

Felsham & Gedding
VILLAGE NEWS
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From the Editor

Welcome to the December edition of your Felsham & Gedding Village News.

Christmas will be a quiet time in the Wilson house this year as they're all with their in-laws. But, I've just had one granddaughter staying for a week and one visiting for a couple of days and now I'm full of cold, but it was worth it, we had such a very busy, happy time.

The tortoise is at long last in bed, it's been so mild so far this autumn,

As usual there's plenty going on in the villages, what with the Christmas party and the Film Show. There is also the Band Night at the beginning of January, which if past experience is anything to go by, will be a great night

Right now there's The Big Christmas Quiz available from the shop which is in aid of the Crisis centre it costs £2 and I understand that it's a humdinger (I haven't started mine yet) and the shop itself will be hosting its own Christmas Jumper Day on December 13th so do come in and visit in your Xmas Jumpers and donate £2 to Save the Children.

Wishing you all, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *Tricia*

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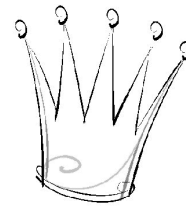
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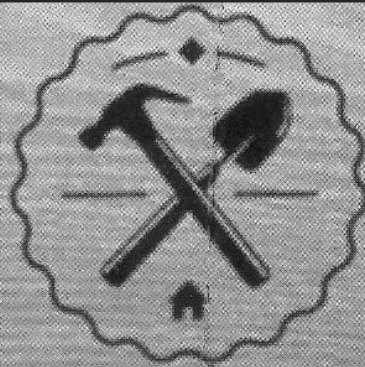


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Missing Cat in Gedding

Julie Nichols from Gedding has lost her multi-coloured cat. If you have found one please ring her on 07979 423648.



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Thank you to all who so generously gave their time to help with the Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride Day in September.

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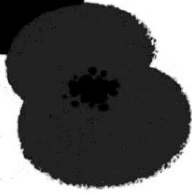
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Poppy Appeal 2019.

Sir / Madam,

May I, once again through your pages, thank the good people of Felsham & Gedding for their most generous donations to our 2019 Poppy Appeal.

Last year we made a record collection and, this year, we have collected the magnificent sum of **£991-10**, which has been forwarded to the Central Poppy Appeal.

The work of the Royal British Legion continues to provide for serving and ex serving members of our Armed Forces, together with their dependants and it is through generous donations to the Poppy Appeal that we are able to continue this vital work.

On behalf of the Committee and Members of Felsham & Gedding Royal British Legion, may I once again thank your readers for their kind generosity.

Thanks also to members of the local community in assisting the Branch to secure the National award this year (Lister Cup) in appreciation of the efficiency and progressive manner in which our Branch business is conducted.

This is a prestigious, National award of which we are very proud and the local communities ought to be equally proud. We would never have achieved this status without your assistance.

We are always looking to increase our Membership, in order to maintain our standards and anybody wishing to join our organisation would be more than welcome. Details can be obtained from the above address. Anybody is eligible to join us and, you do **NOT** need to be a Member or ex-Member of Her Majesty's Forces to do so.

Thank you,

Cyril Norman,
Poppy Appeal Organiser,
Felsham & Gedding Royal British Legion.



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Felsham & Gedding Playing Field: An Appeal

A great many thanks to all those that came along to our Bonfire Night last month, and in particular to those who stepped in to help the committee set up/man the stalls. We were pleased to see lots of folk enjoying the display, and the warm feedback from people (as well as all their spare change) as they left was much appreciated. We don't usually organise the bonfire night to make any money specifically, but we were pleasantly surprised to discover that we have made a small profit this year.

As I'm sure most of you are aware, the Playing Field – like many of the other village groups – is a charity. As such, its efforts are dependent on volunteers both as committee members for decision-making, and helpers on the ground, for the events that we hold. In the past, we have usually been able to rely on a good supply of willing volunteers to maintain the playing field between events and run stalls at the Fun-day/Bonfire night.

