

Felsham & Gedding

Village News

Happy New Year!

Editing the Village News between Christmas and the New Year has become a bit of a habit for me over the years, but I find it useful to have this to focus on at a point in time when the preparations that have kept me busy for weeks are suddenly over; the visitors have come and gone and there is this strange time of quiet contemplation, continued overeating and trying to work out what we've missed on the television (whilst promising ourselves that next year we really will have updated our very old, prehistoric TV).

January is traditionally a month for hunkering down and letting the winter get on with it, but we do have two notable events to look forward to and help pass the time; the Twelfth Night Celebrations on 6th January is a free event (but you will need to book in advance to ensure there is enough to eat). Come along and get to know other villagers, some of whom are brave enough to "put on a bit of a show" whilst the rest of us eat, drink and become merry!

At the end of January, this year's Pantomime will be showing at the Village Hall. This is a popular, annual event and tickets go quickly so I must make sure I get mine from the Village Shop the next time I call in!

Here's hoping everyone has a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and I look forward to seeing you all out and about whenever the weather is good enough!

Jo

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Dates For Your Diary

6th January – Twelfth Night, Village Hall. Doors open 7pm

26th and 27th January – Village Pantomime, Village Hall

6th February – Playingfield AGM, Village Hall 7.30pm

WHAT'S ON IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Yoga: Classes every Monday evening 6.00pm

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Film Night: Shows 3rd Saturday of each month. Doors 7.00pm for 7.30pm

COMPLAINTS

SUGGESTIONS

COMPLIMENTS

The Village News team would welcome your feedback
Do you have any comments about what we do, what's going well, anything you'd like us to change.

Please feel free to contact us:

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To reduce the risk of being a victim of this type of crime please consider the below...

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 - Be particularly aware when un-loading tools/materials from your van.
 - Remove tools from the van if possible.
 - Remove copper piping from storage tube on the van.
 - Register tools for free at www.immobilise.com, especially serial numbers.
 - Mark all tools (with a forensic marker) such as Smartwater or Selecta DNA (alternatively mark tools with a permanent marker with your postcode/initials).
 - To increase the security of tools, you can bolt either a cage or box to the base of the van which should be secured with a sturdy close shackle padlock.
 - Setting an alarm or immobiliser will make it more difficult for the offender.
 - Consider upgrading locks/fitting additional protection.
 - Information on Police approved products can be found at www.immobilise.com
 - Always check your van/tools before heading off to work/site.
 - Be suspicious of cheap tools at car boot sales.
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Davina has asked a couple of friends to post the following in the Village News:

I would like to thank everyone who has helped and visited me since I came out of hospital; your support and kindness to me during my recent illness are all very much appreciated.

Davina



FELSHAM AND GEDDING CHRISTMAS MARKET

Many thanks to everyone who helped on December 3rd, those who took turns on the Gate, Raffle, and Kitchen Rotas, gave cakes and produce, who ran the Stalls for the Event, who decorated the Christmas Trees in Church and bought Raffle tickets, organised Messy Church and made the Christingles.

And a huge thank you to Beverly and David Williams, Mark Crawford, Dave Simpson and Tricia Wilson who with myself planned the whole thing. Special thanks to Tricia who also cooked the hot food and prepared the Mulled Wine which was delicious. And to Father Christmas who dropped by to see the Children.

We had some wonderful Craft and Food stalls, and it was good to see some old friends as well as some new ones. A busy but very good day.

We made £1766.66 which will be shared between the 2 churches and the Village Hall.

Make a note of next year's Date, Sunday December 2nd 2018.

Beryl Meed



The following is a letter sent to the Felsham Parish Clerk from the headteacher of Thurston Community College with the request that it is published in our Village News:

Dear Clerk,

I expect that you will be aware that Suffolk County Council have recently launched a consultation on home-to-school travel. They are proposing to change the current policy in September 2019, so that children only get free transport to their nearest school, rather than to their catchment school, which is the current policy. If this new policy were to be introduced, 3,700 children across Suffolk would no longer qualify for free home-to-school travel. Parents would be faced with the choice of organising their own transport or moving their child to a different school, mid-way through their education.

