenting Sentiments of Christmas.

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MINIATURE RAILWAY A CLARIFICATION

I'm writing on behalf of the Parish Council to clarify a point raised by a parishioner in the October edition, regarding the miniature railway at County School.

The Parish Council sees the miniature railway as an asset to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike, especially for children and grandchildren. The piece suggested that the PC had concerns about noise, which is not the case. However, an objection was lodged due to the fact that the miniature railway was constructed to go beyond the point where any development would be permitted under the terms of the transfer deed for the land signed by the Mid Norfolk Railway and Breckland Council. That point is the small concrete lineside hut just to the north of County School Station. The PC requested that the miniature railway should have been kept to the area south of the hut. Despite this, retrospective permission was granted by Breckland Council.

Michael Rayner

DID YOU KNOW?

Origin of the 'Marathon' Race

According to the Greek historian Herodotus, when the Athenians learned that the Persians had landed at Marathon on the way to attack Athens in 490 BC, a messenger named Pheidippides ran to Sparta with a request for help. This original 'marathon runner' covered 260 kilometres of rugged terrain in less than two days! The Persians were subsequently defeated at the Battle of Marathon. The word marathon is the Greek word for fennel, which seems to have grown in the area and gave the battlefield its name.

The marathon as we know it today was not an event until the modern Olympic Games in 1896, and even then it varied in length. The first modern Olympic marathons were around 40km (25 miles), which is approximately the distance between Marathon and Athens. The marathon is the final athletic race in the Olympics, usually finishing in the stadium. The now standard length of 26 miles and 385 yards was originally run in the 1908 Games in London.



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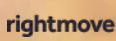


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BRECKLAND LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – POTENTIAL SITES FOR DEVELOPMENT

As part of the usual review process Breckland Council put out a 'call for sites' earlier in the year, to ensure that sufficient houses can be provided to meet the housing need as determined by a central government formula. This has resulted in suggestions being put forwards by landowners/developers/promoters which, if they are included in the revised Local Plan, would have implications for North Elmham.

The first set of these proposals involves new housing in the parish. It's important to note that none of these suggestions have been accepted yet by Breckland to be included in the revised Plan. That will only happen after assessment by Breckland's planning department and a period of consultation (probably in early 2023) to see if any of the sites are considered to be 'reasonable' for inclusion, with those considered as 'unreasonable' not being taken forwards. The total number 'needed' for North Elmham will also partly be down to a calculation of housing need across the district. Once the consultation opens the Parish Council will submit its views about the proposed sites, and we'd urge residents to do the same.

The proposed sites can be viewed online at Have Your Say Today - Possible Development Sites - Breckland Local Plan (commonplace.is) or via the Breckland District Council's main website. In summary the six potential sites are described as: Land at Back Lane, up to 9 dwellings; Station Yard, North Elmham Station, 20-25 dwellings; Land East side of Dereham Road, 25 dwellings; Land to the North of Billingford Road, 5 dwellings; Land to the South of Eastgate Street, 25-30 dwellings; Land at [South of] Billingford Road, c.20 dwellings.

The other more significant initial proposal is for a whole new town, submitted by the promoter under the misnomer 'Norfolk Railway Village', is for 5,000 new houses, along with employment, retail, leisure and other uses. This would be on the same site as that put forward in 2018 for 10,000 dwellings, between Billingford and Bintree, with its boundary on the west being the Wensum. The Parish Council will oppose this as being a totally unsuitable location for such a major new settlement. Please read the Parish Council reports to see what's being discussed, but we will also provide separate updates. We also expect to liaise with other parishes, groups and individuals in the area who are opposed to the proposal, in a similar way to what happened in 2018.

North Elmham Parish Council

MY TIME AT ELMHAM SCHOOL

When I was 8, my Mum and Dad moved to Worthing as Dad's employer was P C Chapman & Sons ,Hide, Wool & Skin merchants who closed their business at Fakenham and moved to the Tannery at Worthing where their main base was situated. I think it was during the Harvest holiday, so I had time to get settled in to a country lad from being a" townie" boy. As Worthing was a considerable distance from the school it meant if you had no cycle, you had no other option but to walk. As Mum got friendly with some of the other residents who had children also attending the school, she asked their mums if they would keep an eye on me while cycling to school for a few weeks, there were two girls a few years older than me, so although I weren't too happy with the situation, I suppose it was a good idea, but after a while I became friendly with two other lads and we would all cycle to school together.



