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EDITORIAL

Looking back at last month, we hope you visited the beautiful flowers and displays in the church. It is 5 years since there was a Festival, so it was heart warming to see so many visitors and we were delighted to have had George Cushing's wonderful organ to add to the ambience. George died in 2020, but his wife Maureen and his loyal friends have kept his tradition alive.

We are delighted to read that the Royal British Legion hasn't folded but will continue to soldier on. Remember, you don't have to have served in the Armed Forces to become a member.

The Circus came for a second visit and we hope you and your children and grandchildren enjoyed "the Human Circus".

Thank you to Dave Appleton for now including all of Elmham in his fascinating and interesting pieces on wildlife.

On a serious note, this suspicious item was found in the gazebo near the play equipment. It could be a cola bottle filled with a "substance"



that is lit and the fumes inhaled. The user/s forgot plastic melts! We thought it prudent to warn parents and pet owners that drug paraphernalia could be prevalent in our village, so be aware when you are out walking.

Our sincere thanks for donations go to Dave and Pat Watson of Dereham.

Finally, we would just like to say we are thinking of Libby Chaney who has had an accident and is having to spend a lot of time resting, we wish you a speedy recovery.

PLEASE NOTE: Submission deadline for articles to be included in the NOVEMBER edition is 14TH OCTOBER. Please email your article to each of the editors listed below asap before the deadline.

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NORTH ELMHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

The following information is taken from the Draft PC minutes, The full official minutes can be viewed in the Post Office and on the Community website, once approved.

Councillors Present: Mrs. J. Borgnis (Chairman), Mr. M. Phillips, Mr. B. Gee, Miss A. Ferris, Mr. T. Fitzalan Howard, Mr. P. Grainger, Mr. J. Labouchere, Mr. N. Markwell, Mr. M. Rayner and Mr. C. Smith.

Also in Attendance: Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor), Mr. K. Webb (Clerk), Mr. C. Hill (Elmham News) and Mr. C. Neill (NARS)

Apologies for Absence: Mrs. A. Keeble

Public Participation

A number of questions had been raised by a parishioner via an e-mail. Advice had also been received that a copy of the questions had been sent to the editors of Elmham News who have agreed to publish responses made. In line with normal procedures, responses to all questions and concerns raised by parishioners are given at meetings and recorded in the minutes and on the website. All issues have already been, or are being, addressed accordingly. Mr. Grainger proposed that this established practice be followed, and it was seconded by Miss Ferris. All members voted in favour.

Land Management Matters

Village Green: The hedges are due to be cut in the near future. The circus had another successful visit. A copy of the RoSPA report has been sent to NGF Play Ltd and their comments are awaited.

The police are continuing to visit the village on a regular basis.

Cathedral Ruins: The slopes have not yet been cut but Mrs. Keeble is chasing.

Cathedral Meadows: Derogation from Natural England regarding the disposal of the brash is awaited. It is the intention to reinstate the new footpath in the Spring.

Broom Green: The drainage work is to be done by the end of this month.

Millennium Wood (and Jubilee Wood): Some thinning work will be needed in Jubilee Wood in about two years.

Bridleway on disused railway line and other railway linked matters: Mr. Rayner reported a new path has been completed and is wide enough with a good level surface. A few weeds are appearing but the MNR will attend to this by strimming. Thanks were expressed to the Railway team for creating this option for residents.

A further objection has been made by the Parish Council to the miniature railway application and a decision is awaited. The matter may be considered by the District Council at their meeting in October.

Prince William Wood: Mr. Markwell had been able to reassure a resident that there were no plans for the new dog bin to be sited in her hedge or on her property. It is to be placed on the verge opposite.

Allotments: Some sheets have been discovered which appear to be asbestos. The annual rents are due to be collected on 11th October.

Street Lights: A suggestion regarding the possible provision of solar powered lights for the car park and footbridge areas of the Brookside development has been made.

Highway Matters

There have been no updates from Highways on existing issues which have previously been raised. A report is awaited on blocked and potential new drains. The street sweeper has visited the village and carried out the necessary action.

With regard to the Parish Partnership Scheme, Highways have recommended that a full assessment of the action taken this year is carried out before proceeding with

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 6th	Sanders Coaches Parish Council	Pavilion	Every Wednesday 7.30 pm
Tue 5th	Knit and Natter	Pavilion	2.00 pm
Thu 7th	Friends & Neighbours	Pavilion	2.00 pm
Sun 10th	Tracks Charity Ploughing	Horningtoft	10.30 am
Mon 11th	Tennis Club AGM	via Zoom	7.30 pm
Wed 13th	Mobile Library	The Heath to Orchard Close	2.30–5.20 pm
Thu 14th	Wives Plus All Mid Norfolk Railway Talk	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Sat 16th	Sonrisa Concert and Singing Workshop	St Mary's Church	2.30 pm
Thu 21st	Friends & Neighbours	Pavilion	2.00 pm
Fri 22nd	Old Comrades	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Thu 28th	Gardening Club Dr Ian Bedford	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 31st	British Summer Time ends		
Wednesday evenings	Mah-Jong		7.30 pm

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any new projects. Norfolk County Council is to inspect and consider the possibility of providing safety rails outside the Tea Post.

Pavilion and Playing Field

The barrier padlock has broken and is to be replaced. The moles have been dealt with. The Knit and Natter group are using the premises again on a regular basis.

Youth Club Facilities

Mr. Fitzalan Howard reported that Beetley Parish Council had held two consultations for their youth facilities – one door to door and the other on Facebook – with limited success.

It is important to consider special needs facilities. Quotations will be obtained for items such as a skate park and an outdoor gym.

Village Green Tree Planting Scheme

An application has been made to the Woodland Trust with planting between November 2021 and March, 2022. The Woodland Trust covers 70% of the cost.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022

The circus is due to be present for the week and will cost between £800 and £1,000.

Defibrillators

Arrangements had been made for a visit by Chris Neill, Chairman of NARS, who works full time as a paramedic with the East Anglia Air Ambulance service. Concern had been expressed for some time regarding the efficiency of the defibrillator system in North Elmham. Mr. Neill confirmed that, on average, one 999 call per week is received from the village. The effectiveness of the VETS system was queried, and Mr. Neill detailed the various ways forward. It was agreed that these would be fully discussed at the next meeting.

Village Green Board Displaying Names of Contributors to the Fund Raising

It had previously been suggested that the names of all parishioners involved in

making financial contributions to assist with the purchase of the Village Green should have their names noted on a board which would be sited at an appropriate point on the green. Mr. Phillips had produced a list of 66 names some of whom are, unfortunately, no longer with us. The General Data Protection Regulations 2016, make the placing of such a board extremely difficult, if not impossible. It was agreed to consider the option of having two boards, one at each entry point to the green, stating that the purchase of the village green was made with contributions from members of the local community. Mr. Gee is to produce draft wording for discussion at the next meeting.

