Village News

Happy New Year!

January is traditionally a month for hunkering down and letting the winter get on with it, but before we do that there is the Twelfth Night Celebrations on 5th January. It is a free event, but you will need to book in advance to ensure there is enough for everyone 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!

I would also like to draw your attention to the forthcoming Playing Field AGM on 8th February. We are losing some key committee members who have served for many years and it is important that these are replaced. The Playing Field is a Charity and completely independent of the Parish Council; it can only remain as a facility for the residents of Felsham and Gedding if there is a committee to run it. Check out page 7 for more information and if you want to chat to someone, Philip Cockell, the current chair, has his phone number on the back cover and would be delighted to hear from you!

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!

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Dates For Your Diary

5th January - 12th Night Celebration, 7pm Village Hall (Ticket Holders Only)

8th January – WI, 7.30pm Village Hall

17th January – Village Friends, 2pm Village Hall

8th February – Playing Field AGM, 8pm Village Hall

WHAT'S ON IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Yoga: Classes every Monday evening 6.00pm

W.I.: Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm

Carpet Bowls: Meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at

7.30pm

Table Tennis: Meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month

7.30pm

Whist Drive: Meets on the third Friday of each month at 7.30pm 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:

Email - jsthorticulture@btinternet.com

Phone - Jo Tavernor 01449 737793

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POLICE CONNECT Keeping you informed, keeping your community safe

Police are urging residents to be vigilant to cold callers claiming to be police officers following two incidents in the east of the county.

An elderly female victim in Lowestoft received a call from someone claiming to be a Colchester based police officer informing her that someone has used her account and asked her to provide her bank details to conduct investigations. He also claimed they had a man had been detained for placing a large amount of money into a fraudulent account and said she needed to withdraw a large sum of money from her local bank. The male also arranged for someone to collect a quantity of cash from her property while she was still on the phone. She was also told not to inform her family and friend of the incident for at least 48 hours.

A further incident was reported in Southwold with a suspect pretending to be a police officer from Essex phoning an elderly female victim stating she has been scammed and that she needed to withdraw a large amount of money and that a large sum of money needed to be transferred from her savings into her current account.

PC Amy Yeldham urged residents to be vigilant to this scam. She said:

"We're urging members of the public, particularly the elderly who are primarily being targeted, to be vigilant to cold calls made on the telephone.

"Genuine police officers or staff would never approach residents and ask for cash withdrawals to be made or for people to purchase items on their behalf.

"I would ask people with vulnerable relatives, friends or neighbours to make sure they are aware of this type of scam."

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Officers have this advice:

- Never give out personal information about your bank account to anybody over the phone.
- If someone calls claiming to be a police officer, ask for their identification number and police force. Hang up and call 101 using a different phone. If you can't use a different phone, wait at least five minutes before calling back. A genuine police officer will not mind waiting while you check.
- Police and banks will never ask you to give out personal details such as account numbers or PIN numbers.
- If you have given out information which could compromise your bank account security in any way, call your bank to cancel your cards as soon as possible.
- Never hand over money to someone at the door to be sent off elsewhere

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FELSHAM AND GEDDING W.I. DECEMBER 2018 MEETING

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The December meeting was well attended and the business side dealt with we sat back to be entertained and visually dazzled by Jenny Gibbs as she burst into the meeting room in full Turkish dress.

Jenny had been persuaded to go on a holiday to Turkey by her work colleagues in 1993 at the age of 49. She had never been abroad, flown, hated the sea and yet her colleagues had booked her on a cruise! Once there and she set eyes on the turquoise sea, unbelievable beauty of the countryside she decided this was where she was going to live.





It was an amazing story of how she met Mustapha, the man of her dreams and worked from seven in the morning until midnight in a restaurant where he was the chef, and how eventually they found an old and abandoned farmhouse and set about restoring it.

There were many amazing snippets such as being given a little bundle of what she thought were seeds and being told to keep them in her armpit day and night for 3 weeks. When the bundle was retrieved by the village woman (by diving in to Jenny's armpit) and unwrapped she nearly passed out. It was a wriggling mass of maggots! In actual fact they were silk worms. So another chapter began with the addition of silk production.

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The stories came thick and fast and then we were introduced to Mustapha, her husband of 24 years.

It was a remarkable story of someone who at the age of 50 decided to move to another country, leaving her 2 married daughters in the U.K. learn another language and make a completely new life: Quite inspirational. Jenny's love of her adopted country shone through. She and Mustapha now spend 6 months of the year in Turkey and 6 months here.

The meeting closed on a high with Jenny producing the most beautiful silk scarves and pashminas. All made with the local silk for members to buy.

Festive drinks plus mince pies were handed around and so the meeting ended.

Next month, 8th January, we will be visiting BHUTAN, a tiny kingdom few people know about or visit. Richard Stainer will be our guide as he tells us about his time there. If you need inspiration for your next holiday why not come and join us and see if BHUTAN fits the bill.