The problem, however, is that we have ended up relying on the *same* people every year; more often than not they are drawn from other groups in the village too, which adds an extra strain. *(By the way, this is in no way meant to denigrate the help that we currently receive – you all know who you are!)*

You would therefore be forgiven for thinking that things would carry on as they always have behind the scenes. In recent times though, our numbers have dwindled – a combination of age and other commitments is mostly the reason. Unfortunately, we are not the only group in the village with this problem. It leaves us in the uncomfortable situation where we have to consider the viability of the playing field as an ongoing concern in the near future. Quite simply, if there aren't enough people to help, it can't function. Communication is key of course, and the committee acknowledges that we have been rather poor at advertising for help in recent times – In an attempt to try and remedy this we're hoping to have regular work-parties which will be advertised in the Village News calendar.

I'm therefore making an appeal to all village folk for some fresh faces to join the Playing Field Committee and lend a hand. Any help you can offer would be much appreciated, but in particular we would benefit from help at our work-parties and helping to set up at events. There are, I'm sure, many parents in the village who have a vested interest in ensuring their children have somewhere safe to play, as well as those who like having a space to take their dogs.

Ultimately, the Playing Field is an asset to our village that is enjoyed by everyone, but like any community enterprise, it needs the community to keep it going – the same goes for all our Committees. Join up and help us carry the Playing Field forward for future generations. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Our next work-party is December 7th at 10am meeting in the Playing Field Car Park.

Phil Cockell (Chairman)

VILLAGERS



**YOUR Playing Field Committee needs new
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**Without YOUR support we will be unable to hold events and
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Join the committee today or volunteer at a work-party

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along to our next work party on DECEMBER 7th at 10am**

Cockfield Benefice Services – December 2019

Sunday 1 st December Advent Sunday	10am Communion	Cockfield
	3pm Drawing of Christmas Raffle & Refreshments 4pm Christingle	Felsham
Sunday 8 th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent	10am Communion	Felsham
	4.30pm Carol Service	Gedding
Sunday 15 th December 3 rd Sunday of Advent	10am Communion	Bradfield St George
	3.30pm Carol Service	Bradfield St Clare
Monday 16 th December	7pm Carols by Candlelight	Lt Whelnetham
Tuesday 17 th December	7pm Carols on the Green	Cockfield Great Green
Wednesday 18 th December	7pm Carol Service	Felsham
Sunday 22 nd December 4 th Sunday of Advent	10am Carol Communion	Cockfield
	3.30pm Carol Service	Bradfield St George
Tuesday 24 th December Christmas Eve	3pm Crib Service	Cockfield
	9pm Christmas Communion	Felsham
	11.30pm Midnight Communion	Cockfield
25 th December Christmas Day	10am Christmas Day Communion	Gedding
	10am Family Communion	Bradfield St George
29 th December Holy Innocents	10am Carol Communion	Bradfield St Clare

A service of Celtic Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday at Cockfield at 9am

A service of Celtic Evening Prayer is held every Thursday at Bradfield St Clare at 5pm

All are welcome – these services are approximately 15 minutes in duration.

Please note these services may be subject to change – for up-to-date service times see the benefice website at www.cockfieldbenefice.com

Dear Reader,

As I write this message I am thinking of the C word. By that I mean Christmas of course! December 1st is the start of the season of Advent. Unfortunately Advent has been rather swallowed up by the preparations for Christmas. Christmas carols crowd out the keeping of Advent, and the Church, along with everyone else, hardly has time for the 'earnest looking forward' – for the watching and waiting for the coming of the King in his kingdom now.

Advent for the Church should be about the expectant longing for the coming of Christ's kingdom in power and the spirit of penitence (saying sorry). In some senses this is about looking back at the past, to all that we have done which has caused distress in the world, and I mean 'we' in the sense of all humankind, not just on an individual level.

At the same time, we can be hopeful throughout the Advent season, hopeful that the messages of Christmas may be heeded and put into practice. Messages of peace and prosperity. Messages of love and friendship.

And then there are the angels. The 'heavenly host' that surrounded the lowly shepherds who were guided to the place where Jesus was born. The Angel Gabriel, who had appeared to Mary with the message that she was to bear the Son of God. When I think of Christmas, I always imagine the choirs of Angels, making beautiful music as they sing the praises of the Messiah, the 'Chosen One'.