2011 Community Plan

Mr. Grainger had circulated an action points review document detailing all the original items covered by the Community Plan together with appropriate review comments in respect of action taken in the subsequent years to date. Mr. Grainger proposed that an up to date status should be provided for the various subject areas in the Plan with a dedicated page being provided on the website. This would be updated when required, thus providing information of progress made to parishioners. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Phillips. All in favour. Updates are to be submitted for consideration at the next meeting.

An issue had been raised by the Internal Auditor in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31st March, 2021, in respect of the reclamation of VAT amounting to £1,682.00. The Parish Council received professional advice, on which VAT was payable, from Birkett Long LLP regarding the proposed Section 106 Agreement for a development by Orchard Homes (East Anglia) Ltd at Brookside Farm, North Elmham. The developers agreed to make payments to cover the net cost of this service with the Parish Council reclaiming the VAT element. This action

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was confirmed as acceptable by both Birkett Long LLP and the solicitors representing the developers. In addition, Mr. Phillips sought advice from the lead VAT professional specialist at Larking Gowen, Accountants, who also stated that the action taken was perfectly acceptable and in order.

Planning Matters

Applications

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hammond – rear dormer roof extension – 3PL/2021/1234/HOU – 48 Station Road (no objections.)

Determinations

Mr. N. Steggles – proposed single storey side extension – 3PL/2021/1092/HOU – 64 Orchard Close. (approved)

Correspondence

- 1) Suggestion from parishioner re the Queen's Green Canopy – planting trees (the Chairman is to investigate any possible restrictions)
- 2) Email from parishioner querying the siting of a new dog waste bin (position verified and new bin to be ordered)
- 3) Email from parishioner with a number of questions on various topics (see Public Participation, page 1).
- 4) Email from parishioner regarding the cutting of hedges on the village green.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 6th October at 7.30pm.

ELMHAM FOOD LARDER

North Elmham Food Larder is meeting needs locally and thanks must go to all who are quietly contributing month by month. We aim to give a little boost to anyone locally who is struggling to put meals on the table for any reason.

We are still situated in St Mary's Church and the table is there for people to give

or receive as they wish; with no strings attached. Just bring your own bag and help yourself!

If you would like to help, we are presently running a bit low on baked beans, tins of tuna and other fish and are always glad of tinned meat products.

However, any in date 'store cupboard' type foods are always welcome as are hygiene and household cleaning products. If you can't physically get to St Mary's Church building but require assistance, please text us on

07933 295 388 and we will do what we can to support you.

NORTH ELMHAM TALENT SHOW

We had our first meeting on Tuesday 7th September to discuss our future plan and the performers came forward with their suggested acts! How great it was to see so many faces again and the enthusiasm was buzzing!

We are intending for a couple of shows to go ahead in December with more to follow in the New Year. If anyone feels they would like to participate please contact me - I am sure I can fit you in.

At the moment, I would be grateful for any 'helpers' ie front of house, setting up, make-up artists, bar and ice-cream helpers etc.

Any donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully received - thank-you.

All proceeds to go to the Memorial Institute Hall.

Let's make this a 'NIGHT TO REMEMBER'!

Theresa Gower 668589.

A close-up photograph of a white bowl filled with a thick, orange-brown soup, topped with a dollop of white cream. In the foreground, a chocolate cake is decorated with numerous almonds. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a wooden table and a dark object.

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COUNTY SCHOOL STATION

Readers may remember that in the March and April issues of Elmham News I alerted people to the fact that the Mid Norfolk Railway Company was allowing the construction of a Miniature Railway at County School Station without first obtaining planning permission for the scheme.

It is good to see that a retrospective planning application has now been submitted and that the Parish Council, having considered the details of the application, has submitted two letters of objection. It is mainly objecting on the grounds that the miniature railway is being constructed outside the area of permitted development under the terms of a transfer deed the company signed with Breckland Council in March 2003. It is also objecting on the grounds that the Railway Company is still claiming the railway footpath as a "Permissive Path", which it certainly is not. If readers haven't seen the even more provocative signs erected by the company claiming the path to be a permissive path they should go and have a look.

Surely there are also wider issues here. If the miniature railway goes ahead, it will inevitably become a very successful tourist attraction. Then, the company will have to construct a range of public facilities as well as a large car park, which will significantly change the character of the station and this part of the Wensum Valley. It is such a pity that the railway company seems unable to engage properly with our community in discussions on what their long-term plans might be. It is a nice letter from Charles Robinson in the last Elmham News, but it tells us little about what they are planning to do at County School.

This scheme will certainly work against Breckland's original purpose of designating this totally unspoilt part of the Wensum Valley as a Conservation Area, creating a low-key heritage centre

in the station and providing a footpath along the railway line so that it can be a place for quiet countryside enjoyment. It would surely be better to call a halt to the construction of this miniature railway now.

If readers feel strongly about this planning application for the miniature railway they can write or email their views to Breckland planning department quoting ref: 3PL/2021/0868F.

Peter Wade-Martins

DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE A FAVOURITE RECIPE?

When my children were little this recipe was their favourite. Sadly, I lost it years ago but have just found it screwed up in a very old recipe book. Easy-peasy to make so give it a go!

Date Crumble Squares

7oz self raising flour
6oz butter
6oz caster sugar
4oz rolled oats

For the filling

6oz chopped dates
4 tbsps cold water
1oz caster sugar
1 tsp vanilla essence

Brush the oblong tin with melted fat.

First make the filling. Put the chopped dates into the pan with the water and 1 oz of caster sugar, then over a low heat stir them together until they are thick and well combined.

Mix in the vanilla essence and leave the filling on one side to cool.

Sift the flour into a mixing bowl, add the butter cut into small pieces and, using the fingertips only, rub the fat into the flour so that it is evenly distributed. Stir in the sugar



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and oats, then turn half the mixture into the tin and press it evenly into the base.

Spread the cooled date filling on top, then sprinkle over the remaining oat mixture.

Bake the tray bake on the centre shelf of a moderate oven, gas mark 4 or 350 F/180C for about 45 minutes until the mixture is a light golden brown colour.

Cut the Date Crumble Squares into 15 pieces while they are still hot, then leave them to cool slightly in the tin. Lift out the pieces onto a wire tray to cool completely.

Can be frozen.

PS Next time I make them I am going to increase the amount of dates in the mixture... only because we are greedy! Delicious with a cup of tea.

Janet Woodhouse

GARDENING CLUB

On the 26th August, which was a cloudy and breezy evening, the meeting was held at members Liz and Peter Braybrooke's garden .Peter welcomed everyone and told us that they moved to Cottage Farm nearly 40 years ago without running water and the cottage needing a lot of work. I will not enlighten you about Peter's introduction, but all members were in laughter as he recalled those early days as they turned the cottage into a home.

