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FELTWELL PARISH MAGAZINE

YOUR CONNECTION TO YOUR COMMUNITY

People in Feltwell will face the challenges of coronavirus in some way – from needing basic provisions to help while they are unwell. If you are fit and healthy and have the time to help others, please offer your support. There are lots of things you can do to help, just make sure you follow NHS advice to ensure your own safety:

- Checking in on older or more vulnerable neighbours
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- Picking up prescriptions
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- Creating care packages with essentials
- Looking after pets or taking your neighbour's dog for a walk
- Putting the bins out for a neighbour
- Sharing childcare duties
- Creating leaflets to deliver with NHS advice

You can use social media to check on your relatives and neighbours.

**Drabble competition
launched to support
home learners**

**What Do Wasps Do In
Winter?**

**The Face at the
Window**

**War Hero No. 187:
L. W. Hyam**

**Feltwell Aerodrome
History Pt 2**

**The Dr Talks Call
Centres**



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VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8 - 10 MAY 2020

The VE Day committee have been busily meeting since early January to put together a range of events for Feltwell to celebrate this milestone of 75 years since VE Day when war in Europe was declared over in 1945.

Friday 8th May – Street Party

St Mary's Street, 2:30pm to 7pm

Come and join us for a large street party on St Mary's Street and in the church yard. Activities will include games, BBQ, bairn stalls, traditional WW2 cakes and treats, music and much more. Food is available or you can bring your own picnic to enjoy.

2:55pm – The Last Post will be played at the War Memorial.

3:00pm – Richard Dawson will be piping Battle's O'er and VE 75 years from the top of the church tower (weather permitting).

3:00pm – To coincide with the playing of Battle's O'er, there will be a Toast to the Heroes of World War 2 where a tippie of traditional ginger beer will be raised in honor of the Heroes of WW2.

6:55pm – A town crier will be giving a Cry for Peace around the world from the church grounds.

7pm – The church bells will ring out loudly for peace.

Please note, St Mary's Street will be closed to all traffic from 11am until 8pm.

Sunday 10th May – Remembrance Church Service

War Memorial at St Mary's Church, 11am

A march through the streets of Feltwell will leave the Royal British Legion at 10:30am to arrive at the war memorial for 11am.

Please note, St Mary's Street will be closed to all traffic from 9am until 1pm.

How you can help?

We are looking for some items to be donated to help us bring this event to you. Things we are looking for include: patriotic decorations; bunting; table cloths and traditional WW2 food. Some recipes are here.

Wartime Scotch Shortbread

Melt 4 oz margarine, add 8 oz plain flour and 2 oz sugar mix well and knead until the mixture binds together. If it is a little dry crumble it again and add a splash of milk and re-knead. Put in an ungreased baking tin and press mixture down firmly so it is about 1/2 inch thick. Prick the surface and then cut into 10-12 portions. Bake in centre of moderate oven for 30 + minutes. Remove, sprinkle lightly with sugar.

Egges sponge

- 1/2 pint of tea (without milk and tea leaves)
- 3 oz butter/marg
- 3 oz sugar
- 3 oz sultanas
- 10 oz wholewheat flour (add 3-4 teaspoons of baking powder)
- 1 teaspoon all spice (mixed spice)
- extra cinnamon if required

Place the tea, butter, sugar and sultanas in a saucepan and heat gently until butter is melted, leave to cool. Mix all the dry ingredients together. Mix all the dry ingredients into the cooled liquid and mix well, give it a beat. Put mixture into a greased and floured 7-inch cake tin. Cook on 180 degrees for around 45 minutes or more

Cheese Whirls

- 12 ounces of plain white or wholewheat flour
- 4 oz cooking fat/margarine
- 4 oz strong cheddar cheese
- 2 eggs (or dried eggs)
- 1 teaspoon dried mustard powder
- salt and pepper
- 3 teaspoons of quick rise dried yeast
- Marmite
- milk for brushing with

Place all the dry ingredients (except the cheese) in a large bowl and mix together. Break up the margarine and rub in to the dry ingredients. Mix in the grated cheese. Mix in the two beaten eggs. Knead until a dough is formed. Flour your work surface and rolling pin. Break the dough in half. Roll out the dough into an oblong shape about 1 1/2 inch thick. Spread with Marmite. Roll up into a long swiss roll shape. Slice along with a sharp knife. Place whirls on a greased baking tray. Brush with milk. Place in oven at 200 C for about 12-20 mins. Makes about 30

Uncooked chocolate cake

- 2oz margarine
- 2oz sugar
- 2 tablespoons of golden syrup or corn syrup
- 2 oz cocoa
- 6 oz crispy breadcrumbs
- few drops of vanilla essence

Put the margarine, syrup and sugar in a pan and melt gently over a low heat until the margarine is fully dissolved. Mix well. Remove from heat and add the vanilla essence and the cocoa and mix thoroughly. Pour in breadcrumbs and mix until all coated with the mixture. Press down into 7-inch square greased tin. Place somewhere cool for at least a few hours until firm. A topping can be added such as chocolate icing. Once set cut into squares.

Makes 16 squares



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1940's Fancy Dress Prize Competition

Friday 8th May

2:30pm

St Mary's Street

Eggless Fruit Cake

- 10 oz self-raising flour (or plain flour with 3 teaspoons of baking powder added)
- 1 teaspoon of mixed/all spice
- 1 level teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda
- pinch salt
- 1/2 pint of well strained tea
- 3 oz margarine
- 3 oz sugar
- 3 oz dried fruit

Grease and flour a 7 inch cake tin or a large loaf tin. Sift the flour, salt, bicarbonate of soda, baking powder and spice together into a bowl. Pour the tea into a saucepan and add the sugar, margarine and dried fruit. Heat until the fat and sugar melt and simmer for 2-3 minutes, stirring. Set aside to cool a little. Pour over flour mixture and beat well and spoon into cake tin. Bake in the centre of oven at 180 C for about an hour. Remove and leave to cool for a while before removing from tin.

All items can be donated by using the boxes marked VE Day 75 in the Church and The Fish Piper.

Dear Reader,

Please be aware that many, if not all, of the meetings/activities advertised in this issue may be cancelled owing to government advice in relation to limiting the spread of the coronavirus. Please check with the organisation involved before you turn out.

Take care of yourselves and each other

Paul and Susan

School Closures, Home Education, this Magazine and a Drabble

With the village school closed to all pupils, except for vulnerable children and those of Key Workers, many parents must be wondering, “What on earth can I do with the kids for the foreseeable future, each and every day, rain or shine?” I know the teachers are providing work to be done at home so that the negative impact of this closure on the children’s education is minimised as much as possible. In addition, many organisations are providing educational opportunities. Education websites are offering free access and the BBC will be providing lots of stuff on iPlayer and BBC Bytesize online.

Whilst thinking on this I wondered how the magazine and the village website could help in supporting parents facing the challenge of home education for the first time. Of course, we have our Wordsearch and Sudoku puzzles. That’s Maths and English covered! Only joking. Then it hit me. What if the prize, the incentive, was seeing your work in print and/or on the web? With this in mind I’m launching our **Drabble Challenge**. A **Drabble** is a 100-word story, no more, no less. It can be on anything. There is lots of stimulus material on the village website but your **Drabble** doesn’t have to be based on any of it. You can submit as many **Drabbles** as you want.

All **Drabbles** submitted to me, whilst the school is closed, will be published on the village website for all to read. I’ve already created a separate page to hold them all with a link from the landing page. They will also be published in the magazine so that their authors can retain a copy for prosperity and to show too their grandchildren!

Please send all **Drabbles** to me, Paul, at garlandp@btinternet.com. For the younger children, how about drawing a picture or a poster or make a piece of sculpture around the idea of ‘*Feltwell: Then, Now and in the Future?*’ Mum or dad could send me a photo of your work and I’ll upload it for all to see. No names unless permission is given.

There’s the challenge. Are you up for it? **Get Drabbling!**

Both challenges are also open to adults.

WHAT DO WASPS DO IN THE WINTER?

Hymenoptera Arthropoda. A wasp by any other name would sting so sweet! Had to use the word 'sweet' to connect with that thing about roses, but I'm sure you get the drift.