I know that it often feels as though the world has got itself into a terrible muddle, and that God is distant and really doesn't want to get involved in our mess. But Christmas proves that this is not true, God made human in the person of Jesus tells us that God is fully and inextricably bound up with all creation. May we celebrate the coming of the Jesus once again with great joy and wonder, and may I wish all Village News readers a very happy Christmas!

Yours in Christ,





Revd Sharon, 01284 828599 or 07825 086063

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December 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>Yoga. VH, 6pm</p> <p>John's Fresh Fruit & Veg Call 01449 736578</p> <p>RECYCLING BIN </p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>Yoga. VH, 6pm</p> <p>John's Fresh Fruit & Veg Call 01449 736578</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>Table Tennis. VH, 7:30pm</p>	<p>Mermaid Fish VHCP, 6 - 6:30</p> <p>Fireworks & BROWN BIN</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>Yoga. VH, 6pm</p> <p>John's Fresh Fruit & Veg Call 01449 736578</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>Women's Institute VH, 7:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>Carpet Bowls. VH, 7:30pm</p>	<p>Village Friend</p> <p>Mermaid Fish VHCP, 6 - 6:30p</p> <p>BROWN BIN</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>Yoga. VH, 6pm</p> <p>John's Fresh Fruit & Veg Call 01449 736578</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>Joan's Trip. VHCP, 9:30am</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>Table Tennis. VH, 7:30pm</p> <p>Carol Service St Peter's Felsham, 7.00pm</p>	<p>Mermaid Fish VHCP, 6 - 6:30</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>Yoga. VH, 6pm</p> <p>John's Fresh Fruit & Veg Call 01449 736578</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>Xmas Communion St Peter's Felsham, 9.00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>Xmas Day Communion St Mary's Gedding, 10.00am</p>	<p>Mermaid Fish VHCP, 6 - 6:30</p>

VH = Village Hall
VHCP = Village Hall Car Park

Day	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			01 December ¹ Christmas Tree Festival starts, St Peter's, Felsham Christmas Raffle, St Peter's Felsham, 3pm
5 & Chips pm Bonfire 6.30pm	6 Fresh Fish, VHCP 10am BLACK BIN 	7 Work Party, Playing Field 10.00am	8 Carol Service St Mary's, Gedding, 4.00pm
12 & Chips pm BROWN BIN 	13 Fresh Fish, VHCP10am Whist Drive. VH, 7:30pm RECYCLING BIN 	14 Film Night. VH, 7pm	
19 s. VH, 2pm & Chips pm	20 Fresh Fish, VHCP10am Mobile Library Gedding Village Sign, 10:10 and VHCP, 11:40am Quiz. VH, 7pm BLACK BIN 	21	
26 & Chips pm	27 Fresh Fish, VHCP 10am	28	29

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Sun	12pm-6pm	

Felsham & Gedding WI Meeting November

On a pretty bleak and unattractive evening the ladies of the W.I were treated to an unusual and fascinating meeting. Business side dealt with Jackie Norman stepped forward to talk about Tudor Costume. There were two iconic periods Henry VIIIth and his daughter Elizabeth 1st.

Catholic society had decreed that you were covered from head to foot.

Silk, linen and wool were used by all ranks of society but clothing was very expensive during this period. The elite wore their clothes as a statement of their wealth and position.

As she spoke she handed around and let members feel the weight of the costumes.



Most expressed surprise at the heaviness, which was due to the type of material used and the amount. e.g. – a ruff takes 8 metres!! Then there is what is known as cartridge pleating.

We were treated to details of a bumroll, peascod, kirtles, smocks and petticoats plus what a cod piece was made of. (They were lined with chamois leather since you ask!) It would take a lady about half an hour to dress and the end result was a conical shape, the men wide and square.

Everyone was tremendously impressed with the exquisite stitching of the costumes all handmade by Jackie.