As a parish within the Thurston Community College catchment area, the children in your villages would be affected by this policy change. 54% of our students live closer to a school other than Thurston Community College. That is 812 children. I am extremely concerned about these children. I know, from having asked their parents, that many of the parents would be unable to arrange transport for their child, so their child would be forced to move school. As an experienced headteacher, I know beyond doubt that this move would have a detrimental impact on their child's education. For those who would continue to send their child to Thurston Community College, nearly all of them have said that they would take them to school by car. So, this option will impact on our road infrastructure and the environment.

Either way, the outlook is not good, should this policy change be implemented.

I have written a brief news article which I attach to this email. I would be most grateful if you would arrange for it to be published on your website and in your next parish magazine. My article urges your parishioners to respond to the consultation by strongly supporting Option 3.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support.

Kindest regards,

Helen

Helen Wilson
Principal
Thurston Community College
Tel: 01359 230885

The article follows on page 12.

NEWS FROM THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Proposed cuts to free school bus provision by Suffolk County Council could split communities in Rattlesden, Felsham and Gedding. Suffolk County Council is proposing to stop providing free bus transport to Thurston Community College to residents that live nearer to another school, even though Thurston will remain the catchment school for all the children in these villages. This means that some children who attend Rattlesden Primary Academy will get free transport to Stowmarket High School while friends who live a few yards away will continue to get transport to Thurston Community College. We think this will be unfair and divisive.

We hope all residents will respond to the Suffolk County Council consultation to oppose the proposed changes. Even if you do not have school-age children, this will affect your community.

Suffolk County Council is consulting on three options:

1. Change to “nearest school only” wholesale in September 2019 (all students in all year groups would no longer qualify for free transport to Thurston Community College if they live closer to a different secondary school).
2. Change to “nearest school only” incrementally, from September 2019 (same as above, but existing students would continue to receive free transport while new students, including siblings, do not).
3. Make no changes to the school travel policy, but make savings from other Suffolk County Council budgets.

Thurston Community College will continue to oppose options 1 and 2 which we have shown will not make savings but will result in additional costs elsewhere. **Option 3 is the only way to maintain our strong relationships with village primaries and to ensure that all children in Rattlesden, Felsham and Gedding continue to have the choice to attend Thurston Community College and its Sixth Form.**

We urge all local people to make their views known to Suffolk County Council by responding to the consultation by 28 February 2018. The questionnaire can be completed online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5to16HtoS>

Full information about the consultation is available here:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel

If you want to know more about our campaign against the proposed changes, please visit the College website: <http://www.thurstoncollege.org/Information/Home-to-School-Transport/>