Year after year, they come into our lives with evil in mind. Not content to go about their business of insect control and leave us to get on with our lives, they practice their craft on us humans in the most inconsiderate manner. I have the impression that they are just bad tempered b*****s that prefer to act first and ask questions later.

One by one, they appear from their hidey-holes in our homes and gardens, to make their presence felt in the most painful manner. The question I ask myself is what have I done to deserve the sneaky approach by what sounds like a mini attack helicopter, and the delivery of that heart-stopping inoculation in a spot I can't reach? Why do I have to suffer that excruciating pain for days after the attack? Do you think that maybe they are wreaking revenge for those times when I did exact revenge on their friends for my suffering during those balmy days last summer?

I already suffer the occasional hostile act from the honey bees who took up residence in my wishing well eight years ago, but I'm convinced those incidents are a case of mistaken identity. After all, I am their landlord and their tenancy is long-term and free-gratis. I don't think many landlords would be so generous, considering that I don't require any payment in kind, so to speak! Besides, they are so well entrenched, that I can't even sneak in whilst they are out, and have it away with some of their in-house assets, you understand. So, although the tenancy is a mutual, if one-sided affair, I'm sure Chris Packham would be proud of my association with those thousands of pollenating tenants as they go about their work in the adjoining farmland.

However, having said all that, I cannot help being worried about my tenants with the influx of immigrants in the form of the Yellow Jacket



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wasps from lands across the sea! Actually, the Yellow Jacket, although being of the same genus, is in fact a hornet, and is much more of a threat than our common wasp. Its favourite snack is the humble honeybee, and I am host to a never-ending supply of food for this foreign barbarian! It has been said that one Yellow Jacket can despatch 250 honey bees every day! Its venom is purported to be many times more toxic than that of my little tenants, and even out-guns the common wasps that have been my enemies for years.

These foreign invaders are a threat to both our local wasps and our gentle, industrious honeybees, so what is the solution? I'm happy, (sorry, Chris) that my wasps are also on this vicious hornet's menu, but I fear more for my bees. You see? Now that they are in danger, I'm feeling extra-protective towards them. I'm in favour of all wasps being in the firing line, but does that mean that these foreigners might come after me, too?

It's funny, isn't it? In the beginning, I was drawing up battle-lines to deal with those home-grown wasps that make my summer months hell, and should have been glad that this newcomer might be my salvation. Now I'm worried that I shall have new tenants also taking up residence, both of which could be a pain in the a**e, or anywhere else for the matter!

Maybe I should have a word with Chris Packham? He'll know what to do about my problem. Maybe he could suggest a permanent holiday home for wasps of all types. Maybe they could join the European Union, once we've left?

What I would like to know is what became of the occupants of the six-foot wasp's nest I found in my loft several year ago. The chap repairing my roof said it was unoccupied, and had been for some time. So where did they go? Gone, and never called me Mother! No bodies lying around. Nothing. All gone, lock, stock and barrel! At the time, I was relieved, but after having time to think about it, I was quite put out. It was as if my loft wasn't a fit place to raise a family, and they just up and left without a word.

They obviously found somewhere close by, because they are starting



The Wellington Feltwell



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or talk to Chris at the pub on 828224

Monday	FREE screenings at 7pm
6 th April	The Last King of Scotland
13 th April	It is with a deep sense of regret that I am cancelling our Film Club meetings until further notice. Weekly screenings will resume when Government restrictions are lifted. Paul
20 th April	
27 th April	
4 th May	

FREE screenings occur on **Monday evenings** at **7pm** in the restaurant at the Wellington pub.

Please join us, it's **FREE** - Grab a drink and come on in.

to appear around my place again. I sometimes look out at my neighbours' homes and think to myself, "I wonder if you've got my ex-tenants? (the ones I didn't know about) Well, whoever you are, you are welcome to them!" The thing that peeves me is that they still come back to my place to take advantage of the food supply my hive provides. The Yellow Jackets are higher in the food chain, so maybe they can appear and take on the locals before they decimate my little friends? If only I could get back to those times when the odd bee sting (mistaken identity, of course) might be acceptable, if it meant freedom from the black and yellow monsters making my life a misery!

They do say that life always has a sting in the tail, but I'd rather it wasn't in my tail, or anywhere else, for that matter!

Frederick James



IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

Lilies and a list of names of those they are dedicated to will be on display in St. Mary's over Easter.

If you would like to buy a lily in memory of a family member or friend, cost £3,
please contact

Chris Parker on 01842 827152 or cmparker@talktalk.net

Chris will also be in church on Wednesday mornings
10am-12pm

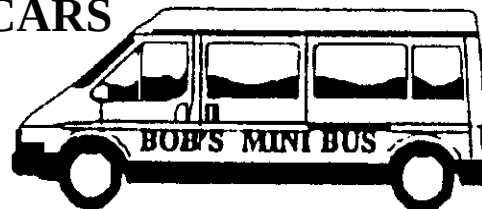
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Your Good Health

by Dr Ian Nisbet

CALL CENTRES: I think I am turning into Victor Meldrew (Head Office thinks this happened years ago!). It has just taken me 45 minutes on hold to speak to Bromsgrove District Council Bin collection about the start date for my garden waste brown bin collections. The service operates from March until November and, as I no longer have a compost heap (sob sob) it is a useful service. The annual bill came in January telling me that the service would recommence in February/March and that I should check the website for the start date. If that failed, I should ring a number printed on the letter. For weeks, their website has been telling me to check the “Bin lookup” section but this is still unavailable! So, because their website is rubbish, I have had to stay “on hold” for 45 minutes to obtain the answer to a simple question. When the call started, I was told that I was second in the queue. When the lady answered, she told me that I should understand that this is a particularly busy time of year (why?) and that, as she was in finance, she could not deal with this question. She transferred me to Environmental Services who were also suffering a high volume of calls and, after a few minutes telling me how important my call was, they transferred me to an answering machine. I left a message and I decided to complain to the Borough Council. Under their “How to complain by telephone” section, the website told me to ring the same number which had kept me on hold for 45 minutes. So, I complained by Email and received an apologetic ‘phone call from Angela who told me that they had been having trouble with their website and that she would get a manager to ring me so that I could tell him how better to run his

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It has been an interesting month putting together this issue of the magazine. As I write this (21/3/2020) I'm thinking of the many emails I received after this issue had been assembled ready for sending to the printers. I'd already written the bit about many events possibly being cancelled when Boris started his daily press conferences. That was when the deluge of emails asking for changes to be made to adverts and articles started. My heart sank. Not because of the extra work involved, that goes with the territory, but because of the picture that was being painted. A picture of a village shutting down, of people self-isolating, of our elderly worrying about how they will get their shopping etc. That's when I removed the photo from the front cover and added the advice you'll all have read.

But then something wonderful happened. People started offering help on Nextdoor and, I guess, FB. The village started to come together lead by the kind-hearted amongst you. I'm also aware that the Parish Council is planning some form of community support.

When I contacted Chris at the Wellington about his April advert he was despondent. Trade had dropped drastically, bookings for the restaurant had all but disappeared. Six years of hard work building the business under threat. And last night he was told to close with no reopening date in sight. As the last pub in the village this is not only dire for them but also for our community. I really hope they, like 1000s of business throughout the country can, somehow, survive to open their doors again when this crisis is over. And when they do open their doors again, I encourage everyone who possibly can to pop in, have a drink, book a meal in the restaurant and do it as frequently as you can afford because, if we all show our support then, hopefully, this Wellington will fly again.

I'd also like to add a big thank-you to the village shops. You are our lifeline.

business (my words, not hers). I am still waiting to hear from the manager and from Environmental services.

You may have noticed that telephone numbers are disappearing from all sorts of organisations' documentation, presumably because they want us to use the internet. Fair enough unless the website is duff or we don't have a computer. The call centres are almost always experiencing a higher than usual volume of calls but our call is most important. Don't start me on British Airways with their 45 minutes on hold policy before they pick up.

Thank you for your patience - I feel better now.