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It was just after I was allowed to ride with the other mates, that being boys we would often mess about on our bikes. Just after we got to the top of Eastgate Street, who went by on her bike, but the infant teacher Mrs Wright. She lived at Spong Hill farm, and she must have told the headmaster what she saw. So, in class that morning we were called out and given a dressing down and all received the cane-three strokes on our hands.

I was placed with Mrs Painter, a teacher who had a classroom Form three, that is now the school kitchen. It had three steps from the front to the back with a row of desks on each step so the teacher could keep an eye on you. If you misbehaved you would soon get a tap on your knuckles with the cane and if the offence was bad it meant the head master would administer the cane. I became friendly with most of the other boys and got on really well. We used to play in the play-ground that was separated from the girls by a high wall with just a single door for access for the teachers and the caretaker who had the task of emptying the toilet pails into a handcart and taken up to the village allotment pit to dispose of the contents. The toilets were situated at the bottom of the playground next to an open meadow divided by a four foot wall from the playground itself which was only a gravel surface so most ball games were out of the question and also if the ball went over the wall to the meadow, you would soon get told off by the teachers. If it rained the playground soon became very muddy and some of the boys would use the heel of their boots to make channels to try and get the water away to run off onto the meadow and then into the Beck that was so much lower than the playground. Looking back our poor little lady cleaner called Polly Skipper had the job of trying to keep the floor boards looking a bit respectable, not very successfully."

It was on such a rainy day that I had my first encounter with another boy who for some reason took a dislike to me why? I don't know we wrestled on the floor of the porch for some time and then he gave in, he said he was sorry and after that we became friends very good friends, "sadly to say he is no longer with us". It was after I had been at school for three years, the 1939 war broke out. I was 11 years old and was expecting to go to East Dereham Boys secondary school when I reached the age of 11 but the government shelved this for another year, and by the end of the year, workmen came in and stuck white tape on the window glass corner to corner to stop the glass splintering. 1940 was a very eventful year with the annual visit of the school dentist bringing her horse and caravan, used as a surgery, cancelled, the nit doctor examining heads in case you had lice, all cancelled. The next thing was to have blackout blinds or black curtains fitted on all windows to stop light shining through, Gas masks were issued contained in a cardboard box with a long string to be carried to school. These were tested by a warden from Dereham arriving in what looked like a furniture van with doors at the back. About 6 children at a time were taken in to the van with the warden who would then release a valve and fill the van with tear gas. If your mask fitted properly you took no harm but the warden now and again would put his finger inside the rubber and pull it away so you inhaled a whiff of tear gas, I believe he got a kick out of it.

Our head master joined the Royal Observer Corps tracking aircraft German or ours. He used to run a small car and he gave two of us boys the job of cleaning it. We took the chance of getting out of lessons we did not like, we had to be careful we did not move the headlight masks as they were designed to only to shine down onto the road. If there was an air-raid alerted by the sirens, we had to get to both porches and take shelter as neither of them had windows or much



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above them to collapse on to us. Another task we were asked to collect waste paper and cardboard which was stored in the covered way next to the boys porch, not a brilliant idea, we also went out walking for one of our lessons and collected wild rose hips to send away to make Vitamin C medicine. The government came up with the Dig for Victory campaign where they supplied tools and the school had a piece of land leased to them by a local land owner where we grew vegetables and we also used one of the parish allotments behind the church. Another thing to mention was the school providing free milk delivered in one third of a pint glass bottles These were delivered early in the morning and stood outside one of the porches in all weathers, then when school started if they were frozen, they had to be brought inside to thaw out. As there were no such things as school cooked dinners, you had to bring a packed lunch and if you had far to travel, some children brought large potatoes and toasted them on a fork in front of one of the open coal fires so sometimes they turned out very black after coming off the fork when others were scrapping to get in first.

As the war progressed, the army used the Park and the wood to train up new recruits. They were camped on the park under canvas. They also use to march them from the park gates near the pump down the Church Hill to the school and back again, the Sergeant Major had a very strong voice as he stood at the bottom of the hill shouting his commands. In 1941 I left Elmham school and had to take the train to Dereham attending the rest of my school days leaving at 14.