Members then strolled around the garden admiring colourful flowering pots , roses, shrubs, mature trees, a rockery and a small pond with lawns taking you round into hidden and secluded areas and finding a well-stocked vegetable plot .

Hiding throughout the garden were letters attached to a variety of teddy bears for members to find which made up the name of a pantomime character. Five groups managed to find all the letters and the pantomime name, winning the draw for the small prize were Meg and Jeannette.

Returning to the gazebo for refreshments of wine and cakes, the weather didn't seem to matter as everyone enjoyed each other's company and chatter .

A huge thank you to Liz and Peter allowing 30 members to wander round their lovely cottage garden .

At our next meeting on October 28th, Dr Ian Bedford, a retired entomologist will be talking about "Garden bugs, conserve and control". There will be a raffle and "Flower of the Month". Non members are most welcome.

Ray

KINGS HEAD BOWLS CLUB

King's Head Bowls Club enjoyed a competition on the 5th September called "The Brian Baker Target Bowls" in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance and raised £100.

The weather was perfect and 12 of our players and guests enjoyed the afternoon, it is hoped that the competition will be made an annual event. Winner was Sally Lloyd and runner-up Nigel Ferry, well played both of you.

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Lilian Baines

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NORTH ELMHAM CRICKET CLUB

August 14 v Saham Toney (League)

NECC 276-7 Saham Toney 95. NECC won by 181 runs

With another overwhelming victory North Elmham clinched the Division 4 title with 2 games still to play. An unbeaten 135 from opener Josh Hall, his second ton of the season, supported by 85 from brother Ollie secured maximum batting points. In reply the Elmham bowlers shared the wickets with Callum Futter's 4-7 leading the way.

J&L Stoves Man of the Match: Josh Hall for his unbeaten 135 and 2 catches behind the wicket

August 21 v Beeston (League)

NECC 350-5 Beeston 74. NECC won by 276 runs

Top v bottom and the result reflected the difference in quality as Elmham piled on the runs, Josh Hall notching his third

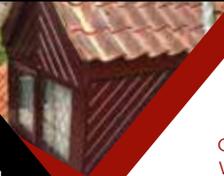
unbeaten century of the season assisted by a ferocious 81 from Callum Futter before he was run out. In reply Scott Parke (43) was the only home batsman to make double figures as Phil Bend claimed his second 5 wicket haul.

J&L Stoves Man of the Match : Josh Hall for his undefeated 134 and 2 catches behind the wicket

August 28 v Rocklands (League)

Rocklands 81 NECC 82-3. NECC won by 7 wickets

In the final fixture of the League season North Elmham entertained closest rivals and League runners-up Rocklands and a convincing victory concluded an unbeaten season. The visitors struggled to score against the tight bowling of openers Hunt and Sinclair and all 6 bowlers had success. A couple for Phil Bend took his seasons tally to 31 and by some distance he finished the leading wicket-taker in Division 4. In reply, there was just a hint of a challenge as 3 wickets fell for



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30 but Ollie Jaggard smashed 40, 38 in boundaries, to see Elmham to victory with almost 30 overs to spare.

J&L Stoves Man of the Match: Ollie Jaggard for 2 wickets and an unbeaten 40

Awards Evening

Sunday August 29th saw North Elmham hold their end of season Awards evening, preceded by an inter club match and barbecue.

Players Player: Josh Hall

Leading Bowler: Phil Bend (31 wickets at 9.1)

Leading Batsman: Josh Hall (553 runs average 138.25)

Committee Player of the Year: Callum Futter (344 runs at 49.14 and 11 wickets at 7.09)

Clubman of the Year: Nick Beale

KNIT AND NATTER

Our second meeting of the year was held at the Pavilion and there was plenty of knitting and nattering as usual.

Our article, published in last month's edition, was read by a lady who lives in Oxford, but happened to be visiting her elderly father, who lives in Eastgate Street. She realised that we were making an appeal for wool and other knitting equipment. She telephoned me and asked if we would accept some bits and bobs, which had been left when a close relative of hers had sadly passed away. That evening I was given several bags containing beautiful balls of baby wool, plus many useful things like needles, cottons, crochet hooks, elastic and buttons etc. Not knowing exactly where she lives, can I pass on a big thank you to our benefactor- the ladies will find lots of uses for everything, and our many charities will also be pleased to accept the results.

A big thank you to the Elmham News for spreading the word even as far as Oxford. Tomorrow the World!

Our next meeting will be held on the 5th October in the Pavilion at 2.00pm.

Eileen Cotterill 668380

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

We received this letter from Peter Wade-Martins last month but felt it should go to the Parish Council, before printing it. Please see the Parish Council's response to it within the minutes on page 5.

Dear Kevin,

Questions for Parish Council

Would you be kind enough to read out these questions at a Parish Council meeting, please?

- Are there to be more proposals for improved road safety submitted to Norfolk County Council under their annual Parish Partnerships scheme? The church bends are surely the next area which needs attention.
- When is the Parish Council due to start its review of the outcomes of the 2011 Community Plan?
- When will the Parish Council start discussions about building a new community hall?
- When are new drains to be installed at the east end of the green to alleviate the flooding we often experience here on The Safe Route to School? Planting a few trees won't solve the problem.
- Have blocked street drains I reported to a parish councillor some months ago been reported to County Highways?
- Is there to be, or is there not to be, a footpath across the green between Spencer's Close and Oak Avenue?
- Why can a picnic table not be installed in the clearing the Millennium Wood?

Michael Cummings, HCPC Registered, D.Pod.M., M.Ch.S.,

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- Why is the Council accumulating unspent money raised through Council Tax? The accounts appear to record an increasing financial surplus year on year.

I am sending a copy of these questions to the Editors of Elmham News who have kindly agreed to publish the Council's detailed responses.

Peter Wade-Martins

PLANT STALL OPPOSITE THE CHURCH

A huge thank you is owed to everyone who either donated plants, cuttings, seeds, cut flowers or jam to the plant stall or to the many who bought what was for sale. After almost five months (April-August) the staggering sum of £1,530 was raised. A further sum of £520 is to be added as the money raised from the sale of tea and cakes when the Elmham House gardens were opened to the public over the weekend 5/6 June. This brings the total to £2,050. This money is to be divided between the following causes:

- Youth Sports equipment
- T@2
- The Elmham Community Food Larder
- EACH – The East Anglia Children Hospice

BRITISH LEGION AGM

The Royal British Legion AGM took place in September with ten members present. We had to hold it in the Bowls Club lodge as there was a sing-a-long in the Kings Head. This was our first meeting since 2019.

After the Loyal Toast, the Chairman, Mr Bryan Tidnam said he was standing down as well as the President, Mr David Green,

saying it was time somebody took over as age was catching up with them.