THE GYMNASIUM:

Management and I have hibernating during the winter; it rains every day so we have let the fitness levels slip (no comments, please!) and thought we should do something about it. The local secondary school has a splendid gymnasium which is open to the public from 5pm daily (subscription £12.50 per month per adult). One of the

members of the Free Church we have joined has a history of heart problems and encouraged us to join him; we now go for an hour at 5pm three days a week and we are getting used to the machines and how to use them. I started on a cycling machine which made my hip start to dislocate so I soon stopped that and went to the cross trainer where you put your feet in the trays and hold onto the handles. Then, as you "walk", the feet and arms move in harmony. I started off and was finding it quite difficult when my friend came over and told me I was going backwards. I reversed the flow and found it easier. Many of the machines develop upper limb and upper body strengths, when we next meet, you might mistake me for Tarzan. I once met a USAF serviceman in Feltwell Post Office. He said "Do you pump iron?". "NO". Hopefully, I shall be able to fool him again before too long.

A man was travelling alone to a conference. He found himself sitting next to a lady in the aeroplane. Bored, he said, "Ask me a question. If I get the

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answer wrong, I give you £5. Then I ask you a question and, if you get the answer wrong, you give me £5. She is tired and not interested. So, he says "OK, I'll pay you £500 if I am wrong but you still only have to give me £5.

He asks her the distance from the earth to the moon and she does not know so gives him £5

She then asks him "What goes up the hill with 4 legs and comes down with 5?" He pulls out his laptop, telephones friends and, after an hour, he gives up and hands her £500 saying, "What is the answer?" She handed him £5.

Bill and Fred were in a small chartered aeroplane when the pilot died of a heart attack as they approached the airport. Bill decided to land the 'plane and he did really well. However, when the wheels touched the ground, Bill could see the end of the runway was really close. Reverse thrust and full braking brought the plane to a rapid halt, just as they ran out of runway. Bill said "That really was a short runway" and Fred replied "Yes, but just look how wide it is!"

A five year old boy threw a tantrum in a crowded airliner, screaming, shouting, kicking the seat in front, and so on. An elderly man in the uniform of an Air Commodore walked slowly up the aisle and whispered in the boy's ear. Immediate silence and obedience ensued. The stewardess asked the Air Commodore what he had whispered to the boy. "Oh, I showed him my pilot's wings and all my medals and I explained that they entitle me to throw one passenger out of the aeroplane door on any flight I choose"

A travel agent saw an elderly poor-looking couple looking sadly at all the lovely holidays advertised in the window. He felt sorry for them, took them into the shop and gave them tickets for a wonderful two-week holiday. A month later, the lady came in and thanked him before asking "Who was that old man I had to share the room with?"

Best wishes to you all.

Ian Nisbet

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In the November issue, author Frederick James gave us a story puzzle called "Spectacle" in which a group of people met on a hillside to witness a spectacle of some sort. Fred never told us what the people saw; he simply posed the question. Following my first submission last month please allow me to submit another possibility. Edward Gee.

Edward has also submitted an explanation to Fred's "Face at the Window" piece from last month which you will find later.

Night Blooms

As the sun fell towards the horizon and the sky turned from pale blue to a ruddy orange the shadows slowly creeping across the valley wall opposite merged into a blanket of darkness.

Everyone was silent, barely breathing in anticipation. Would they come tonight? Would the gods smile upon them and promise a bumper harvest in the months to come?

"There," a child's voice rings out. "Top left."

All heads turn left where the darkness is deepest. Those with the acutest eyesight see a single point of light which slowly increases in brightness as the single flower of a Nightbloom unfolds its petals. Having absorbed the light from the sun for the last 12 hours it now returns it to the sky, marking its presence.

"I see it. And another, just down from the first."

As more Nightbloom plants unfurl their petals the patch of light grows, spreading slowly across the hillside and, as it does so, it increases in brightness.

Seasoned observers, knowing what is to come, reach into their pockets, extract their sunglasses and put them on.

More voices add to the chorus as the field of light slowly grows, spreading from left to right. With each flower that achieves full opening the intensity of the light increase. It is as though the observers are looking directly into the sun. Those who have forgotten their sunglasses put hands or items of clothing across their eyes, some turn their backs to the display to protect their eyesight.

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Eventually, the entire hillside is a blaze of light so bright that it as though midday has arrived at midnight, but with two suns lighting up the planet. As the last few plants unfurl their petals peak brightness arrives but no-one is watching as all eyes are turned away from the blinding light.

Slowly the brightness begins to dim as the light from the first plants to open their flowers begins to fade, having returned all their captured energy to the sky. Once again eyes are turned to the hillside opposite as a blanket of darkness, once again, spreads across the field of light. Eventually, the last plant goes out and the dark of night returns to the valley.

In near silence the watchers pack up the remains of their picnic, light their torches and head back home safe in the knowledge that tomorrow the pollinators will arrive and the harvest will be bountiful.

Edward has also submitted an explanation to Fred's "Face at the Window" story that we published last month. It can be found elsewhere in this issue.

A message to those who ordered one of these **DO NOT KNOCK** stickers. By the time you receive this magazine you should have had one delivered. If you haven't it's because, in the chaos of my life, I have lost your address details, sorry. As a matter of urgency please ring me and I'll deliver your sticker personally. Paul.



If any are left at the end of April, I will advertise the fact in May's magazine.

J M Harris EST. 1996
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News From The Legion

The biggest issue at the moment is the CORONA VIRUS. We seem to be lucky here in Norfolk, it has not hit us that hard as yet. The RBL meeting planned for the 7th April will go ahead and part of the agenda will be how we carry on for the duration of this virus.

I fully understand that the TODDLER GROUP have suspended there Monday meets as have the ALVEVA GROUP. (Both until further notice) This also may happen to the crib and carpet bowls, we'll let you know.

As it stands at the time of penning this article there has been no official guide from the RBL so what is happening is all a precaution not a panic.

When things get back to normal, we will let you all know by posters, emails and word of mouth. We hope that this will not last as long as predicted as I, along with the members and the Parish, am looking forward to celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE day (May 8th)

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And it's a certain no
To climb upon my roof again
Up there I will not go

Never give up, my motto
There's no such word as can't
So, sitting round the telly
Is not for me, I shan't

Harry Gill.

Feltwell's WW1 War Heroes No.18

All of the information in the "Feltwell's War Heroes" series can be found at

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/43688219@N00/42905937225/in/album-72157679638767304/>.

This month's War Hero is:

Abbreviations used.

CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves Commission

SDGW – Soldiers Died in the Great War

IRC – International Red Cross

MIC – Medal Index Card

L.W. HYAM, R.A.S.C

On the Church Roll of Honour he is also recorded as L.W. Hyam.

Driver HYAM, LEWIS WILLIAM

Service Number: T/35657

Died: 26/10/1918

Aged: 23

Unit: 6th Aux. Horse Transport Coy. Army Service Corps

Son of Lewis W. and Sarah Alice Hyam, of Heath Farm, Feltwell, Norfolk.

Buried at CREMONA TOWN CEMETERY

SDGW records that Driver Lewis William Hyam "Died" on the 26th October 1918 whilst serving in "France and Flanders" with the "Royal" Army Service Corps. No place of birth is shown. He was resident Feltwell, "Suffolk" and enlisted Norwich.

"Died" in SDGW terms means anything other than Killed in Action or Died of Wounds (received in action).

The Army Service Corps weren't granted permission to use the prefix "Royal" until after the war was over.

The Medal Index Card for Driver T/35657 Lewis W Hyam "Royal" Army Service Corps is held at the National Archive under reference WO 372/10/138565

He qualified for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. a very strong indicator that a soldier didn't serve in a Theatre of War.

His “Death Penny” is on display as part of an exhibition on Feltwell in the Great War in the church of St Mary, Feltwell.

There is also a Driver **T/36657** L W Hyam, deceased 1918, who is remembered in the British Jewry Roll of Honour, 1914-1918.

His Service Records do not appear to have survived the incendiary attack during the Blitz on the Warehouse where all the Other Ranks Army Service Records were stored.

1894/95 Birth

The birth of a Lewis William Hyam was registered with the Civil Authorities in the District of Thetford, Norfolk, in the January to March quarter, (Q1), of 1895.

Then, as now, you had 42 days after the event to register the birth with the Civil Authorities without facing prosecution and a fine. Thus a child registered at the start of January could have been born as early as the middle of the previous November without it being an issue.

I could not find an online baptismal record in either Norfolk or Suffolk for Lewis, but given his potential Jewish heritage then this would be expected. However, what I did find was the baptism of probably his younger brother Francis Walter Hyam at Feltwell on the 14th June 1908. Parents were Lewis William and Sarah Alice.