My father attended this school, my daughters also, and two of them had children attending here, making four generations.

NA Lowe



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Brisley Village Cinema

Thank you to everyone who joined us during September to watch some super films. There was something to suit most movie goers' tastes.

Operation Mincemeat saw nearly 70 people attend, I had to send out for the emergency chairs that evening.

Our final movie for 2022 is the long-awaited TOP GUN MAVERICK starring Tom Cruise.

Screening time for November is at 7.30pm. Admission price £4.00 per person.

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## NORTH ELMHAM WILDLIFE



This month's piece is written in haste as I head off on my holidays early tomorrow and I am not nearly ready yet! So this may be a little shorter than usual, but perhaps that's not a bad thing.



As I parked by the church ready to go for a walk round the Cathedral Meadows and railway earlier this week I could hear a Nuthatch calling. It was perched out at the top of a small tree in the corner of the churchyard. Nuthatches are quite unique among British birds – they look unlike anything else with their bold black eye-stripe separating their blue-grey upperparts from their orangey-toned underparts. The bill is robust, the lower edge angled upwards, and they have an unusually short tail. It's not only their appearance that is exclusive, but they also have a distinctive calls and a number of behaviour traits that are particular to Nuthatches. There are a number of different species around the world but there is just one here in the UK. We are blessed being able to encounter them easily in North Elmham, especially around the chapel ruins. I love seeing and hearing them, so although I have shared photos of Nuthatches here before, I make no apologies for another one this month (photo 1).



As I walked along the railway one day recently I caught a glimpse of an unfamiliar red insect. I managed to catch it and it turned out to be a boldly-patterned red and black bug (photo 2). When I say bug I don't just mean the generic term covering any small invertebrate, but I'm referring to a specific group of insects, Heteroptera. There are lots of different species of bug but although some, like this one, are easily recognised, they don't seem to get much attention compared with other groups of insects like dragonflies, butterflies and moths, bees, grasshoppers, etc. Even beetles (which are often much harder to identify) seem to get more attention than





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bugs. My interest in bugs was piqued a few years ago when I discovered a migratory species from southern Europe that had never previously been seen in Britain (it was, as it happens, at the same place in Cornwall where I'm going on holiday tomorrow). Anyway, back to this one here, it was a species that's usually known by its scientific name, *Corizus hyoscyami*, but I see someone has now come up with a common name for it: Red-and-black Rhopalid. I've occasionally seen them elsewhere but this was the first one I've seen in North Elmham.

Last month I mentioned the extraordinarily rapid colonisation of Beet Moths. They're still turning up in my moth trap on milder nights but another closely-related moth that seems to be having a good year is the Six-spot Crest. The adults, often flying during the daytime, are harder to find. I netted my first along the railway near Blackhall Farm in May and that was the first time the species had been recorded anywhere near here. I've not seen any more adults, but their little caterpillars feed on the leaves of Fat Hen (an arable weed that's also known as Lambs Quarters or White Goosefoot). Like many of our smaller moths, the caterpillars don't munch straight through the leaves, but they mine through the middle of the leaf. In the case of the Six-spot Crest, the caterpillars leave a large white patch where they've eaten the inside of the leaf. As they feed they deposit black droppings (known as 'frass') inside the mine. The white patch containing messy black frass looks a bit like a bird's dropping (photo 3), which is probably a good trick for getting ignored by would-be predators. Although I only found one adult, there must have been lots there as by September there were hundreds of their leaf-mines covering the Fat Hen. Looking through the records it seems that these numbers are quite unusual, and I see that quite a few other moth-recorders have found the species at new sites this year.



Another moth I saw along the railway was a Large Wainscot. This autumnal species sometimes turns up overnight in my moth-trap but it's unusual to find one resting during the day. It's pale brown colour exactly matches the dead stems it was resting on (photo 4) so it's little wonder that I don't find them very often.

The Vestal I mentioned last month turned out to be the first of five, making it an exceptional year for this migrant moth that



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I've only caught here once before in eight years. On some of them the stripe across their pale yellow wings was pink (photo 5) rather than the brown-striped individual I showed last month. Some people caught moths where the whole wing was pink rather than yellow as is more typical.