The Secretary, Mr Nobby Clarke said he was standing down and leaving the Legion at the end of the month. After saying if no members come forward the Branch would have to close, others then decided to take over.

Mr Carl Bean will be our new President, Mr Derick Shoemsmith the new Chairman. The new Secretary will be Mr Mike Aston. Apart from the President all live in the village. The Treasurer Mr Nigel Parker said he will carry on for a bit longer.

With the new line up we hope to go on for another year.

The meeting closed at 2100 hrs.

RGC

OLD COMRADES

This will take place on the 22nd of October in the Memorial Hall. Tickets are on sale through Bryan Tidnam. (If numbers are low or Covid raises its head, this will be cancelled.)

After over 20 years doing the reports of Legion activities in the Elmham News, I would like to say I have enjoyed the banter and look forward to reading it each month on line.

Nobby Clarke

Ed's notes : Thank you, Nobby for keeping us up to date over the years.



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TENNIS CLUB



New Tennis Coach & Junior Groups Continue

North Elmham Tennis Club has a new tennis coach! Jonathan Lindner, an LTA Level 3 Accredited coach, has replaced Chris Sanders, who has moved to Ireland with his family. Over the past three years, Chris has been a major part of the growth of the Club, which now has close to 150 members.

Parents are welcome to sign up their children to any of the following Tuesday group sessions, at any time, via: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/NorthElmhamTC/Coaching>

- Ages 4–7: 3:45–4:30 pm
- Ages 8–9: 4:30–5:30 pm
- Ages 10+: 5:30–6:30 pm

Summer Team Tennis

The ladies and men’s doubles teams — captained by Paige Thompson and Andy Slough, respectively — were both

promoted this summer as division champions in the Norwich City League. The ladies got promoted to Division 3, having won 10 of their 12 matches, while the men were unbeaten in 10 matches in Division 5. The Castle Acre and North Norfolk mixed league teams also enjoyed successful seasons and the committee would like to thank Ros Condon, Judy Biggie and Jane Hodges for captaining those teams.

Norfolk Winter League matches will be played between October 2021 and March 2022, with the ‘A’ team in Division 1 and the ‘B’ team, a new team this year, in Division 6.

2021 AGM — Monday 11th October

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 11 October 2021 at 7:30pm. This year’s meeting will once again be

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Junior (ages 12-17): £15 — A player in secondary school education;

Student: £25 — A player who is in full-time college or university education;

Parent: £15 — For parents wishing to hit with their child, who is under 12.

*New members will need to pay an additional £6.50 (refundable) for a key fob to access the main gate and pavilion.

Many congratulations to Emma Raducanu on being the first British female to win a grand slam title for 44 years. (Remember Virginia Wade winning Wimbledon in 1977?, I do!) Emma achieved this fantastic win in straight sets. And all in the year she sat her A level exams. She gained A* and A grade passes. Amazing results in an amazing year for an amazing young lady. And all in the time of Covid! What a role model for all our young people.

Well done Emma.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

We have just seen some newspaper clippings from way back and thought you might enjoy reading them. One of them is still current today!

Elmham Hears About Its Future EDP July 1974

North Elmham should be designated a conservation area within the next few weeks, members of the parish council and conservation committee were told by Mr. T.N. Povey Breckland District Council's Assistant Planning Officer, at a special meeting at Elmham School on Monday night.

Mr Povey said that the draft conservation orders for Elmham and Mattishall – the first villages to be considered by Breckland for conservation – should be completed during October; and the following month both villages should be officially designated.

Explaining what conservation would mean to Elmham, Mr Povey said it did not imply preserving the past untouched, but rather adapting the past to meet the needs of the present, at the same time enhancing the character of the village.

Elmham had a simple character, with mainly red brick and pantiled housing, and was an area of great archaeological significance. He said that after designation he would like to see more buildings listed as being of historical interest – including the long flint wall round Elmham Park.

Among other things, conservation would mean that the public would be given 21 days' notice of a proposed planning application : there would be tree preservation orders: it would be virtually impossible to demolish buildings: and more power would be given to the village to negotiate with the Highway Authority.

It could also mean stricter control over the replacement of windows, and the building of porches and garages.

It will put a great onus on people to preserve the character of their houses, he said.

On the proposed building of nine houses, by Unigate Development Ltd, in Eastgate street – a plan opposed by the Parish

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Council but passed by Breckland- Mr Povey said the scheme was not as bad as it might have been but he agreed it was not up to the standards he would hope to encourage.

He volunteered to take up the Parish Council's case with Unigate, to see if the planned development could be modified to be more in line with the needs of a conservation area. Mr Povey agreed with Dr Peter Wade- Martins that a brick or flint wall would help the open frontage to blend in better with the character of the village.

Mr Povey said Elmham was listed as a Category two village – for controlled rather than mushroom groups. County Councillor Mr Anthony Don said he believed the village had grown enough, and any more large development would risk creating two separate communities – the newcomers and the old residents.

It was agreed that both The Pound and Elmham Park should be included in the conservation area.

A Letter From A Resident

I was saddened to read of the delays to the proposed footpath/bridlepath along the old railway line between North Elmham and Great Ryburgh.

British Rail appear to be disregarding the importance of the purchase of the complete line for the project. The route as it stands runs through some beautiful scenery and offers sound footings to walk on.

The landowners' objections that the centre section passes near a sensitive area are feeble, the wildlife have had to get used to the noise and disturbance of gravel excavations at Sennowe Park and the sound of gunfire during the shooting season. A few rambblers enjoying a walk will probably go unnoticed.

(This line must take the gold medal for fine talk and mistake after mistake about what should/ought to happen to this stretch of railway line. Nothing changes. JW)

Bang! But Bridge Not Blown Up EDP 1956

A total of 2lb of gelignite was packed into nine drill holes in an old humpback bridge at Billingford yesterday. But when the explosion came there was only an 18 inch deep hole in the road surface with a few pieces of tarmac dislodged. A more powerful charge is to be used today in order to blow the bridge up.

The bridge has not been used for about five years since a diversion was made across to a new bridge 50 yards away. Formerly it carried the coach road from Lynn to Norwich across the river Wensum. But it proved too narrow for modern traffic, and it was by-passed in 1951.

Since then, pieces of masonry have fallen into the river and it has become a danger to the local children who play in the water and fish from the bridge.

Captain Hugh James, of North Elmham is in charge of the operation. Now he has seen the result of the test charge. he is confident that he can demolish the bridge today. *(and he did! Captain James lived at 'The Shettles', JW).*

In the Elmham archives we have various photographs of many of the village children all playing in the water and older boys diving off the top of the bridge having taught themselves how to swim in the river and later were perfecting their diving skills.

Happy days from long ago.