The most likely marriage of his parents was recorded in the Thetford District in the January to March quarter, (Q1), of 1893 when a Lewis, (some sources have Lewin) William Hyam married a Sarah Alice Rolph.

1901 Census of England and Wales

The 6 year old Lewis Hyam, born Brandon, Suffolk, was recorded living at ‘The Heath’, Feltwell. This was the household of his parents William, (aged 33, a Farm Bailiff, born Brandon) and Sarah, (34, born Brandon). As well as Lewis their other children are:-

Rolph, aged 9, born Brandon

Minnie, aged 7, born Brandon

Dorothy, aged 1 month, born Brandon

1911 Census of England and Wales

The nearest match to the details from the 1901 census, bearing in mind the other birthplace discrepancies set out below, is a 16 year Assistant Gamekeeper L. Hyam, born “Witing, Norfolk”. (I suspect that should be Weeting, which is near Feltwell.). This young man is recorded as the nephew of the householders, Ernest William and Mary Ralph and they were living at Handly Cottage, Barcome, Sussex. Ernest Ralph was a Gamekeeper, born Norfolk.

Lewis’ parents were recorded living at Heath Farm, Feltwell. The couple have been married 20 years and have had 5 children, all then still alive. William, (43), now gives his occupation as Working Foremen on Farm. Sarah, (44) now states she was born Lakenheath, Suffolk. Some of the birth details for their children also vary from what was shown on the 1901 census.

Rolph, aged 19, born **Icklingham**, Suffolk, Horseman on Farm

Minnie, aged 17, born Brandon, Nurse (Domestic)

Dorothy, aged 10, born **Feltwell**

Francis, aged 2, born Feltwell

Until September 1911 the quarterly index published by the General Registrars Office did not show information about the mothers’ maiden name. A check of the General Registrars Office Index of Birth for England and Wales 1911 – 1983 shows no obvious additional children of William and Sarah.

On the day

For now the cause of his death remains unknown.

ALVEVA QUILTERS

Date of next meeting: April 15th 2020, 7:00pm

Visiting Speaker: Angela Daymond – Kantha demonstration and mini workshop

Venue: British Legion Hall, Feltwell IP26 4BJ

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Word Search

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements.

Our fourth word search is on **Places in Norfolk & Suffolk**

Find the words from the list. They run vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backwards and forwards but always in a straight line.

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Home Learning Tip

Find these places on a map.
Which ones have tourist attractions?
Make up an imaginary village. Draw a map of it. Write a Drabble about it.

Latest Consumer Alerts and Trading Standards news

This week we're highlighting the following Scams, Consumer Alerts and News:

- Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to be from HMRC
- Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to be from BT
- Scam Alert – Phone cold calls claiming to be from British Gas
- Scam Alert – Scams referencing Coronavirus
- Cold Calling Alert – Telephone cold calls regarding 'loft insulation'
- Next recalls their 'Mayhem True Wireless Ear Buds' due to a risk of overheating during charging
- Mars Wrigley UK recalls two batches of Revels 101g pouches as they may contain small pieces of metal
- Mizkan Euro Ltd is recalling a range of Branston Pickle products as they may contain pieces of plastic.

Online, email and phishing scams

Be on the lookout for the following scams which are circulating:

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Money Matters

Rishi Sunak delivers his first Budget as UK chancellor against the most uncertain economic backdrop since the financial crisis.

The chancellor's first Budget was announced against a challenging economic background, made worse by the impact of the coronavirus. Unsurprisingly, the emphasis was on the government's spending plans, as it sought to fulfil its election promises, to substantially increase infrastructure expenditure and to counteract the negative impact of the coronavirus. These announcements were supported by a package of measures from the Bank of England, including a cut in the base rate by half a percent to 0.25%.

But what changes could have a direct or indirect impact on your tax and financial planning strategy?

Well, they were relatively few.

An increase in the National Insurance primary threshold and lower profits limit to £9,500 (from £8,632) from 6th April 2020 will be welcomed by employees and the self-employed respectively. The Income Tax personal allowance remains at £12,500.

Turning to investments, parents keen to make tax-efficient provision for their children will welcome the increase in the annual limit for Junior ISA subscriptions to £9,000 (from £4,368) for the 2020/21 tax year. For investors, the main change of note was the increase in the annual Capital Gains Tax exemption to £12,300 (up from £12,000) for the next tax year. The (tax-free) dividend allowance remains at £2,000.

As we have come to expect from Budgets, there is a further raft of measures to combat aggressive tax avoidance. This should act as further encouragement to engage in planning that is tried and tested.

Ahead of the Budget, there was considerable discussion about the possibility of change to pensions tax relief and Inheritance Tax, but nothing was forthcoming. However, it's worth remembering that this

is the first of two Budgets this year. The next is due to take place in the autumn, following the spending review.

Andrew Bailey, New Governor of the Bank of England

Speculation is rising that one of Andrew Bailey's first jobs as governor of the Bank of England will be to slash interest rates to a record low within days of taking up the role on Monday 16th March, in an effort to combat the impact on the economy of coronavirus.

Mr Bailey, who replaces Mark Carney at the Bank, was thrown straight into crisis mode on his first day, with a number of experts claiming he may ask the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to vote on a cut in interest rates to 0.01 per cent in order to make lending for business and households the cheapest it has ever been.

Savers, who have suffered ever since the global financial crisis 12 years ago, are likely to find it almost impossible to make money on their cash as Mr Bailey focuses on helping the most at-risk businesses through the health crisis sweeping the world.

2008 crisis

It's not the first time Mr Bailey has been at the heart of a financial crisis. He was central to the UK's prevention of a meltdown in its banking system during the global financial crisis of 2007-09, when he was a top Bank of England official.

A few years later, he was a key player in Britain's response to the Greek debt crisis.

Mr Carney's parting shot as governor was to announce the cut in interest rates from 0.75 per cent to 0.25 per cent, leaving little room for Mr Bailey to move in, but enough for him to do something.

The interest rate cut was part of a package of measures from the Bank aimed at releasing more cash into the economy and encouraging banks to lend to business and individuals.

There is speculation that there will be another rate cut to an all-time low of just above zero on 26th March when the MPC meets for the first time under its new governor.

Imminent recession

Economists believe predictions of an imminent recession will prompt the Bank to reduce interest rates to 0.1 per cent this month as the economy is hit by office and store closures, cancelled events, grounded flights and public health advice to stay at home.

Stock Markets

At the time of writing, the spread of the coronavirus has intensified in Europe and, for many, there are deep concerns about the impact it may have on our loved ones and our day-to-day lives in the coming weeks.

Aside from the human cost, there is of course an economic one. The global scale of the virus has led to some bruising weeks for global stock markets and, in recent days, we saw the worst trading day on the FTSE100 index (A measure of how the top 100 UK companies share price performs) since 'Black Monday' in October 1987. Clearly, this has an impact on market sentiment and there will, inevitably, be heightened volatility as the threat of a recession grows.

It is also worth emphasising that, despite these shocks, evidence shows that the worst days on the stock markets are often followed by some of the best days. Therefore, rather than selling low and trying to time the markets, time in the markets and weathering the storm generally reaps rewards as valuations recover.

Uncertainty is likely to be the only certainty in the short-term and staying the course with a diversified portfolio of investments, positioned for the long-term, is typically the best route to achieving your goals.

These turbulent times also provide investment opportunities, lower valuations caused by market falls provide scope for individuals and investment managers to buy shares in companies trading at attractive prices.

In times such as these it is always vital that you keep in close contact with your Financial adviser and ensure you speak to them before making any financial decisions.

Let's hope I can write a more positive article for May!

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The Face at the Window, an explanation by Edward Gee.

By the early hours of the following morning the rain had stopped and the biting north wind had veered towards the south-west, bringing a welcome bout of sunshine and clear skies. The landlord, having consumed a hearty breakfast and checked on the horses in the stables, turned his attention to preparing the pub for the night to come. There were barrels to lay down, taps to clean, glasses to wash, tables to wipe down and the floor to be swept clear of the detritus from the night before. His usual morning chores complete he took his habitual rest before the still warm coals of the fire, lit a clay pipe and wondered if tonight would be the time when she finally appeared again.