Another moth enjoying a good year is the Large Ranunculus (photo 6). I'm not sure if this will show up when the photo is printed, but if you look closely at the moths, their mottled brown wings are generously splattered with little clusters of bright golden-orange scales.

Not all moths have done well this year though and one that I haven't seen so many of this year as I sometimes do is the Merveille du Jour (photo 7) – guaranteed to put a smile on your face when you see one with its peppermint and lime-green wings marbled with black lines and squiggles and white spots.

There's always plenty of interesting wildlife to see around the village. Do get in touch if you have anything interesting to share (email [appleton.dave@googlemail.com](mailto:appleton.dave@googlemail.com), phone 668431 or message me via Twitter at @ElmhamMeadows).

*Dave Appleton*

## A SAD LITTLE CHAPEL

Leaving Broom Green behind and driving towards Guist I was so saddened to see the remnants of the Methodist Chapel on the right of the road. The front doorway is still defiantly there and there are small lengths of the outside walls remaining.

I never knew it as a child but feel so saddened to see its demise now. You might remember Norma Virgoe, who lived in Cornerways and is the Archivist for the East Anglia district of the Methodist Church wrote the history of this small chapel for the News a while ago, as it was a huge part of the history of this small hamlet.

Regular services and Sunday School kept the locals busy with concerts and trips to the sea in the summer, not forgetting the wonderful Temperance Band which pulled together local musicians who travelled around our part of the county playing at 'do's everywhere.

Norman Lowe says his late wife Alice was a Sunday school teacher there at the chapel.

The George & Dragon pub which was next to the 'cathedral' ruins, like the chapel, was always very well patronised. I have seen a photograph of the inside of the pub with a lady having flowers in her hair, she was Mrs Deacon whose husband worked on the railway. What many people don't know is there was a branch line off our railway line, just beyond the bridge at Broom Green going on to Foulsham, Reepham and continuing to Melton Constable and finally Wroxham.

Mrs Deacon was the crossing gate keeper on a small road going into the Sennowe Hall Estate which crossed the railway line. I remember my father who occasionally visited the pub saying "Mrs Deacon was merry last night – so merry she danced on the tables!" Her husband played the Dulcimer in the pub, no juke boxes then so he provided the music.

Some of the patrons of the pub danced also in the bar, these were men. They danced very upright, not moving their bodies only their feet. I imagine it looked like the Irish dancing we see on the TV.

Apparently, my father could dance in this way but sadly I didn't know this until Mother told me years later after his death.

If anyone has any photographs of these social occasions at Broom Green we'd love to see them and copy them for our village Archives. We would have enjoyed being part of it all!

*Janet Woodhouse*



## NORTH ELMHAM CRICKET CLUB AWARDS EVENING

NECC held its annual awards evening on Sunday October 9th at the Bell Inn in Brisley. This was a joint event with the Brisley Social and Touring Team and the Brisley Belladonnas Ladies Team. Over 60 club members attended a most convivial evening and heard Brisley Chair Andrew Savage look back on an extremely successful first year's partnership and celebrate some landmark moments for all three teams. NECC Chair Mark Ballman then looked ahead to the plans to formalise the partnership, initially with a new constitution to be circulated imminently to members for consideration.

NECC highlights of the season were winning a second successive promotion with the highest aggregate points of any team in the 9 divisions of the Norfolk Cricket League and only losing one game (by the narrowest of margins, 1 wicket) as well as reaching the final of the Norfolk T20 Plate competition.

### Individual Award Winners:

#### Batsman of the Year

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#### Committee Player of the Year

Billy Fordham

#### Clubman of the Year

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#### Players Player of the Year

Callum Futter

A presentation of an engraved tankard was also made to Tony Garrod, former player and captain, current President but primarily in recognition of his many years preparing and maintaining the wicket at Elmham, a labour of love in all weather conditions and consuming many hours a week.

## TRACKS CHARITY PLOUGHING MATCH HORNINGTOFT

Well what can we say – the day was full of sunshine and drivers arrived from near and far, with a good selection of crawlers ,steel wheeled tractors and ploughs, large and small to give a wonderful display of ploughing.