Janet Woodhouse

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Members of Wives Club Plus All, for the beautiful flowers and sparkling elderflower presented to me at our meeting on 9th September. A lovely surprise and a very kind gesture which was appreciated so very much.

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OLD NAMES, NEW NAMES

Having lived here all my life and everyone using the same name for a place or field in the village, it is strange to think that once there were different names for places in the locality. It's like giving your house a name, then moving out, and the new owners giving the property a new name... soon the old one will be forgotten.

Glancing through Andrew Macnair's dissertation on Foulsham and North Elmham my eye was caught by the field name for the Playing Field.

Looking at a map for 1830 (diagram 1) what we know now as the Playing Field was called Savages Close and it stretched from the end of the Elmham Park wall on the Brisley road across to the roadside near the bungalows next to the Playing Field. There was a thatched house where the first bungalow is today. It was demolished in the 1950's, and that's where James Savage lived. There was a diagonal path across the field called Savage's Path. I am only guessing, not having researched James Savage, that he worked at the brickworks on the left hand

side of the road towards Brisley near the wood and he regularly crossed the field to get to the Brisley road.

When I was a child that field was always called the Green Field ,now we know it as the Playing Field.

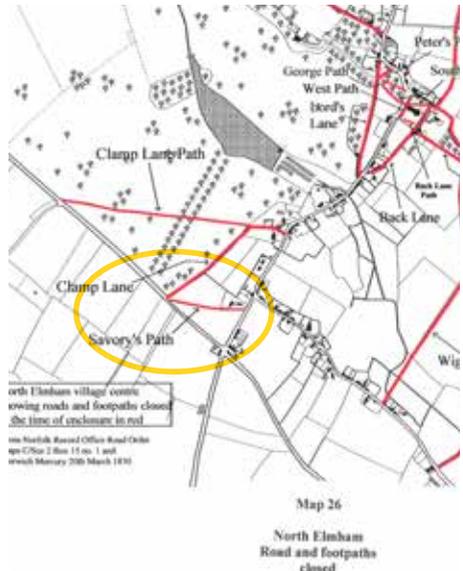
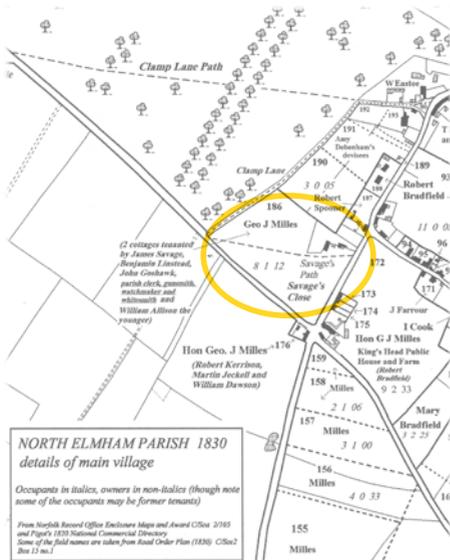
At the time of the Enclosure Acts many roads ,tracks ,footpaths and bridleways were closed and ceased to exist. There were interesting names like Holly Bush Road, Old Hall Lane, Dobb's Gap, Sallow Lane, Peter's Path. Obviously, many of these were named after people who regularly made use of these paths.

On another map I found the name Savory's Path (diagram 2), the same one previously called Savages Path, a corruption perhaps of James Savage. Who knows?

Local history is fascinating. I love it, do you?

With thanks to Andrew Macnair and his thesis - Diploma in Landscape Archaeology.

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WIVES PLUS ALL CLUB

On Thursday 2nd September, the Wives Plus All Club visited Elmham House here in North Elmham, the home of Tom and Jo Fitzalan Howard. Tom (photo 1) kindly gave us a tour of the outside areas and outbuildings of the Estate along with a very interesting history of the lost Elmham Hall and how the house we know today came into existence.

Published information is that in the reign of Richard II, Hugh de Spenser Bishop of Norwich built a fortified Manor House on the site of the old Cathedral, with a deer park in the rest of the present registered boundary. The Manor passed to the Cokes of Holkham who split the Manor up. In 1720 Richard Warner a prominent Norwich lawyer having acquired the Elmham Estate for £15,000 from the Cokes built a new house on a virgin site on an eminence overlooking the Town Beck. The house was approached by a newly built long straight drive from the north east. A small Deer Park may have been created when the house was first built in an area to the west of Elmham Park and is thought to have survived until at least 1794. Tom showed us the Lake almost certainly created by Richard Warner which was formed by damming Town Beck.



In 1765 the Estate passed to Warner's Grandson Richard Milles who remodelled and enlarged the Park, beyond the water, updated the Gardens and built the Walled Kitchen Garden which we walked round. Richard Milles also constructed the fine Ice House, which we went inside, (photo pg 31) to the south west of the kitchen garden which has a surviving 8 m deep pit inside, now restored. Protected feral bats have now taken residence in it. In 1820 the Estate was inherited by Milles' grandson George John Watson who changed his name to Milles and later inherited the title Fourth Baron Sondes. He commissioned William Donthorn in 1829 to remodel the Hall and made great changes to the park extending it to the East, also a new East Entrance Drive and Lodge and built the Eastern Park Wall. We visited the Venison Larder he built in 1840

at a time when there were many changes to the Estate to show off his status and wealth. With recent renovations this Larder has been made into a tiny Chapel and is visited by walkers and visitors to the village. Also in 1840 he built the Dovecote, still used today by feral doves, (photo inset pg 30). The Elmham Estate increased in size from 4,712 acres in 1850 to 4,939 in 1897. The Estate remained in the Sondes family until 1924, although there were attempts to sell it, the first being unsuccessful in 1898. The Hall was used by the army from 1914 to 1918. Having fallen into decline In 1919 the sale particulars described the Hall:

GROUND FLOOR a large entrance hall, smoking room, morning room. inner hall, dining room, library, drawing room and study.

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BASEMENT the butler's pantry, servant's hall and cellars.

The House was purchased in 1924 by a developer who demolished it and sold all the mature timber in the park. In 1926 the Estate was purchased by Mrs Emily Birbeck who built a new house besides the old outbuildings which had survived the demolition. She laid out a small garden to the south east of the new house Elmham House, on the site of the old Hall.

In 1987 the Estate passed to her grandson Robin Don who developed a vineyard on part of the park. The site of approx. 600 acres remains in his family's ownership today.

Elmham House garden and other land is registered under the Historic Buildings and Ancient Monument Act 1953 within the register of Historic Parks and Gardens by Historic England for its special historic interest and the original Elmham Hall and Estate are part of "Lost Heritage"- Memorial to England's Lost Country Homes.

After a very interesting tour we were refreshed by tea, coffee and cake in the outbuilding by Tom and his wife Jo. Thanks to you both for a lovely historical informative evening about an interesting House and Estate sitting within our village.