Despite her first arrival being some years ago he remembers it as though it was yesterday. Her carriage had drawn up outside the door of the pub, the driver had jumped down, opened the carriage door and out she had stepped so daintily that she seemed to glide down to the pavement. Her blazing red hair was the first thing he had noticed as it spread out behind her in a gust of wind. The wind had made her tiered skirt mould itself to her long legs but complete embarrassment had been prevented by the weight of a dark blue cloak which was held tightly against her slim neck by a silver buckle. Her skin, as white as milk, appeared so translucent that you could almost see the far side of the road through it. She had made her way purposefully towards the door of the pub but at the last minute had hesitated, as if in two minds, about her decision to enter the premises. She had stepped to one side, pressed her face to the window and looked inside. It was clearly a trick of the light but the landlord would later swear that her head had passed through the glass pane. Having decided to go through with her initial decision she stepped back to the door and the bell rang as it opened. Her shoes made no noise on the wooden floor as she walked to the bar where she had locked eyes with the landlord and smiled the most beautiful smile he had seen on any woman, including his wife. He had been instantly smitten, mesmerised by her beauty.

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“I do, I do, madam. In, in, in fact, my best room, best room is presently unoccupied. Perhaps you’d like to see it?” he had stammered in reply.

“I certainly would but before I do there is something you should know. I am in search of my long-lost father who I have not seen for many years. I am told he has taken up residence in this town and that he drinks at this establishment. However, I do not currently have the means to pay for the room but if you would kindly accept my offer to entertain your patrons tonight, I can guarantee that you will more than double your nightly takings. More than enough I hazard to cover the cost of the room.” She smiled again, that dazzling smile which had so enraptured him earlier.

“It would be my pleasure to accept your offer,” he had replied without hesitation and without wondering what his wife would say.

Unsurprisingly, his wife did not greet the news with much enthusiasm. However, if the takings did double or, hopefully, treble then she was prepared, after much argument to accept the arrangement, if somewhat begrudgingly.

Evening had arrived and the pub had filled up with customers drinking no more than the usual amount of beer and wine. As the night darkened the landlord began to wonder if he had been duped and that she would not appear. And then he heard it, a note so sweet and high, cutting through the noise of the bar like a nightingale’s song in June. A captivating note, a note of such beauty that it made one want to weep in appreciation. The note rose in volume as she emerged from the gloom cloaking the stairs at the back of the room. Silence spread across the room as each and every customer turned their heads towards the source of the hypnotic sound. When everyone was completely entranced, she stepped off

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the last tread and sang, "Now, go and order another drink." As one the customers rose from their chairs, walked to the bar and placed an order for more drinks, regardless of how much liquid remained in their glass. The landlord and his wife rushed to fulfil all orders, worried that the magic of the moment might pass sooner than later. When everyone was sat down again the singer caught the landlord's eye, smiled that beautiful smile and mouthed the words, "I hope you have enough glasses." At which point she again sang those words, "Now, go and order another drink." This was repeated twice more until no more glasses were available and the tables sagged under the weight of so many full ones.

It was at this point that her singing had faulted as she noticed a face at the window that she instantly recognised. She stopped singing, rushed to the door and exited the pub like a gundog after a pheasant. The landlord, watching her through the window, saw a look of puzzlement spread across her face as she failed to find the old man who, as the landlord could clearly see, was still staring into the pub. He signalled for her to look to her right, which she did but could still not see the old man. She turned in disappointment and walked back into the pub. She turned her face toward the window only to see the old man still looking in. She walked towards him and put her face down to his level. A smile, so full of fatherly love, spread across his face. Daughter and father stared at each other for several moments, their mouths moving in silent conversation. Then the old man stood, stepped back and slowly faded away. The landlord, confused by what he had seen stood, mouth agape, as she walked up towards him and said in a sad and broken voice, "He's gone. It was his time and it is nearly mine. I will not be staying the night after all. I have other places to be and other relatives to find and free. Thank you, Landlord. I hope you've made a handsome profit. I will not bother you further."

Having exhausted his memories of that night the landlord rose from his reverie and on his way back to the bar he looked at the window, where, when the light was just right, her beautiful face can be seen in the glass.

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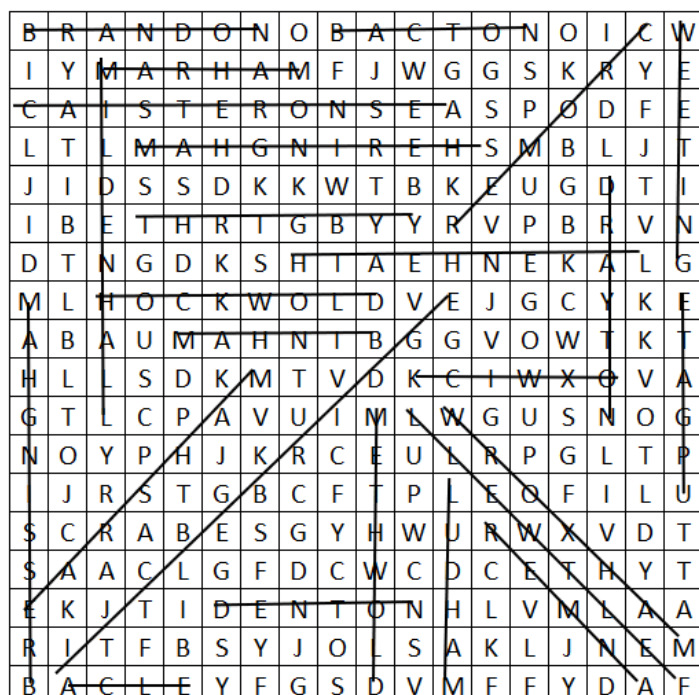
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Word Search Answer

Submitted by Mrs J. Clements

Next month's Word Search will be on **Names**.



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Last night's meeting (Wed 03 Mar 2020) at the Mundford Bowls Club welcomed guest speaker Keith Thomas. Keith is a very experienced helicopter pilot and has latterly worked for the Civil Aviation Authority in various guises. He has displayed helicopters at airshows and currently instructs on helicopters and presents aviation safety evenings to private pilots. This month's talk was entitled 'My Life in the Clouds, the Early Years'

Keith led us through his early life in the Air Training Corps where he got his first wings, gliding. He then got his Private Pilots Licence via an ATC flying scholarship and yet another set of wings after joining the Royal Air Force. So important to him was this that he delayed his wedding by 3 weeks to ensure that he was able to display his (3rd set of) wings on his uniform at the nuptials!

Having learnt to fly on the Westland Whirlwind helicopter he converted onto the Wessex helicopter and proceeded into operations in Ulster supporting the Army and, on deployments overseas. He finished by stressing that because helicopter pilots were so gentle on the controls, they make the best lovers! The uproar at that comment was so loud we never discovered if this was true, even though his wife was in the audience.

This was a first-class evening with a super sandwich buffet by Val and Len our hosts at the Bowls

Club. If you like what you have heard please come to our next meeting on Tue 07 April when Mr Len Manning, WW2 rear gunner on Lancasters, and his driver will be our guests for the evening. He will be making an 80-mile round trip to give us an introduction for 20 to 30 minutes and then allow us to see, handle and ask questions about photographs and other memorabilia he is going to bring with him.

For details on the evening topics go to our website:
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There is plenty of parking at the rear of the building and our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st April (doors open at 7.15pm) with a talk by Richard Lovelock on a Photographic Trail from the Support Drivers Perspective on a visit to Corsica. Not to be missed.

On Wednesday 15th April we are holding our Workshop Competition, a chance for all members to show the images they took at our various workshops held this year, or photographs taken at home but in the same theme. Come along and see some of the work produced by our members, the standard won't disappoint!

Finally, on Wednesday 29th April Denise Whiting will be giving a talk on the History of photography and we are hoping to get together some old cameras to have on show, so if you know anyone who wouldn't mind lending us some old photographic equipment then please get in touch with Denise Whiting on 07986 290532 and we promise to take great care of everything.

You don't need to spend a fortune on expensive cameras to start learning about photography, many phones, compact and bridge cameras take some really good images and these are well worth looking at, or if you are unsure come along to any of our meetings and speak to us. Learn how to best focus your camera and compose your pictures, we often have magazines available for you to browse through, giving ideas on how you can improve your talent or encourage you to take up a new hobby.

To see some of our members work, visit our website on www.brandophotographicclub.co.uk and have a look at the Gallery and while you are there have a peek at this year's programme to see what we have in store.