The public turned out in droves to support us and to enjoy the day. We had a Grand Raffle, Tombola and Win a Bag of Booze. Rashes provided excellent refreshments, as always.

This enabled us to raise an amazing £4,068.51 for The Big C.

Thank you to the Hill family for use of the land and to our many helpers without whom we wouldn't be able to manage the event. Of course, thank you to the public for coming and supporting us and giving generously.

*Sally and Neville Websdale.*

## THE HOUSE ON THE HILL

Every time you walk or drive down the hill from the church and the heart of North Elmham, you will pass a building that locals call 'The Institute' or 'Memorial Hall'. Do you ever wonder why this building exists or why it is there in particular. Perhaps not? As we rush headlong through the 21st century, we take so much for granted and take little time to consider why and what for.

The Institute is not just a building; it is a lasting memorial to 36 young men and one woman, who left to fight in a foreign land and would never return. This is not their story, but the story of others who were determined that these people would never be forgotten.

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from the battlefields. In a scene re-enacted throughout the country, in every village, town and city, those who remained behind watched as the survivors of the nightmare, came home. They knew that of those who had answered their country's call, a considerable number would never return. They were determined that those who were lost would not be forgotten and began to look for ideas for lasting memorials.

In North Elmham, a public meeting was called on the last day of March, to be held in the schoolroom. The elected Chairman, the Reverend E T Townsend explained that "the object of the meeting is to mark the appreciation and admiration to our brave lads, of whom some thirty three or thirty four 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 is felt some sort of memorial should be raised." As you can see from his estimate of numbers, the village was not aware of the true total of the dead.

Of the four suggestions put forward, the vote was overwhelmingly in favour of a Memorial Tablet and a Village Hall. The meeting went on to elect a committee of 13 to oversee the project. By the close of the meeting £94.15s 6d had been promised or collected. There is no record of how many people attended but 66 people voted so bearing in mind the date, 31 March 1919, this was a considerable sum.

The following week, the committee met to discuss the fund raising. A dance was to be held in conjunction with the soldiers from the Hall (Elmham Hall) and arranged for the Easter weekend. The secretary was instructed to write or visit landowners and other non-residents with interests in the parish to solicit subscriptions from them. A further £77.15s 9d was collected that week and with just over £172, representatives were to be sent to a forthcoming sale of old huts at Dereham, later in the month.

Mr F Kerrison offered to sell or rent a portion of his land opposite the current Post Office, (roughly where the telephone exchange is today). Members were to consider his kind offer.

By the end of April, the committee reported on the results and despite the initial burst of activity, all was not going smoothly. No purchase of a hut from Dereham was made as the representatives felt the hut was not worth the price. Mr Kerrison's price of £25 for the sale of his land was considered by all to be too high.

Undaunted by these setbacks, the committee looked further afield. A field, part of the late Mr Pearce's land on Church Hill was suggested as was a site on the recreation field. (The existing Playing Field or Green Field), but this was rejected on the grounds of possible damage by cricket balls!

Further huts became available, one offered through the YMCA Red Diamond scheme fell through and the land on Church Hill was not for sale. The committee reluctantly decided to approach the Parish Council for part of the recreation field.

Funds now stood at £214. The Easter Dance had only raised £2.13s.7d but the Sergeant of the Guard at the Hall still held some money.

However, the purchase of the Memorial Tablet, was progressing, its size, shape and lettering all decided. The list of names had been "sanctioned" as being from Elmham. The price was £27 10s 0d. So, the order was placed with the Army and Navy Auxiliary Co-operative Co, early in July. The remaining money from the Easter Dance had failed to materialise and enquiries discovered that the money had been given to Watts Naval Training School at County School. This news was not well received and the minutes state "The Committee was unanimous in condemning this action as the dance was

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advertised for the War Memorial Fund". However, they thought it best to let the matter drop.

Following an earlier decision that the purchase of a suitable hut had been postponed until the Memorial Tablet had been paid for, it was now felt that with the sale of old huts from the Mattishall aerodrome, an effort must be made to purchase one of them. Messrs Bradfield and Mace were duly sent and authorised to spend up to £150 for a hut and for a stove to use in the hut. In an effort to make things a little easier for them, the secretary wrote to their most likely opponents at the bidding, namely Sir Ralph Hare and Norfolk County Council, requesting that they do not bid against them at the sale.