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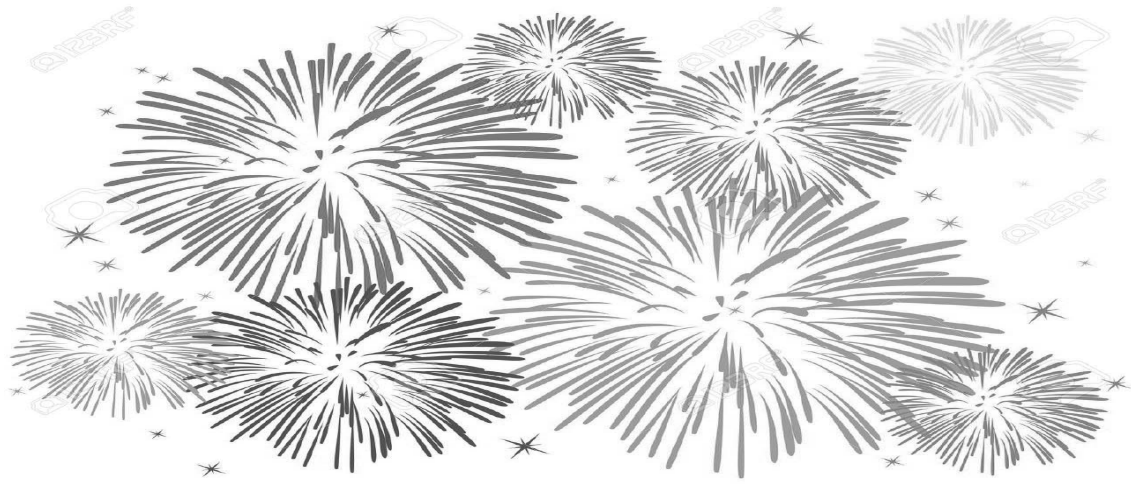
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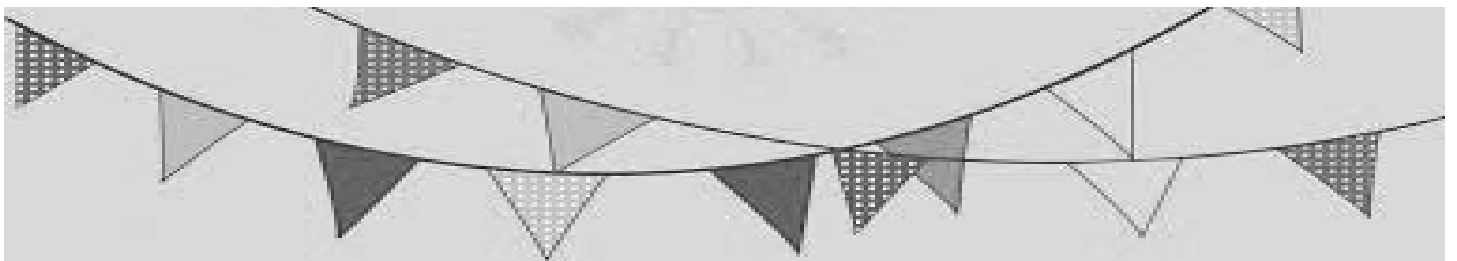
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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 6th February 2018

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During her welcome Linda introduced Carol Bailey as this year's question master known for her Firm, Fair and Friendly approach to this task. Carol explained that this year's event would consist of 8 rounds of 10 questions including such topics as RHS affairs, as well as well-known gardening personalities together, of course, with plants and gardening tasks. Interestingly a 9th round would consist of several packets of seeds which were circulated throughout the event to be identified by the competitors. At the end of each round club member, Glynis Wash, kept a running total on a blackboard to help with the competitive rivalry throughout the event.

At the end of the evening, scores were totalled and averaged and again the home club were declared the winners. The final result was a close call with Thorpe scoring 74.22 and Lavenham 73.30. The Lavenham chairman, Brian Lapthorne, presented the rose bowl to a very happy Thorpe chairman, Linda Shotbolt. The Lavenham club president, Hugh Howlett, congratulated the winners and said that he looked forward to entertaining Thorpe at Lavenham next year when he would be pushing for a win from his club.

Holding with tradition the visiting club provided wine and the home club food at the end of the evening which together with friendly chat and the renewal of some old friendships including the friendly rivalry all present enjoyed the event.

The picture shows the winning chairman, Linda, with some of her local and successful team.

Sid Broughton.



LEARN HOW TO MAKE REAL BEER

Brewing - An Art, a Science or a little of each?

There are 2 ways I brew my own beer and this month I will describe the “Easy Way” where success is pretty much guaranteed, providing the following three rules are followed:

1. Sterilise
2. Sterilise
3. Sterilise

Almost every homebrew disaster can be attributed to poor sterilisation so put all the small bits of equipment you will use in the fermentation bin/bucket and sterilise the lot using a steriliser specially designed for this purpose.

THE EASY WAY TO MAKE BEER (Making beer from a kit)

A standard 5-gallon kit includes a large tin of malt extract infused with hops and some yeast, and costs around £10-£15. You will need to add your own sugar. A deluxe 5 gallon kit includes 2 large tins of malt extract infused with hops and some yeast, and costs around £20-£25. The difference between the two is seen in the body of the beer – the less malt and more refined sugar you add, the thinner the beer.