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With Easter very close by now, and the spring break for our local schools giving the children two weeks off from 3rd April to 17th, we have planned a range of activities for families who want to get outdoors in (what should be!) lovely spring weather. We'll have an Easter Egg Hunt around our Brandon Fen family trail, with six coloured eggs and a special golden egg to hunt out! Those wanting to take part can pick up an activity sheet at the Visitor Centre and tick them off as you find them... some will be easy and some a little harder! Then when you're finished, come back to the Visitor Centre to collect your badge- and pick one from our Easter range.

As well as the egg hunt (and perhaps better for older children) we'll have a Spring-themed spotter sheet with seasonal wildlife to look out for as you go round any part of the reserve. We do charge £2 for the spotter sheet or the Easter Egg Hunt activity trail, with all the proceeds from the trails. Many of our birds such as great crested grebes and little egrets will be in their breeding finery on the pools and worth looking out for, as well as a variety of early butterflies and bumblebees if the weather is good.

Just in case the weather isn't great, we will have a table of Easter-themed arts & crafts in the Visitor Centre too.

If you are planning on visiting us soon, it's a good idea to look and listen out for our cranes- we should have at least one pair breeding with us this year, though we are hopeful to return to the situation we had in 2016 where we had two nesting pairs. Look out too for marsh harriers, who will have eggs or young chicks to feed and should be doing some mid-air food passes where the male passes caught food to the female. She will often fly straight up from the nest site and turn upside-down at the last minute to take the prey with her talons



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from his, or to grab it from the air after he has dropped it a short distance above. The females are very attentive and don't like to leave the nest for long, especially when the chicks are young- the reason food passes are popular. Often, if the male attempts to join her on the nest afterwards for a rest and a look at his brood she'll kick him out and encourage him to go hunting again straightaway!

You could also hear bitterns and bearded tits as well as you walk round, along with some early butterflies such as brimstone, peacock or small tortoiseshell and perhaps even a large red damselfly, our earliest-emerging species of dragonfly. Keep an eye out for the lovely spring flowers too, like red dead-nettle and spring beauty, lining the paths too.

Regular readers of this column might recall our warden Katherine talking about unusual nesting places for birds in the March issue, and we can report that we now have a teapot robin! A pair of robins have built a nest in an old china teapot near the Visitor Centre and we are following their progress. We hope to see you on the reserve soon!

Heidi Jones, Visitor Experience Officer, Lakenheath Fen RSPB



RSPB Lakenheath

April 2020 Events

It's Boom Time for Bitterns Tuesday 24 March (5am-9am)
Tuesday 7 April and Tuesday 21 April (5:30am – 9:30am)

Although our resident bitterns sometimes start booming as early as February, the reserve team do the majority of their co-ordinated bittern booming surveys in March and April. We are offering a special opportunity to join one of the reserve Wardens here at RSPB Lakenheath Fen as they carry out these surveys. As well as hearing the birds boom, you are likely to see bitterns in flight, and may even see display flights of three or more birds as they search for females and the best territories. The local marsh harriers will be patrolling low over the reedbeds looking for their breakfasts. If we are lucky, we may even catch a glimpse of our resident cranes.

Price: Adults £40 (Non-Members) Adults £32 (Members) Booking essential. Transport down the reserve, high seats, hot drinks and pastries will be provided. Maximum of four people per session. Limited availability so please contact the reserve office on 01842 863400 or e-mail: lakenheath@rspb.org.uk; to book your place and to arrange payment.

Easter Fun at Lakenheath Saturday 4 to 19 April (10am-4pm)

It's the Easter Holidays so down to the reserve for a range of children's activities! There'll be an interactive Easter Egg Hunt on Brandon Fen to complete as well as arts & crafts indoors, a spring wildlife spotter sheet, pond dipping kits, bug hunting sets, activity backpacks and binoculars available for hire.

RSPB members, free. Entrance charge applies for non-members £4 for adults, £2 for children (First child free per family group) £2 per trail sheet All children must be accompanied by an adult. No need to book.

Get to know your birdsong Sunday 3 May, 6.00am-9.00am

It's International Dawn Chorus Day weekend so join us for an early morning walk around the reserve. On our walk, which will be around three miles long, we will hear bitterns booming and hopefully see ghostly barn owls hunting over the reserve. There will also be a lot to hear, including a cacophony of warblers and the local cuckoos will be saying their names loudly! **Price includes a continental breakfast in the visitor centre after the walk. Adults £20/ Children £10 (Non-Members) Adults £16/ Children £8 (Members) This walk is limited to 15 participants. Suitable for children aged 8 and above. Please book your place by e-mailing us at lakenheath@rspb.org.uk, phoning us 01842 863400 or by popping in to the Visitor Centre.**

For all events please bring plenty of warm, waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear. Guided walks and surveys are weather dependent and we will be in touch in advance if the weather is awful and we need to postpone or cancel it. Ticket prices for guided walks and surveys include entrance fees to the reserve for non-members.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE No. 11

Photos taken from Mr P. Garland's "Feltwell: Yesterday and Today" presentation first shown in 2018 and provided by Mr C. Cock. Modern photos taken August 2018 by Mr C. Brown.

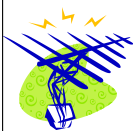


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Rural Crime Strategy

Introduction

March is here and hopefully this month will be a little more forgiving weather-wise than the high winds and storms we were subjected to last month (fingers crossed). With that mind, please be aware of rogue traders offering to carry out roofing repairs. Read here for more details: <https://www.norfolk.police.uk/news/latest-news/14-02-2020/rogue-trader-warning-following-stormy-weather> .

I'm happy to welcome back Derek Sim from Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service who will be looking at fire safety in our homes.

Norfolk Fire and Rescue (NFRS) - Derek Sim

In this month's newsletter I want to look at home fire safety and provide a few tips to help prevent fires in the home. One of the best ways of keeping you safe and alerting you to a potential fire in your home is a working smoke alarm. Recommendations are that you fit a smoke detector on every floor of your home, ideally on ceilings in the hallway or landing. Don't put smoke detectors in the kitchen as these can be set off accidentally.

Test the batteries once a week by pressing the test button. If your smoke alarm doesn't have a long life (5-10 years) battery, replace it each year.

As the kitchen is one of the higher fire risk areas of your home, here are some safety tips to reduce the risk of fire:

- Do not leave cooking unattended - take the pans off the heat.
- Take care when wearing loose clothing - it can easily catch fire.
- Keep electrical leads, tea towels, and cloths away from the oven or hob.
- Spark devices are safer than matches or lighters to light gas cookers.
- Switch off the oven or hob when you've finished cooking.
- Never leave children alone in the kitchen.
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- Plan your escape routes and keep exits clear.
- The best route is the usual way in and out of your home.
- Get everyone to test your escape plan.
- Keep door and window keys handy - tell members of your household where they are.

Are you elderly and living alone? NFRS would like to hear from you, and there a number of ways to get in contact. You can telephone 0300 123 1669, write to Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service, Operations and Communications Centre, Jubilee House, Falconers Chase, Wymondham, Norfolk, NR18 0WW.

Church Lead Theft

In 2017 the PCC launched the Raise The Alarm Initiative in partnership with the Bishop of Norwich, Norfolk Churches trust, All Churches Trust and the Round Tower Churches Society with the aim to protect vulnerable churches against the rise in lead theft. The initiative has seen the introduction of over 126 alarms. At the time of the Rural Policing Strategy Annual Report 2018-2019 we had seen a 57% reduction in reported lead thefts. In 2018 (01/01/18 to 01/01/19) there were 21 reports of lead theft in Norfolk. In 2019 this figure had dropped to 18. Please remain vigilant around our rural churches. Report any suspicious activity as this may be a precursor to a criminal act. Don't leave anything laying around that can assist offenders (tools, ladders benches near low roofs providing easy access). It may also be useful to consider setting up or joining a social media group with church wardens or caretakers to make others aware of any suspicious or criminal activity in or around the church. If anyone has had any success using other methods, please let me know I would love to hear from you.