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Our 2nd meeting in September took place a week later on Thursday 9th September in the Memorial Hall, North Elmham where our fellow member Richard White kindly stepped in at the last moment and gave a talk on antiques. Before he retired Richard, with his late wife, ran an antique shop. Richard explained how the antique business had changed over the last years and how the value in old china such as painted plates had declined. Also, silver and silver plated items like candle sticks, spoons and other cutlery were rarely purchased these days for use, but for their silver value when melted down. Some items were brought along by members and Richard was able to give information about them, along with items, he had himself brought to the meeting. Thanks go to Richard for a very interesting subject and enlightening talk.

Next Meeting: We meet in the Memorial Hall, North Elmham at 7.30 pm on the 2nd Thursday in the month and our NEXT

MEETING will be on THURSDAY 14th OCTOBER at 7.30 pm when Mr. Charles Robinson will give an illustrated talk entitled, "The Mid Norfolk Railway, Past Present and Future".

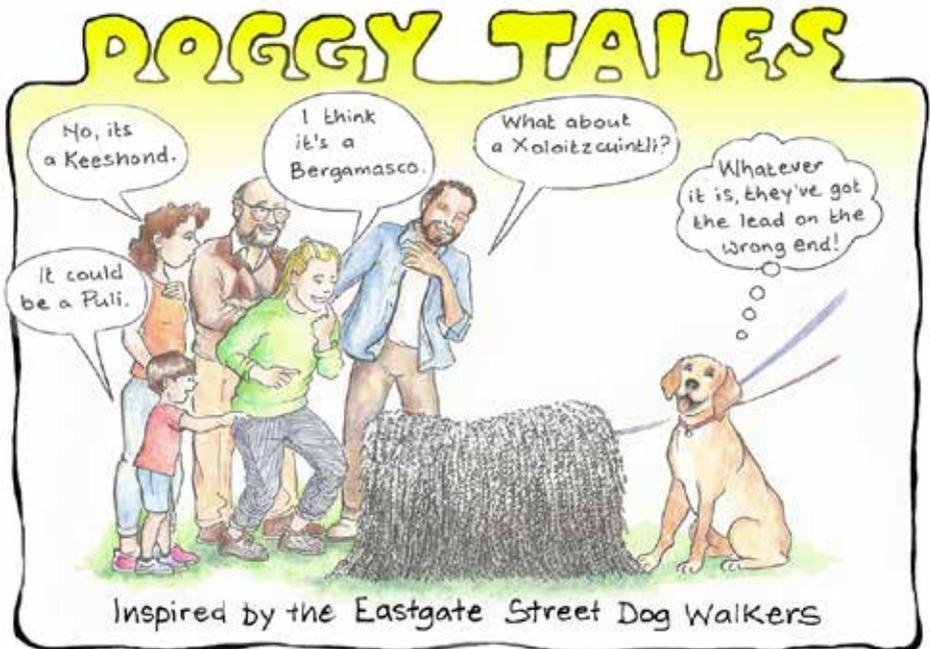
There will be refreshments available along with a raffle so please come along and join us. You will be made very welcome.

Ann Ferris.

DOGGY TALES

So Doggy Tales are 'Bow Wowowing' out - this is the final cartoon inspired by the many dog walkers who have and continue to pass my windows everyday.

I would like to thank Pauline Adams for all her hard work over the last year. Pauline has done all the hard work - I just come up with the silly ideas. Pauline you are a star and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with such a professional thank you - *Terry*



NORTH ELMHAM WILDLIFE



It's been over three years since I started doing the wildlife survey of the Cathedral Meadows and in that time I've identified over 1,800 species there including 119 birds, over 1,200 insects and over 250 plants. There's still much more to be discovered and I intend to keep visiting and adding to the list, but I'd also like to start paying a bit more attention to some of the other sites around the village. I've been surveying the churchyards this summer and spending a bit more time along the railway line, and there's plenty more besides, not least in my own little garden where I've had some very interesting discoveries over the years. So it's time for a change, and instead of focusing this column more-or-less exclusively on the Cathedral Meadows, I'm going to tell you about the wildlife I encounter anywhere in the parish.

This month the moths in my garden are a good place to start, as there have been some really good ones over the last few weeks. Until recently, Dewick's Plusia only appeared in the UK as a rare migrant visitor but in the last few years they have started breeding here and are turning up in moth traps increasingly often. I was excited to find my first, a fine individual (photo 1), sitting on the top of my moth trap when I went out to have a look one night. You can't tell from my photo but the white spot in the middle of the wing is reflective and glistened in the light of my headtorch.

As good as that was, it was trumped the following night by another exciting moth that has a similar story. Huge, distinctive and extremely rare, the Clifden Nonpareil had long been considered a dream moth, an almost mythical beast that moth-trappers like me joked about finding knowing that the odds of actually doing so were ridiculously small. But in the last few years they have turned up in a few southern counties with such regularity that they must have started to colonise

and, in 2019, a handful of records here in Norfolk suggested that they might be doing so here too. More records followed last year adding more weight to that theory. But a few days into their flight period this year I hadn't heard of any records around the county, so was this just a temporary colonisation? Would they revert to be a mega-rare migrant? Had I missed the opportunity to see one of these glorious creatures? Or was it just that they, like many other species this year, were a bit late getting started? Well I got my answer the morning after the Dewick's Plusia when I went down to the moth trap at first light like I do every day and there in the trap looking up at me was a huge moth, its patterned grey forewings held slightly apart so that I could clearly see the diagnostic blue and black hindwings (photo 2, showing the tips of my fingers to give a sense of scale). From underneath it looked even more remarkable with bold black and white stripes and just a hint of the blue colour showing through (photo 3). A dream come true! And yes, mine was among the first this year but over the next couple of weeks quite a few have been reported around the county – this fantastic moth is now a species that seems to be becoming established in Norfolk.

Moths like the Clifden Nonpareil, the commoner Red Underwing (similar but with the blue replaced by red) and another new colonist which I haven't seen yet, the Dark Crimson Underwing, are sometimes more readily attracted to sugar and/or rotting fruit than they are to light, so I've been leaving a plate of rotting fruit covered in a solution of sugar and treacle in the garden. This may have been what tempted the Clifden Nonpareil to the garden although it ended up in the moth trap. I've had no luck with the other moths but in the daytime the mixture has been very popular with Red Admiral butterflies (photo 4) – I counted 28 on or around the plate one day. The fallen apples in the orchard at the County



School Station are also attracting good numbers of Red Admirals.