Felsham and Gedding WI 2019 Programme

8th January – Travels in Bhutan

12th February – Behind the Scenes at Wimbledon

12th March – Music Hall Memories

9th April – Yum Yum Tree Fudge

14th May - Annual Meeting

11th June – Pottery; Talk and Workshop

9th July – My Life as a Journalist (Lynne Mortimer, EADT)

13th August – Flower Arranging Display

10th September – Papua New Guinea: A Tribal Paradise

8th October – Cathedral Rides

12th November – Tudor Costume

13th December – Suffolk Tales

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VILLAGE FRIENDS

The next meeting of the Village Friends will be at

Felsham Village Hall

January 17th 2pm

Village Friends is an over 60's friendship group of men & women. Residents of Felsham, Cockfield, Gedding, Bradfield St. Clare, Bradfield St. George, Brettenham, Thorpe Morieux and Little Whelnetham 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 will be held at: Felsham Village Hall

Contacts Sue Jell 01284 828892 or Lynn Cardale 01284 386327



Stowmarket Chorale finished the year on a high, by being part of the BBC Radio Suffolk Children in Need concert at The Apex, Bury St Edmunds. This concert, combined singers, musicians, and readers, and Pudsey the Bear and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended as well as raising funds. The evening was recorded to be broadcast on Christmas Eve.

We will start the New Year's rehearsals on Wednesday 9 January at Chilton Community Primary School at 7.30pm, when we will begin rehearsing Brahms' German Requiem for our next concert on Saturday 30 March at the United Reformed Church, Stowmarket.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact:

secretary@stowmarketchorale.org.uk

Cockfield Benefice Services – January 2019

| Sunday 6 th January Epiphany | 9.30am Communion | Bradfield St George | |
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| | 11am Communion | Bradfield St Clare | |
| | 6pm Six2seven | Felsham Village Hall | |
| Sunday 13 th January Epiphany 2/Baptism of Christ | 9.30am Communion BCP | Gedding | |
| | 11am Communion | Cockfield | |
| | 4pm Healing Eucharist | Bradfield St Clare | |
| Sunday 20 th January Epiphany 3 | 8am Said Communion BCP | Cockfield | |
| | 9.30am Benefice Family Service | Fesham | |
| Saturday 26 th January | 3-5pm — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — | Felsham Village Hall | |
| Sunday 27 th January | 9.30am Morning Prayer | Bradfield St George | |
| | 9.30am Morning Prayer BCP | Gedding | |
| | 11am Communion | Cockfield | |

| Daily Prayer – all are welcome to come and say prayers in each of our | | | | | | |
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| benefice churches through the week | | | | | | |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Saturday | | |
| 5pm | 9am | 5pm | 5pm | 5pm | | |
| Gedding | Cockfield | Felsham | Bradfield St | Bradfield St | | |
| | | | Clare | George | | |

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

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to you! By the time you are reading this, after all the celebrations of Christmas, we are now faced with the first months of a new year; when resolutions have perhaps already been broken, when we are counting the cost of our Christmas celebrations and when there doesn't seem to be much to look forward to in the next few weeks. But never fear; Epiphany is here!

We celebrate Epiphany as you know, on 6th January. Traditionally we celebrate the visit of the wise men to Jesus on this day – but we also celebrate the Baptism of Jesus during the Epiphany Season. We sometimes end the Epiphany season with what is known as 'Candlemas' on 2nd February, which is when Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the temple at Jerusalem to be presented to God (part of the Jewish tradition).

The Gospel of St Luke says that Jesus was met by Anna and Simeon. Anna and Simeon were two older people who spent most of their time in and around the temple in Jerusalem; they recognised Jesus as the Messiah, Simeon held him and called him 'a Light to the World'. The festival is known as 'Candlemas' because this was the day that all the Church's candles for the year were blessed. On Candlemas night, many people placed lighted candles in their windows at home.

So, we have festivals throughout Epiphany tide to keep us going until we feel that the worst of the winter months are over. Although Christmas Day has come and gone – there is still the joy of the incarnation, when God became flesh, to experience everything that we experience as human beings. It is great celebrating the nativity scene, seeing the baby in its crib, surrounded by the shepherds, the wise men, the angels and of course the animals. But we know the end of the story, that tiny baby grew up, and suffered for us on a cross. Jesus died for everyone – regardless of status, creed, culture or colour.

This is great news! I hope that you will come and experience for yourselves some of the festivals of Epiphany tide – and feel the love of Christ, who came to live his life among us and still lives with us today. Yours in Christ,

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Countywide – New officers and cameras to combat speeding motorists

Suffolk Police has been provided with extra resources to tackle the issue of speeding in the county, in the form of additional enforcement officers and new cameras. This follows Road Safety Week which ran from Monday 19 November and ended, Sunday 25 November.

Two additional Community Enforcement Officers (CEOs) have been recruited, doubling the number operating across the county to four.

The two new officers will use Ford Transit Connect vans that carry portable camera equipment and will focus primarily on those sites across Suffolk where local communities have raised speeding issues – either via complaints, parish councils, Community Speedwatch data or from information from the constabulary's Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

These smaller vans are able to access sites where the traditional safety camera vans are too big to enforce – thus increasing the range of areas which can be targeted. Officers will use mobile equipment away from the vans when enforcing at 30mph and 40mph sites.