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Feltwell Aerodrome – A Random History 1915-2020

Continued from last month

Operation Oyster



On the 6th December the Ventura squadrons had their first real taste of combat. A mass attack by No.2 Group was made on the Phillips Valve factory at Eindhoven in Holland. The factory had been taken over by the Germans and was being used to produce night fighter radar sets. Although nine aircraft were lost on this raid, it was deemed a success. Many of the key parts of the factory were bombed and put out of action. However, a number of the aircraft which returned to

Feltwell and Methwold had sustained damage caused either by light Flak or by bird strikes from low flying. (A Mallard duck, which was found in an engine of one of the aircraft when it landed, was given a ceremonial burial near the corner of "A" Hanger). Good news about the war was still a rarity in 1942 so a Crown Film Unit arrived at Feltwell to make a short propaganda film about the Phillips raid.

OPERATION RAMROD 16: 3rd May 1943

12 Venturas of 487 (New Zealand) Squadron were dispatched to attack a power-station on the northern outskirts of Amsterdam. 1 aircraft returned early; the remaining 11 proceeded with an escort of 3 squadrons of Spitfires. Unfortunately, an earlier Spitfire sweep alerted the German defences while the Ventura force was still flying at low level over the North Sea. Unfortunately, too, an exceptional number of experienced German fighter pilots were present at Schiphol airfield for a conference. 69 German fighters were thus up in the air near Amsterdam when the Ventura force crossed the Dutch



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coast. Some of the German fighters engaged the Spitfires while the remainder attacked the bombers. 9 Venturas were shot down before reaching the target and a tenth was badly damaged but it managed to turn back and reach England. The only remaining Ventura from the formation was that of Squadron Leader L. H. Trent, a New Zealander. His Ventura, completely alone, pressed on to the target and bombed it. The bombs just missed but some blast damage was caused. This last Ventura was then immediately shot down.

Squadron Leader Trent and his navigator were the only survivors and became prisoners of war. The story of this action, in which 10 out of 11 Venturas were shot down, was reconstructed after the war and Squadron Leader Trent was awarded the Victoria Cross in 1946.

In the year that the Ventura operated from Feltwell & Methwold, 31 aircraft were lost on operations, 9 written off because of severe battle damage and 8 were destroyed in flying accidents; a total of 48.

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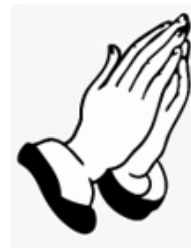
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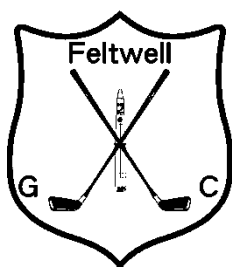
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FELTWELL GOLF COURSE – 50 YEARS ANNIVERSARY – A COURSE TO BE PROUD OF

We are still be open for Golf

Feltwell Golf Club Golf is committed to prioritising the wellbeing of its' visitors and employees during these uncertain times and are taking the potential threat of Covid 19 (Coronavirus) very seriously, doing our part to prevent it spreading. All areas of the site including the golf course, driving range and club house will remain open with a few adjustments. We would ask that all Green Fee players pay for their round over the bar rather than in the office and use credit/debit cards whenever possible rather than cash. Please observe the Health signs around the club, such as washing hands regularly ad maintaining a 'social distance'.

Our new summer opening hours for the Clubhouse are 10am until 5pm on Tuesday; 10am until 9pm Wednesday – Friday and 10am until 5pm Saturdays and Sundays. Plenty of time to enjoy a drink,

it is our intention to continue to offer our members and visitors a safe place where they can practice or play, get some fresh air and exercise for as long as possible whilst making every effort to protect our employees and customers alike.

Should the situation change we will be posting regular updates on Social Media – Facebook and Twitter.

Second Club Membership

Do you already belong to a Golf Club but live close to Feltwell? Perhaps there are times when you would like a game but don't have time to go to your home club. Join Feltwell as a Second Club Member and you can play here at any time, enjoy discounts on drinks, range balls and bring a friend or family member to play at reduced rates. Enjoy 9 holes on your way home from work, unwind from a busy day or grab some exercise before getting home. Call Jo Bates now for more details on 07855 821116 or the office on 01842 827644



A warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to attend our regular services:

Sunday 5th April	Benefice Eucharist	Feltwell	10am
Thurs 9th April	Maundy Thursday		
	Eucharist and Watch of the Passion	Feltwell	7pm
Fri 10th April	Good Friday		
	Stations of the Cross	Feltwell	10am
Sunday 12th April	Easter Sunday		
	Benefice Eucharist	Hockwold	10am
Sunday 19th	Eucharist	Feltwell	11am
Sunday 26th	Eucharist	Hockwold	11am

Mid-week Eucharist every Wednesday at 9am

FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE SEE NEXT PAGE

There are other services across the Benefice.
See grimshoebenefice.com for details.



St Mary's is open every day from 9am - 6pm.

It is for your use if you need some space or quietness, somewhere to reflect, think or pray, or indeed just to admire the building or avoid a passing rain cloud. Pop in for a cuppa on Mon and Fri 1-3 pm or Weds 10-11am. Volunteers are on hand to offer you a warm welcome.



The Borough Council Community
Information Point is located in
the church. See information in
this issue.



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Always Open for Golf

Golf is available at Feltwell 7 days a week, our fast draining soil enables us to stay open when many are closed. No winter greens, our green-keepers do an amazing job keeping the course open and playing smoothly. We offer very competitive Green Fee rates and as we are coming into summer (hopefully) with the clocks going forward at the end of March there is more time to play some golf, after work or school. Our new summer opening hours for the Bar and Restaurant are 10am until 5pm on Tuesday; 10am until 9pm Wednesday – Friday and 10am until 5pm Saturdays and Sundays. Plenty of time to enjoy a drink, try our Ale of the Month and have a meal. Robert is taking bookings on 07376 182419 for meals, Afternoon Teas and Sunday Carveries, so don't miss out.

Visitors are always very welcome at **Feltwell Golf Club**

Follow us on  and  be sure to keep up to date with what's going on here at Feltwell Golf Club.

Remember you are never too young or too old to start playing golf.



Ladies Who Lunch

All future meetings are cancelled
until further notice following
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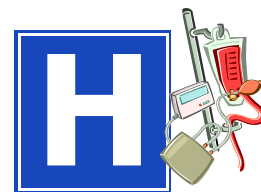
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Hospital Happenings *with Tony Bennett.*



Monthly Ramblings about West Suffolk Hospital

News: There is no point in my writing about the Coronavirus for two reasons. Firstly, the situation is changing daily and anything I write will be out of date by the time you read this and secondly, we at the hospital are receiving exactly the same information as we are seeing on the TV and official websites.

Feedback: There is an interesting feedback option on the hospital website where comments can be left regarding any matter to do with the hospital. Sadly, there are no responses from the hospital to any of the comments which is a shame as this is a perfect forum to address the issues raised. Fortunately, the vast majority of the comments so far are good but there are some where people were not happy with aspects of their visits and some of them would warrant an official explanation. Hopefully the hospital will get around to addressing this in the future.

New Lighting: Small LED lights have been introduced to the ceilings in many areas. I assume they are part of the emergency lighting system and will come on in the event of power failure. In case you notice them on your visits, they self-test every so often and have not been left on by accident!

HCPC: I mentioned the Health Care and Professions Council previously, and that I had been selected for review. I submitted my review well before Christmas as I didn't want it hanging over me for the festive season. Still no result as of 12th March. Pretty disgraceful service.

Case of the month: Since we obtained our new camera system, we have struggled to perform the eye tests that we do. Briefly, the eye

test looks at the function of the drainage ducts from the eyes to the back of the throat. If they block, the patient constantly has tears running down their face, wiping all the time makes the eyes and face sore. The scan involves a tiny drip of radioactive liquid being placed in the corner of the eye then scanning for 15 minutes while the eye drains. The patient needs something to rest their chin on whilst the images are taken but our previous rest device did not work with the new camera. I'm delighted to say that Bob, our in-house engineer, has made a new one for us. The heavy base is on wheels and the chin rest has been made from a chair arm rest. The unit is height adjustable and looks very professional. Had we purchased a commercial item the cost would probably have been many hundreds of pounds. We used the rest on Friday for three cases and it worked perfectly, a brilliant job thanks to Bob!