Sir Ralph Hare wrote accepting their request, but the County Council felt it could not accede to it. Meantime, Mr Bradfield had offered to sell the Committee a portion of the Church Pightle for a proportion of the £60 he had paid for it. The Committee unanimously and gratefully accepted.

On 18 September 1919, only 6 months after the original meeting, Mr Bradfield reported that despite opposition from the County Council's bidder, he had purchased Lot 166 – Men's Hospital for the sum of £155.0s.0d. He had exceeded the allotted amount because of the superior quality of the hut – but he had not bought a stove.

At the committee meeting on October 2nd, Mr Guy drew a map complete with relevant measurements on the blackboard of the schoolroom. The decision was made that the hut would have its gable ends east and west (roughly on the site of the existing small hall) and that an area of land to the south would be earmarked for future use as a Bowling Green.

Local villagers prepared the site and by December 19th 1919, the

nearly completed hut stood awaiting the finishing touches. Removal and transporting the hut was £31.6s.0d, considerably higher than the original £15 proposed and this coupled with the purchase of the land, left a shortfall in the funds. Once again, the Committee rose to the occasion and dug into their own pockets to find the extra money.

Solicitors acting for the Committee had been trying to arrange the conveyance of the hut to the Parish Council reported that there was no allowance for such in the Parish Councils Act, so it was eventually decided to place the property in the hands of Trustees, who in turn, would elect a management committee to oversee the day to day running of the hall.

The Memorial Tablet for the church was unveiled on January 11th 1920, Major General Townsend performed the unveiling ceremony. On January 17th 1920, the Hall stood ready for public inspection and many villagers were shown round. The Committee met for the last time on January 28th 1920 to reconcile accounts and conclude matters.

Finally on February 4th 1920, the Elmham Memorial Institute was officially handed over to the people of North Elmham.

From being a meeting place, through being requisitioned during the Second World War, for use as a soldier's canteen for those who were billeted in the village, to the numerous activities over the years, the Institute has seen many uses.

This memorial to the dead of the First World War, has survived and grown and been a source of pleasure and comfort to the village.

**Ed's Note:** The original piece was written for the Elmham News Millennium Book in 2000 by David Durrant. The above has been slightly modified.

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The sport has proven physical and mental health benefits and has also recently been used to help Parkinson's sufferers maintain their activity levels.

This safe non-contact activity means many things to different people, so we asked a cross section of our members to describe their early experience of this unique sport:

**Kevin aged 68:** I had moved to Norfolk only a couple of months before I spotted the opportunity to join, what was the start-up of the North Elmham Walking Football group. Like most people who think of joining a walking, not running, football team, and, having played squash on a regular basis for over 30 years, I couldn't help but laugh at myself, as I imagined how weird I would look walking around the football pitch!! Hmmm, couldn't have been more wrong. It's a fantastic place to meet up and exchange banter and have great fun, while at the same time it can be both challenging, and exhausting. Would recommend it to everyone to give it a try.

**Matt aged 52 (diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease 6 years ago):** One of the many frustrations about Parkinson's is to discover that exercise is probably the best way of slowing it's progression at the same time as you realise that the disease has robbed you of the movement that previously allowed you to compete

in sport. Last year's Sport Parkinsons' Try-athlon introduced me to walking football. It was astonishing to witness the contrast between the hesitant movement of the players as they arrived and the skill and fluidity that flowed through them on the pitch with a ball at their feet. The Walking Football Association put me in touch with Paul Carr at North Elmham who encouraged me to join a training session to see how I got along. The slower pace of walking football means that I can compete again. It provides a combination of aerobic workout and considered co-ordination which has been shown to be especially beneficial. The whole team have been very welcoming without ever making me feel like a charitable cause. Friends and family have remarked how much happier and relaxed I am since joining. Better still has been the opportunity to make new friends.

**Maura aged 63:** I'm a 63yr old Grandma! As a child, I always loved playing football but was never allowed to at school. I played with friends during my teenage years too but then life took over. I saw an ad and (bravely) went along to try out walking football at Elmham. To my surprise, I was the only girl but was made very welcome. Over the last few months, I have got fitter and stronger and absolutely love the football. The banter is great, and I always come away feeling 40 years younger! I highly recommend but warn the game is faster than the name suggests. Give it a try.