In addition to the new officers, three new cameras have been purchased for the larger speed enforcement vans. These cameras are able to detect offences up to 750 metres away, which is seven times the distance the existing cameras are able to do so. These are primarily used along dual-carriageways and other A roads.

The funding for these additional resources has been provided by the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Suffolk Constabulary and Suffolk County Council, the key partners of the county's RoadSafe board.

Commenting on the new personnel and equipment, Assistant Chief Constable Simon Megicks said: "I am delighted we are able to announce this investment in personnel and equipment following Road Safety Week.

"Speeding is consistently raised as a concern by many communities, particularly in villages and along rural roads, so by recruiting these two new enforcement officers and enhanced cameras, we are increasing our ability to combat speeding across the county, which is one of the 'fatal four' causes of serious collisions.

"The new cameras being used in the larger vans will enhance our ability to detect offences along major arterial routes and in particular roads identified as having a high-number of collisions, thereby helping to make our roads safer for all users."

Tim Passmore, Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner, said:

"Keeping our roads safe for all road users is a key priority for us so I am very pleased to be able to work with the Constabulary and the County Council to promote road safety through the RoadSafe board.

"These new vans funded by RoadSafe complement the speed enforcement being carried out by the Constabulary right across the county and the great work of our Community Speedwatch groups.

"I would like to take the opportunity following Road Safety Week to repeat my messages about keeping safe on our roads.

We should all be aware of the Fatal Four – the four key causes of collisions involving death or serious injury – which are speed, not wearing seatbelts, driving while drunk or on drugs and using mobile phones while driving. If we do, we will certainly make our roads safer for everyone."





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Thorpe Morieux and District Gardening Club

Yet again one of the favourite evenings of The Thorpe Morieux and District Gardening Club calendar is the annual Quiz competition between the Thorpe and Lavenham gardening clubs. The event is held alternately at each of the club's venues and this year it was the turn of Lavenham to host the evening at Lavenham Village Hall on November 27th. Thorpe were the current holders of the Rose Bowl Trophy so hotly contested. Geoff Lindsey-Smith, the current Chairman of the Lavenham Club welcomed the Thorpe contestants and could not resist the temptation to express his intention to regain the Rose Bowl after it had been held by Thorpe for several years.

During his welcome Geoff introduced his question master, Hugh Howlett, known for his firm, fair and friendly approach to this task. Hugh explained that this year's event with 10 rounds 0f 10 simply answered questions each worth 2 points would give a total of 200 points. Each round would cover gardening-based questions including such topics of famous RHS gardens, well known gardening experts and, of course a good knowledge of plant families and good garden layout or husbandry. At the end of each round the club scorer, Brian Lapthorn, would display a running total on a blackboard to encourage good competitive and friendly rivalry.

During a short break half way through the event refreshment was provided. Again, following tradition, the visiting club provided wines and the home club provided food which together with friendly chat and the renewal of some old friendships all lead to a very pleasant evening not taking the club rivalry too seriously.

At the end of the event the Lavenham Chairman announced reluctantly that yet again Thorpe Gardening Club had won with a total of 188 points beating Lavenham's 185 and he presented the Rose Bowl to Glynis Wash the Chairman of the visiting Thorpe Morieux Club. This year the rose Bowl contained a posy of roses beautifully arranged by Thorpe club member Marianne Simpson.

Sid Broughton.





The Big Garden Bird Watch is being run by the RSPB (Royal Society For the Protection of Birds) over the weekend of 26th – 28th January.

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With over half a million people now regularly taking part, coupled with almost 40 years' worth of data, Big Garden Birdwatch allows the RSPB to monitor trends and helps everyone understand how birds are doing.

As the format of the survey has stayed the same, the scientific data can be compared year-on-year, making the results very valuable to scientists.

With results from so many gardens, it is possible to create a 'snapshot' of bird numbers across the UK.

While some changes in bird numbers can seem scary - more than half our house sparrows and some three-quarters of our starlings have been lost - it isn't all doom and gloom. Since Birdwatch began blue tit numbers have risen by 20 per cent and the woodpigeon population has increased by a whopping 800 per cent.

Your results help the RSPB spot problems, but more importantly, they are also the first step in putting things right. This is why it's so important that we count garden birds.



How to make your own bird feeder





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- · chapped nuts grated cheese
- (lard or dirpping) . Navd cooking fat
- · a fir cone, cocanut shell or yoghurt pot

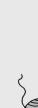












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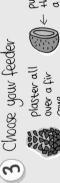
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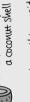
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Thank you, Steven



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No 386 Depart Gedding Bus Stop at 10.17 & 12.42

No 386 Return from Bury Bus Station at 11.05 and 14.05

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

Buses to and from Stowmarket - Monday to Saturday

No 386 Depart Gedding Bus Stop at 09.19, 11.44 & 14.44

No 386 Depart Church Road, Felsham at 09.22, 11.47 & 14.47

No 386 Return from Stowmarket, Bury Street at 9.50 and 12.15

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No 472 Return from The Street, Woolpit at 12.30

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