THE COLD WAR IN THE BRECKS

The Cold War in the Brecks (1949 - 1991) is a project run by the Breckland Society, with a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project is researching the role the Brecks and its people played through the Cold War. We are looking for the human stories of an important and fascinating period of our recent history. The research will form the basis for an illustrated colour report which will be available free to members of the public.

We are looking for people who remember the period to spend a little time with one of our interviewers talking about their experience of the Cold War. We are interested in memories of service personnel and civilian employees of the various airbases and military installations in the area. We are also particularly interested in people who protested against nuclear weapons, members of the CND or other peace organisations, or people involved with peace camps. If you can help please contact us at secretary.brecsoc@gmail.com

Feltwell Bowls Club

Well, the indoor season has come to an end and we are now preparing for the outdoor games.

End results indoor.

Team A triples division 1 finish a credible third from the top just the shots difference keeping them from finishing second.

The triples teams 1 in the morning league division 1 finished bottom as did the team in the evening league division 2.

One team in the evening pairs division 2 finished third from the top the other team finishing third from the bottom.

Now for the outdoor,

Enrolment night is Thursday 16th April 7:30 onwards at the club. This will be subject to the latest advice about the virus.

Club opening (mower repairs and the coronavirus permitting) Saturday 18th April with a triples competition if sufficient numbers. Confirmation will be given at enrolment night. Fees remain as last year.



Have not seen the program yet but our first EBA match is Wednesday 29th April.

Our Quiz night on the 21st March had to be cancelled, unfortunately, due to the Corona virus. We are **not** holding one in April but may arrange one later in the year. *Max*

FELTWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Date of next meeting: April 17th 2020, 7:30pm

Visiting Speaker: Rosalind Hamill – The History of the Toastmaster

Venue: Feltwell Methodist Hall, Bell Street

New members always welcome

Sudoku Solution

Each row, column & 3x3 square must contain numbers 1-9

5	8	4	2	1	3	9	6	7
1	6	9	7	8	4	5	3	2
7	2	3	6	5	9	8	4	1
4	7	8	3	9	2	6	1	5
3	9	6	5	4	1	7	2	8
2	1	5	8	6	7	4	9	3
6	3	2	9	7	8	1	5	4
9	4	7	1	3	5	2	8	6
8	5	1	4	2	6	3	7	9

Northwold Spiritualist Meetings

Meetings start at 7:30pm (Doors open at 7:00pm)

Northwold Village Hall, School Lane,
Northwold, IP26 5NB.

3rd April – Veronica Chan – Clairvoyant Night

17th April – Bobby Carter

Enquiries: Text Faye 07523 866797 or check meetings on
www.norfolk.thespiritguides.co.uk

Entrance Donation -

£2.00 Service Nights. £4.00 Clairvoyant Nights.

Raffle – Refreshments



Feltwell Methodist Church & Community Hall

Monday 27 April Craft & Chat group at 2.00pm. On 18 April the group will host tapestry specialist Mia Hansson from

Wisbech. She is recreating the Bayeux Tapestry and will share how she replicates the stitches, colours etc. **Entry is ticket only and tickets are limited, buy yours now** from Jill Dennis 01842 827922 or Brigitte Wilkinson 01366 728797.



THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY

How the replica is being made

By Mia Hansson

at

Feltwell Methodist Church Community Hall

1.45 for 2.00 pm **18 April 2020** Bell Street

Ticket Only IP26 4AL

Refreshments included **£5 pp**

Our Old Codgers still enjoy their monthly music & quiz nights with my 10 ½ yr old granddaughter DJing for us in February, playing to requests and doing an excellent job too!! We included our usual fun quiz, and all had a good laugh. This is just a flavour of what you may be missing and it's an open event with no age limit and its only £3.

OLD CODGERS' NIGHT SATURDAY 25 APRIL FROM 6.30PM – DON'T MISS IT!!

ELEVENZES – Thursday 7 May 10.00am. Cakes galore! Meet friends over a tea/coffee & enjoy one (or more) of our cakes, and take some home.

Saturday 9 May – Village VE Day Event - 7.00pm VE Day Celebration Music & Dance. 40s dress would be a bonus.

Wednesdays - MFT exercise group meets in the hall from 6.00pm

Thursdays 10.00am – Feltwellbeings – the Well-Being group for Feltwell – Better Together! If you're lonely, bored, or just want to meet up, come along.

Thursdays at 6.00pm 1st Feltwell Brownies meets in the hall.

Community Garden – we are beginning a garden project possibly on Wednesdays (depending on the weather!), for the community which will, hopefully, produce some fruit and some vegetables for those who help. This garden will enable villagers who want to potter or who have difficulty with gardening to come and enjoy doing as much or as little as you want while enjoying fresh air. If you would like to potter with us please get in touch with Mike (details below) or come along to our Thursday coffee mornings and Wellbeing mornings.

The Community Hall - a large bright hall with a stage and sound & lighting system. Celebration red carpet, posts and red ropes for special events from weddings to birthday parties, award ceremonies, concerts, theatre and more.

Our main church, with its magnificent pipe organ, is ideal for infant and adult baptisms, weddings, marriage renewals ceremonies, funerals, memorial and celebration of life ceremonies. Sunday services continue at 11.00am each week, for just an hour.

If you want to talk privately to someone, want to share a problem or want someone to celebrate with you, want to come to an event or one of our groups, you can't get out but would like to..... Contact our pastoral worker Brigette Wilkinson 01366 728797/07799216693

For room bookings & events, please contact Mike Wilkinson 07712578721 mikegw15@gmail.com

To discuss weddings, marriage ceremonies, funerals, memorial services please contact Rev Maurice Stafford 01366388766

Church secretary is Jean Dennett 01842 728209

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 9th of MARCH 2020. 10 Councillors attended, 5 members of the public and Squadron Leader Turnbull

Sqn Leader said the USAF are adhering to advice from Public Health England and taking all necessary precautions against the Coronavirus. He is meeting with Suffolk Resilience PHS to ensure all measures are in place. All newly returned personnel from Northern Italy are being self-quarantined and there are currently no cases on any of the USAF bases within the UK. On another note, he said all new personnel receive driver training on road safety upon arrival. If residents are concerned about any USAF personnel speeding and driving dangerously then they should report registration plates to him.

Necessary tree work has been carried out at the playing field. Stumps will be grinded down 26th March. Tree survey on parish-owned trees has been carried but report not received as yet.

New LED street lights have been fitted on the Oakfields Estate which means all street lights throughout the village have LED lanterns.

Cllr Martin Storey said he had attended the NCC Budget Meeting and exact figures/details can be found on the NCC website www.norfolk.gov.uk Details for increase in Council Tax can be found on the reverse of each house owner's bill. The budget has again been cut for the disability allowance which Cllr Storey didn't agree with and therefore couldn't vote on the budget itself. If anyone would like any further information, please contact Cllr Storey.



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Our Local Foodbank

If you would like to donate to your local Foodbank there is a drop off point at St Mary's Church, Feltwell.



Any food stuff which does not require refrigeration and is in date is ok.

If you need the Foodbank please don't hesitate to contact someone who can give you a foodbank voucher such as; doctors, health visitors, social workers, clergy, citizen's advice bureau and police.

Thank you for all your donations, kindness and generosity, Ness Fry
(foodbankdonations@nym.hush.com) If you would like to know more:
<http://thetford.foodbank.org.uk> <http://www.trusselltrust.org>

Chair is obtaining quotations for necessary repair work at the Memorial Garden.

TWR Accountants will carry out the internal audit this year.

One amendment made to the Allotment Terms of Reference and these were then agreed. No amendments made to the Financial Regulations.

Parish Council will donate £300 towards the Village Fete again this year.

Reports of an individual walking a dog over the playing field on a regular basis. Dogs are not permitted on the playing field.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting is to be held on Monday 6th April 2020 at 7.30 pm in the British Legion, all are welcome.

Please note, copies of minutes will not be available at the Parish Council Meeting however draft minutes can be printed from the website www.feltwellparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk at least three clear days before the next meeting.

LATEST (19/3/2020)

Following the recent Coronavirus outbreak and Government advice, Feltwell Parish Council has decided to postpone their April meeting as well as the annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting which were both scheduled for May. The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 1st June, subject to future Government guidance.

If you have any queries or questions during these troubling times, or, if the Parish Council can assist you in any other way, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk on 01842 828383, or Councillor Martin Storey on 07850 866854.

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