(Note: beer kits can come in a variety of sizes – check before you buy/make)

I have had good results from both types of kit and at the end of the day it depends on the flavour of beer you like. With the more expensive kits you can get well known beer names such as Woodfords and St Peters. ‘You pay your money and you take your pick’.

All the kits I have used have very straightforward instructions that you can follow.

Below is how I make beer from a kit and it works for me.

Method

1. Buy your kit! (and sugar if required)
2. Put the can(s) of infused malt in the oven set at 80°C for 1hr.
3. **STERILISE**. Sterilise and rinse all the equipment you are going to use to get the ‘wort’ (in this case this is the infused malt and yeast) fermenting.
 - a. Fermenter.
 - b. Can opener
 - c. Measuring jug
 - d. Long handled spoon
4. Put 1.5l of boiling water into the fermenter.
5. Pour the contents of the can(s) into the fermenter (add the sugar to fermenter)
6. Fill both cans up with boiling water and allow to stand for 5mins to loosen any malt.

7. Add malty water to the fermenter.
8. Swirl or stir the fermenter to dissolve the malt (and sugar)
9. Top up to the required volume with cold water put the lid/airlock on and allow to cool.
10. When cool (not cold) to touch add the yeast (and powdered hops if included) and stir.
11. Stand on a tray in a warm place. (My beer ferments behind the sofa in the lounge! To ensure even fermentation I put a heated belt around the fermenter.)
12. Fermentation will take from 3-7days depending on the temperature. The airlock will have stopped bubbling when fermentation ceases. To fit in with 'other things' I sometimes leave the beer for 10-14 days with no apparent ill effects.
13. **STERILISE** Sterilise and rinse the pressure barrel including the lid, a mug and funnel.
14. Put the steriliser on the work top with the tap overhanging the edge. Place the pressure barrel with the funnel directly under and close to the fermenter tap. Run the beer into the pressure barrel.
15. Put 80g sugar in the mug and fill with boiling water pour into the pressure barrel with the beer, loosely fit top and leave in a warm place for a couple of days.
16. Tighten top down and move to a cool place.
17. The beer may have cleared and be ready to drink in two weeks.

I have been making beer from kits on and off for 30 years and (so far) have had no disasters though I did have one brew that I thought was indifferent. Does this count as a positive testimonial?

Next month I will share with you my most recent approach to making beer which is producing some very tasty results.

Mark Tavernor



Bring a smile to your lips this January....

A man wakes up this morning to find a bear on his roof.

So he looks in the yellow pages and sure enough, there's an ad for "Bear Removers". He calls the number and the bear remover says he'll be over in 30 minutes. The bear remover arrives, and gets out of his van. He's got a ladder, a baseball bat, a shotgun and a mean old pit bull dog. "What are you going to do?" asks the homeowner. "I'm going to put this ladder up against the roof, then I'm going to go up there and knock the bear off the roof with this baseball bat. When the bear falls off, the pit bull is trained to grab his testicles and not let go. The bear will then be subdued enough for me to put him in the cage in the back of the van." He hands the shotgun to the homeowner. "What's the shotgun for?" asks the homeowner. **"If the bear knocks me off the roof, shoot the dog!"**



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FELSHAM AND GEDDING W.I. MEETING DECEMBER 2017

It was the bleakest of evenings with thick ice and snow that would have daunted even Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer from setting out but the F&G W.I. are never put off and there they were ready for an evening of festivities.

A huge pile of beautifully wrapped presents, donated by members for patients in W.S.H. over Christmas, arranged on a table next to plates of mince pies and sausage rolls with a bottle or two of something alcoholic all added to the festive spirit.

After the main business had been completed Horry and Sue Parsons stepped forward to give a talk entitled ***Nothing like a Dame.***

In the shortest of time they had set up a make believe stage and launched into their double act aided by a miscellany of props. At one stage Horry changed into a pantomime dame's outfit and we were treated to conjuring tricks, slapstick, the history of panto, outrageous performances and all in the space of one hour. It was a remarkable achievement.