Whilst aimed at the over 50s of both genders, we welcome all ages and all abilities.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### The 'Loft' is Open!

Our new mezzanine reading area, nicknamed 'The Loft' was opened by Paul Dunning from the Diocese of Norwich in a ceremony attended by the whole school and many parents. The children all really enjoy using this area for quiet reading and listening to their teachers read their class books. We are very grateful to have this wonderful space to relax and become bookworms!

### Competition Time!

Our school vision is to BELIEVE ACHIEVE BELONG and is based on the parable of the wise man who built his house on the rock (Matthew 7:24)

The message for our school community is that:

***All of us need strong foundations in our lives – at home, in school, in the wider world.***

We have revisited this in class, but we really want a better picture or visual to represent the message than the one we have.

Could your child(ren) come up with a better picture or visual to represent this message? We would like all entries by Friday November 4th (to either school office) to be judged the following week.

### Harvest Festival Collective Worship

This will be held on Thursday 20th October at 2:30 pm in the school hall. We invite all families to donate any food/provisions, and these will be delivered to the food bank at St Mary's Church in North Elmham to help local families in need.

### Class News

**Sheep:** It's been a great start to the term for Sheep! Our Reception children were kindly invited to Scribbles preschool to meet a Tawny owl, a Barn owl and a Little owl! The children loved meeting these

wonderful elusive creatures up close and were buzzing with excitement and information afterward. KS1 children were very lucky to take part in a Football Festival at 'Goals' football centre in Norwich, alongside our friends from Stibbard. Children loved learning new skills and really enjoyed the day. This week we have been enjoying the outdoors in the Autumn sunshine; investigating the colour and shape of the many acorns and fallen leaves. Children have harvested pumpkins from our small pumpkin patch and in the coming days will be planting tulip bulbs ready for Spring. Children have loved having purposeful jobs such as helping the grownups rake the many leaves, keeping our wooded outdoor area tidy.

**Whales:** It's been a busy half-term for Whales! In science, we have been carefully tending to our radish seedlings and watching them grow with fascination. We are about to discover if adding fertiliser has had an effect on their growth. We have also enjoyed dissecting flower heads and learning all about pollination and fertilisation. In English, we have been writing instructions for children about how to stay healthy ('A Healthy Body = a Healthy Mind!'). We're going to be creating posters with instructions to put around the school to inspire everyone to eat well and exercise regularly. As a class, we have been reading 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl and have loved our 'Book Talk' sessions where we have analysed the motivations of the marvellously disgusting Mr and Mrs Twit!

**Lions:** What a fun filled half-term we have had in Lions. We have been lucky enough to have both Reverend Sally in from North Elmham Church and Janet Woodhouse in, to help us with our local history and geography topics. They told us lots of interesting facts about the village and brought in some old photos for us to look at. We loved it. In English we have written some fantastic stories

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based on The Varmints and have really enjoyed reading The Land of Roar and are excited to continue this after half term! Children from Lions have also been lucky enough to take part in a tag rugby festival, where they showed great sportsmanship and teamwork.

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## **ST MARY'S CHURCH**

The month of November will forever be associated, as it has been for over one hundred years now, with Remembrance. Throughout the benefice, our churches will be holding Remembrance services on Sunday the 13th. In some of the parishes these will be held in cooperation with other denominations.

This ecumenical cooperation is to me is one of the most encouraging things that could happen. It shows a willingness to move forward together. For far too long the different denominations have been at odds with each other and I often wonder just what Jesus would think about what goes on in his name.

But it is not only in religion that there is this lack of cooperation. We find it in our personal lives, in our national and international situations. It seems to me that many who claim to be caring for

others seem to do so on their own terms, that their way is the only way, not taking advice from anyone else. So, what we have is not cooperation but confrontation.

Christ was no stranger to this way of life as the bible recounts many times of his confrontations with the Pharisees and other state officials. The difference is that he tried to reach out to them in love. Even on the cross he was able to show his care for others, "Forgive them Father for they know not what they do".

Throughout the world today there is little evidence of humanitarian caring from those in authority. There is a great need for an opening of arms in love and peace.