There's another new moth in the county that is a recent colonist but which isn't so popular, though it is attractive. Britain's first Box-tree Moth was found in Kent in 2007 but had been expected here, having already become established in many European countries after being accidentally imported from Asia with Box trees. The vast majority of moths in this country are benign, but this non-native species is considered a pest as it's extremely successful where there are Box trees and its caterpillars quickly munch their way through the leaves, sometimes stripping them bare. It arrived in Norfolk in 2013, and it was probably no coincidence that the first two records were close to a garden centre in Costessey. Within the next couple of years it quickly became a nuisance to Box tree growers in Norwich but it wasn't until the last year or so that the species started to become widespread

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in Norfolk. I caught my first two here in the second half of August (photo 5).

Another insect that has been introduced from Asia along with its host plant is the Rhododendron Leafhopper. As I walked along Heath Lane I checked the Rhododendrons growing along the edge of the wood and quite easily found well over a hundred of these little leafhoppers (actually, at nearly a centimetre long they're quite big for leafhoppers). With their red stripes on a green background they're quite attractive insects (photo 6).

There are several species of Tortoise Beetle in the UK but until this month I'd never found one. They are unusual among beetles in being quite flattened and round in shape with their heads completely hidden from above. My first was along the railway line, a bright apple-green species called *Cassida viridis* (photo 7).

Many of our native insects are declining rapidly but I've already mentioned a few new arrivals that are increasing. Another of those is the Willow Emerald Damselfly. Closely related to the Scarce Emerald Damselfly I mentioned last month, the Willow Emerald Damselfly has been present in the UK for just the last 12 years. My first local sighting was one hanging on our Wisteria. It was a little too high up to see the diagnostic spur marking on the side of the body so I caught it in a net for a closer look – which had the added bonus of allowing me to photograph it close up (photo 8).

Several people have been in touch with me over the last month to let me know about their sightings around the village including two different people who reported seeing a Peregrine at the north end of the village and a lady in Station Road who kindly showed me one of two Elephant Hawk-moth caterpillars on her fuchsias (photo 9). Do get in touch if you have anything interesting to share (email appleton.dave@googlemail.com or phone 668431). I will try to keep the Cathedral Meadows Twitter



account running at [@ElmhamMeadows](https://twitter.com/ElmhamMeadows) and you can see our latest tweets on the Parish Council website at www.elmham.org.uk/cathedral-meadows/.

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THIS TIME LAST YEAR



October

Norman Lowe wrote about the village in his lifetime and how it has changed. Many cottages and houses were demolished during his life, would they have been demolished now one wonders? He reminded us that the Parish had allotments down the Church Lane where the school had a plot during the War. The Millennium Wood was planted on this ground.

In front of the George and Dragon there was a metal dump during the war for scrap iron to help the war effort.

Norman wrote about the school and its' toilets! I have to say, on a hot summer's day, the bucket toilets across the playground were not the best place to use unless you were desperate! For anyone interested in the history of the village, this was an interesting article to read.

June and John Ford wrote about the 'Lost Gardens of Heligan' in Cornwall – hope it inspires some of us to visit. We know it is truly beautiful.

We had an article written by Diana Dann (nee Kerrison) about her adopted hens. These were ex battery hens with very few feathers, poor things as they had been confined, just expected to lay eggs – their life expectancy was only for 72 weeks. She had to go to Bishop Stortford to collect these four hens. Just like a dog Di said, the hens quickly learned three words, breakfast, corn and bed! They are now enjoying their new lives and are still laying well.

Beverley Marshall took part in the London Marathon this year, her second time participating in this race. This year however it was completely different, not being run in London due to Covid. Beverley had to make her own route around Elmham and she managed to improve her time on her last marathon! Well done Bev.

We had a very informative article from the Surgery. We understand that change in routines is frustrating and are not always convenient, but the article helped to relieve some of this frustration. We have to say the Pharmacy window appears to be working well and has definitely cut down on waiting time.

Peter Wade Martins wrote about the Eastgate Street parking scheme which seems to be working well. We know now that vehicles are being parked appropriately. We imagine the bus companies have heaved a sigh of relief.

We had the first cartoon in the News from Terry Hylton and Pauline Adams. It made us chuckle and a crossword, not sure if it was the first one or not (they are tricky to put together).

Finally, we completed the story of the Wensum Hero, a delightful tale of a boat sailing from County School to Norwich.

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VERSE AND WROSE

This verse was written by Rosa Riley, a resident of Cathedral Drive for many years, now sadly departed this world. She loved penning little verses, this is what she wrote.

"Some years ago I joined a 'Creative Writing' class at the Institute. Our tutor was a charming young man called Tim, the same name as my son, though this Tim could have been my grandson! As well as prose, the course covered poetry, including blank verse – hence the following'.

Verse and Wrose

It doesn't have to rhyme you know
Tim told us with a smile,
But I would rather it were so
For that is more my style.
I find it very hard indeed
To try and write blank verse,
My mind then follows it with speed
Which makes it ten times worse.
I've tried it, oh so many times
But never had success
I'd rather write these silly rhymes
I really must confess.
And so dear Tom, I beg of you
Please let me one more time
Just have a go
Because you know
It simply HAS to rhyme!

SCHOOL NEWS

A Message From Our Interim Headteacher - Mrs Carolyn Taylor

It has been a very hectic start to the new school year, as I settle in, get to know the staff, pupils and parents and learn the routines of the two schools. The staff are really fantastic and have worked hard to ensure a good start for all pupils. The pupils have settled in quickly and have made a good start on their learning journeys.

We have received the report from the Ofsted visit last July. It recognises the hard work that staff have done in order to make improvements. The inspector said, ' I am

of the opinion that at this time: Leaders and those responsible for governance are taking effective action in order for the school to become a good school.'

The curriculum has been reviewed and is strong. There has been particular focus on reading and the inspector wrote, 'pupils build confidence quickly and are developing a love for reading.' We are expecting a full inspection later this year.

I am really enjoying working at North Elmham and look forward to meeting more parents and members of the wider community. Carolyn Taylor, Interim Executive Headteacher

Class News

Sheep class has welcomed its new recruits this term - the new reception children! The new children have settled in so well and are already becoming more confident and independent in their new surroundings, enjoying all our classroom and outdoor area have to offer. We have been getting

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to know each other, playing games, writing about ourselves and getting messy outside! We have also been learning counting songs, reading many lovely storybooks, painting, and learning new sounds in phonics. We can't wait to see how the children progress over this term.

Whales Class have immersed themselves into their learning since returning to school. We have been writing some excellent sentences using our new story 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'. Whales have been finding out about Ancient Egypt and already can locate it on a world map and have explored some artefacts. In Science, we learnt about the different food groups and will continue to learn about our body, including bones and muscles! We have begun to play the ukulele again, we are able to play 5 songs including 'Row, row, row your boat' and we are excited to learn even more songs. We are also looking forward to starting swimming lessons this term too!