‘Kate Moss’ alias Jo T. was dressed as a Tudor Lady and I think you will agree that she looked stunning every inch a noble woman. Her only comment was “It wasn’t very practical for feeding her goats!”

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Mon 23 Dec - Stickman's Christmas adventure

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More details next issue.

Felsham & Gedding Allotment Bulletin

Some good and some not so good news

The time of year for the 'winter dig', the manuring of our plot and to put some humus into the soil.

We have had a 'take-up' of three more allotments this year, leaving only one whole plot and three half plots vacant. Any more 'takers'? Now is the time to prepare for next year, £15 per whole plot and £7.50 for a half plot.

Mostly, all is peace and harmony on the allotments but, one problem has reared its head; that of fly tipping/dumping. I have been told that this has happened on a couple of occasions. Apart from being anti-social it is illegal and the Felsham Charity, who own the land, will take the appropriate action necessary to prevent this happening.

Two unsuccessful attempts have been made to have a meeting of allotment holders with the aim of forming a 'self-help' group, with only a couple of people turning up to the second one in October. If we find that more interest is shown in forming an association we can have another 'go' in the spring.



Happy gardening,
Brian.
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Gingerbread

This makes for quite a strongly flavoured gingerbread. For younger children you may want to reduce the amount of ginger to ½ a teaspoon. The extra spices we add at Christmas time when they just add to that wonderful spicy aroma of Christmas baking!

Ingredients:

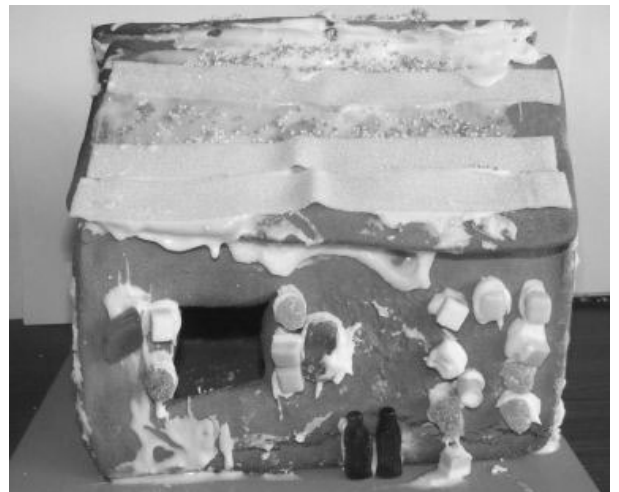
12oz (350g) plain flour
6oz (175g) light soft brown sugar
4oz (100g) unsalted butter
1 egg beaten
1 teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda (baking soda)
1 teaspoon of ground ginger
½ teaspoon of ground cinnamon (optional)
½ teaspoon of mixed spice (optional)
4 tablespoons of golden syrup



Method:

Sieve the flour, spices and bicarbonate of soda into a large mixing bowl. Chop the butter into pieces and rub in to the flour. Mix in the sugar.

Add the egg and syrup and mix into a dough. Wrap the dough in clingfilm and pop into the fridge for an hour. Use to make gingerbread men and gingerbread houses (simple) or gingerbread houses (traditional).



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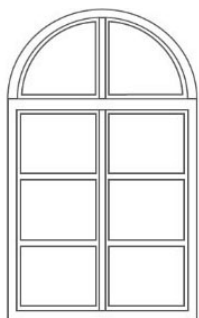
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THE 59 CLUB

The 59 CLUB are looking for more people to take part.
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For those of you that don't know what the 59 Club is, it's based on the winning National Lottery Bonus Ball. Simple pick a number that's currently available from numbers 1-59, and if your chosen number is drawn as part of the bonus ball in the National Lottery Lotto, then your number wins.

We have 2 games per week. One on a Wednesday & one on Saturday.

The Wednesday game is charged at 50p per number and if your number comes up you win £15. The Saturday game is charged at £1 per number and for that game if you number is drawn you win £30.

The 59 Club is run on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee, and raises funds for the Village Hall. So every little bit really does help!

If you would like to take part, or need more information, please get in contact with me: steven1515@yahoo.co.uk or 01449737040.