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January Recipe Suggestion

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Ingredients

250ml Orange Juice

500ml Lemonade

2l Cider

500ml water

10 Cloves

1tsp ground Cinnamon

1tsp ground Ginger

.5tsp ground Nutmeg

125gms Muscovado sugar

250ml Vodka

250ml Dark Rum



Method

1. Put the Orange Juice, Lemonade, Cider, water, Spices and Muscovado sugar into a large saucepan.
2. Stir to dissolve the sugar, bring to the boil stirring occasionally then allow to cool. This will help the flavour to infuse.
3. Add the Vodka and Rum, reheat to the desired temperature and serve.

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Apple Tree Cottage

Mark turned 65 this year so throughout 2017 we've been concentrating on rationalising our livestock numbers to give us a bit more time for doing "other things" (like pretending we're retired and going away in our caravan).

We are now down to a single breed of sheep (the Rare Breed called the "Leicester Longwool") and most of the ladies have spent the past couple of months in the company of Sunny, our Longwool ram. Two who are actually Sunny's daughters from 2015 are being entertained by our young ram "Brian" at Lower Green.



We're hoping they are as prolific as last year; assuming Sunny got his act together we are expecting lambs to arrive from 6th April onwards.



I think most people who walk the footpaths around the allotments will be aware of our goats. Here is a picture of this year's goatlings, Bertie, William and Tigger on Christmas Day.

They are incredibly noisy whenever they think food is a possibility! Don't worry, they are off to a "new home" (also known as the freezer) sometime in January and then we can enjoy some peace for a little while.

Bianca and Charlotte (our two female goats) are hopefully both now pregnant and due to kid around the same time as the sheep are due to lamb.



The heifers and the pigs are safely in the several freezers we have and are being shared with our customers in and around Felsham, Gedding and surrounding villages. (See our advert for more details).



That just leaves our hens who are determined to continue laying even through the shortest days and despite moulting at the same time. You may rest assured the hen on the left now looks like the hen on the right!


So Christmas has been pretty quiet (apart from the goatlings) and we would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year.





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How to build an igloo



You will need:

- A cold day and lots of snow!

- Plastic buckets

- Spade



- Warm clothing

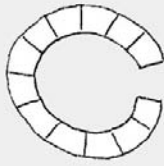
- Waterproof gloves (to keep your hands dry and warm)



- 1 Pack snow tightly into buckets to make building blocks.



- 2 Start by building a circular foundation with a gap for the door.

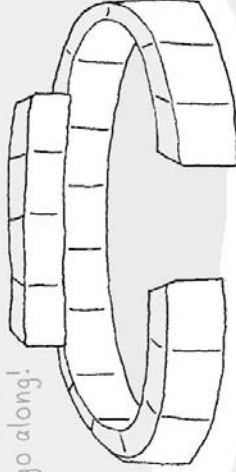


- 3 Dig out any snow from the floor of the igloo.



- 4 Add layers of blocks on top of the foundation. Lean them slightly inwards until all the sides meet to make the roof.

Test to make sure each layer is stable as you go along!



- 5 Use loose snow to fill in gaps between the blocks.





VILLAGE FRIENDS

The next meeting will be at Moat House on
January 18th 2-4pm.

Village Friends is an over 60's friendship group of men & women. Elderly residents of Felsham, Cockfield, Gedding, Bradfield St. Clare, Bradfield St. George, Brettenham, Thorpe Morieux and Little Wheltenham meet at 2pm approximately once a month and enjoy tea together.

There is no charge for those attending.

All welcome, just come along.

The meetings are held at:

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Sue Jell 01284 828892 or

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Thursday 25th January - Brown bin

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No 377 Depart Gedding Bus Stop at 07.17

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No 386 Depart Gedding Bus Stop at 10.17 & 12.47

No 386 Return from Bury Bus Station at 11.10 and 14.10

Buses to and from Bury St Edmunds - Wednesdays only

No 379 Depart Felsham Six Bells at 10.34

No 379 Depart Gedding Bus Stop at 10.36

No 379 Return from Bury Bus Station at 13.00

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