Lions class has settled in well and slipped seamlessly back into the routines and learning. So far, we have re-visited place value in maths, created super sentences in English and pushed ourselves to the limit in PE where we have begun getting fitter to play sport. Furthermore, we have begun looking at the history of the Slave Trade and its impact on the British Empire and beyond. On Wednesday 15th September 2021, the Year Six children start their swimming lessons at Dereham Leisure Centre.

We are receiving applications for new Reception intake. If you are interested or would like to arrange a school tour please contact the school office Tel: 01362 668318 or email: office@northelmham.norfolk.sch.uk

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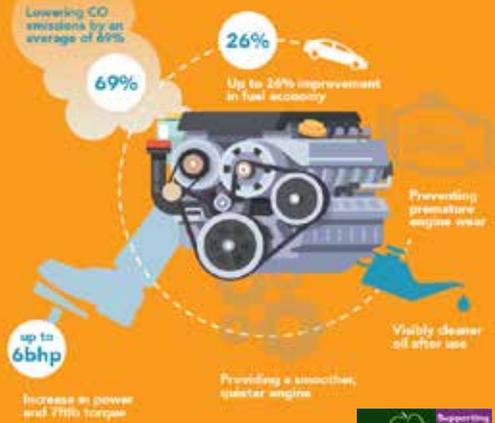
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The New Testament especially the Gospels gives numerous examples of kindness. For example, Jesus' parables of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. In one the recipient of the kind act is a close relative, the other a complete stranger. Then there is the story of the group of friends who bring a paralysed man on a stretcher to be healed by Jesus.

It has been so heartening during the pandemic to see acts of kindness both large and small being carried out. The way that communities have come together to help out those less fortunate than themselves has also been a step change in many people's attitudes.

As Aesop in one of his fables said "No act of kindness, however small, is wasted. In the fable of the Lion and the Mouse he shows us that it's hard to always be kind. Sometimes you just don't feel like it but it's better to do so because some day

we may need someone to show us some kindness one day.

I leave you with the words of a Glen Campbell song from 1970.

You've got to try a little kindness
Yes, show a little kindness
Just shine your light for everyone to see
And if you try a little kindness
Then you'll overlook the blindness
Of narrow-minded people on the
narrow-minded streets.

*Norman Johnson
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MORE2LIFE

Football has been making the news in one way or another, even in the Elmham News last month when Norwich's Todd Cantwell was found playing tennis there. This time though, it made headlines for the Hungary vs. England game where England's black (or people of colour) players were the target of racism by Hungarian fans.

We know racism isn't limited to football though, and can be found in all walks of life, including, to our shame, the Church. But should followers of the Lord Jesus Christ partake in racism?

Racism involves making judgments on the basis of someone's 'race' to view them as inferior or superior.

Whilst racism has run rife in the Church in the past, and may still do in some, racism has no place in a community of authentic Christians. When God created humankind in the beginning we are told that He created us in His image, Gen. 1:27 'So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.'

Whatever the colour of our skin, Scripture is quite clear that we are all made in God's image. The Apostle Paul says in Romans

10:12 that 'there is no distinction between Jew and Gentile; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.' Someone's value is not determined by the colour of their skin. Nor is it on the basis of race or nationality, or gender. We have a value regardless of those, because we are made in the image of God.

Deuteronomy 10:17-18 says: 'For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.' This is where the disciple of Christ should be.

If you would like to know more about Jesus, we are running Life Explored and Christianity Explored courses in the near future. To find out more, get in touch.

*Anne-Marie Fewell
Pastor and NCC Domestic
Abuse Champion*

WORTHING NEWS

This year, the annual event organised by The Norfolk Churches Trust, sponsored Bike, Stride, Car event thankfully went ahead on Saturday the 11th September. Of course we are still mindful of the presence with Covid-19 but everyone ensured personal safety and social distancing guidance remained in place.

From the visitors we welcomed to St Margaret's Church, everyone did well to not only enjoy their cycle or car journey but also took time to tour our wonderful building. Fortunately no rain that day and people arrived home safely.

For those that took part and visited Worthing and from other parishes, we are all grateful for your continued support. Should anyone still wish to donate to The Norfolk Churches Trust, for more

information, please visit their website: <https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/support-our-work/donate-now/>

Thank you to everyone, it was lovely meeting you all and hopefully, we shall welcome you again next year if not before.

October Services

10th Holy Communion at 10.30am led by our Team Rector, The Rev'd Sally Kimmis.

And as we approach autumn and having ended our trial afternoon gatherings, we return to normal morning time on 24th at 10.30am led by our Lay Licensed Reader Norman Johnson. We hope you can join us.

Christmas Is Approaching

With your help, we continue to develop Worthing & Heart of Norfolk Churches involvement with Samaritan's Purse and all that they do around the world. As in previous years, we aim to support as many children as possible that are in desperate need by sending out your Christmas Boxes. These gestures bring sheer joy to children who feel they are remembered and loved. Deadline for getting these boxes to Celia for despatch ideally is 7th November. A leaflet with details may also be obtained direct from St Margaret's Church.

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Free Admission although donations would be welcome. Hope to see you all on the 27th.

Church Services in October (Heart of Norfolk Group)

3rd October

9.30 am	Wood Norton	Harvest Festival Service
10.30 am	Bawdeswell	Holy Communion
10.30 am	N Elmham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Stibbard	Holy Communion
5.00 pm	Foxley	Evening Prayer (informal) – bell-ringing from 4.00 pm

10th October

10.30 am	Bawdeswell	Harvest Festival Service
10.30 am	Foulsham	Harvest Festival Service + lunch in church
10.30 am	Stibbard	Morning Praise
10.30 am	Worthing	Holy Communion
3.00 pm	Themelthorpe	Harvest Festival Service

17th October

10.30 am	Bawdeswell	All-Age Communion
10.30 am	N Elmham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
3.30 pm	Foxley	Harvest Festival Service
4.00 pm	Foulsham	Sung Evensong

24th October

10.30 am	Bawdeswell	Word & Praise
10.30 am	N Elmham	Morning Praise
10.30 am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Guist	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Worthing	Morning Praise

31st October

11.00 am	Wood Norton	Group Holy Communion for All Saints' Day. Bring & Share lunch in the Village Hall.
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Saturday 30th October, 4.00pm. A Service of Light and Remembrance at Bawdeswell All Saints Church to commemorate the lives of those whose funerals we have conducted during the last three years. We will be writing to next-of-kin, but if you would like to have a loved-one remembered at this service, do please be in touch. Revd Sally Kimmis: 01362 668850; heartofnorfolkchurches@gmail.com

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Broom Green, Pound, Millennium Wood	✓						●		
Cathedral Meadows			✓			●			
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Recreation & Sporting Facilities

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Village Green				●					✓
Footpath Warden	✓	●							

Services & Other

Highways				●	✓				
Planning						●		●	✓
Street Lighting			✓				●		●
Environment & Maintenance								✓	
Railway Liaison							●		✓
Website	✓							●	

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