Thank you, Steven



59 Club

Bonus Ball Game

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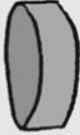






The 59 Club is run on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee to help maintain, repair & the upkeep of our lovely village hall

Make your own winter bird bath



You will need:

- Three bricks 
- Trowel (if it's been snowing) 
- Shallow dish, pet bowl or dustbin lid 
- Tealight candles and matches 
- Warm water (not too hot) 
- A large stone 
- Warm clothes 
- An adult to help you

- 1 Find a flat area sheltered from the wind. Clear any snow and make a level patch.
- 2 Arrange the bricks in a triangle.
- 3 Ask an adult to light a tealight and place it in the middle.
- 4 Rest a metal or ceramic dish on the bricks, and fill with warm water.
- 5 Place a stone in the middle for birds to sit on.

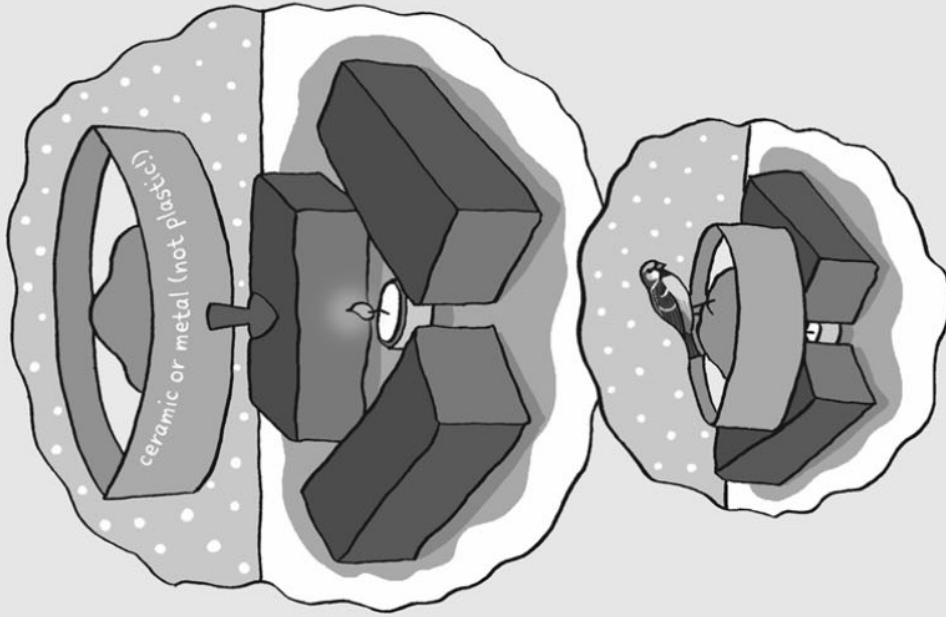
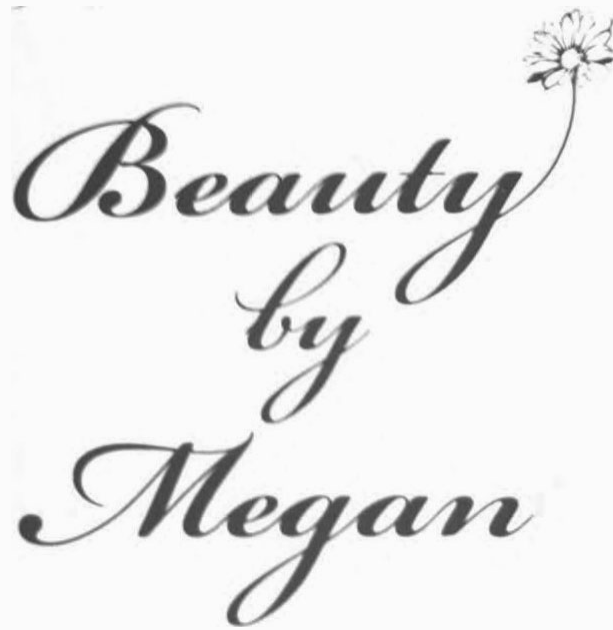


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