After November we will soon be celebrating the birth of Christ. Perhaps we need to take a lead from him and open our arms in love and peace to those around us even those who would not to always be in our social circle.

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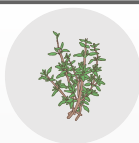
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## MORE 2 LIFE

As a church, we have been listening to the late Elisabeth Elliot's series on 'Suffering is Not For Nothing'. Elisabeth was a missionary to the Auca Indians in Ecuador. Even though they speared her husband and his colleagues to death, Elisabeth went on to be accepted by the Auca and lived amongst them for a while.

In today's talk, 'Gratitude', Elisabeth said 'It is not our experiences of our lives that change us; it is our response to those experiences.' I don't know about you, but I found that quite a challenge. But it is true. There can be two people who endure similar horrendous things, yet one will choose to use their experience to help others, while the other harbours and dwells on it until they become twisted, bitter, and full of hate and disgust. Have you come across either of these two kinds of people? Or maybe both? The difference, as Elisabeth says, was not their experiences, the difference was their response.

Of course, it isn't often easy to make the 'right' response in a time of pain. It is not something that can readily be done in human strength. In his hymn, 'What A Friend We Have in Jesus' Scriven pens the lines 'O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer!'

Scripture says: "Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about

anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:5-7

Today, you and I have a choice. Will you choose the way of bitterness, or peace?

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*Anne-Marie Fewell  
Pastor, More2Life Christian Fellowship*

## WORTHING NEWS

### Shoebox Appeal

As mentioned in our October editorial, "The Samaritans Purse – Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal." deadline for getting your shoe box filled and back to Celia for despatch ideally is 13th November. Pick up a leaflet from Worthing Church.

### Remembrance Sunday

13th November, 10.45 am

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### **Advance Notice**

Worthing's Traditional Christmas Carol Service will be Sunday 18th December at 3pm. Followed by some festive refreshments. So come along with your singing voices, bring friends, family & children and join this celebration.

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## **Heart of Norfolk Group Services in October**

### **6th November – 3rd Sunday before Advent**

|          |                   |                |
|----------|-------------------|----------------|
| 9.30 am  | Wood Norton       | Morning Praise |
| 10.30 am | Bawdeswell + Zoom | Holy Communion |
| 10.30 am | North Elmham      | Holy Communion |
| 10.30 am | Stibbard          | Holy Communion |

### **13th November – Remembrance Sunday**

|          |                   |                                          |
|----------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 10.30 am | Worthing          | RS Service                               |
| 10.45 am | Stibbard          | RS at Stibbard Methodist Church          |
| 10.45 am | Bawdeswell + Zoom | RS Service                               |
| 10.50 am | Foulsham          | RS – War Memorial & Foulsham Baptist     |
| 10.50 am | North Elmham      | RS Service with the Royal British Legion |

### **20th November – Christ the King**

|          |                   |                                   |
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| 10.30 am | Bawdeswell + Zoom | All-Age Communion                 |
| 10.30 am | North Elmham      | Holy Communion (Iona) and Baptism |
| 10.30 am | Wood Norton       | Holy Communion                    |
| 4.00 pm  | Foulsham          | Sung Evensong                     |

### **27th November – Advent Sunday**

|          |                   |                                   |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 10.30 am | Foulsham          | Holy Communion with Advent Carols |
| 10.30 am | Guist             | Holy Communion                    |
| 10.30 am | North Elmham      | Morning Praise                    |
| 10.30 am | Worthing          | Iona Morning Praise               |
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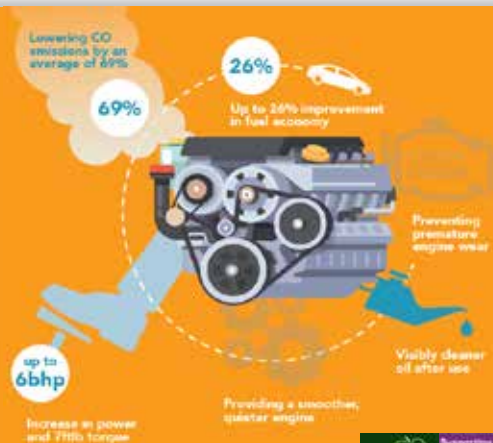
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