Felsham & Gedding

Well as I write this, on 25 January, it is the changing of the guard at our local shop and Post Office with Jon and Sue working their last shift today. I find it hard to believe that they have been running this vital resource for the village for 17 years now. So it's a a huge 17 year sized thank you to them both and I am sure everyone will join me in wishing them much happiness for their next adventure.

With so many villages losing their local shop and Post Offices lets all be sure to support the new Felsham & Gedding Community Store, whether that's by being sure to use it, volunteer for a shift, or even invest in it! More details inside.

I didn't get up in the early hours to look for the Wolf Moon this week (just as well at it was cloudy!) but I am planning to see Museum of the Moon installation at The Apex in BSE in February. An enormous Moon has been created using detailed NASA imagery of the lunar surface with an approximate scale of 1:500,000 - each centimetre of the 7 metre spherical sculpture represents 5 kilometres of the moon's surface! The internally lit installation will give visitors a surreal up-close experience by fusing lunar imagery and moonlight.. Entry is free - for full details visit www.theapex.co.uk

What ever you choose to do in February enjoy.

Serena

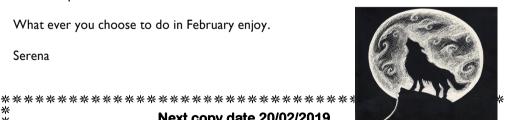
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Dates For Your Diary

Tue 5th February – Playing Field AGM, 8pm Village Hall Sat 16 February – Film Club. 7.00pm Village Hall

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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

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7.30pm

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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

Reminder to contributors: Please be aware that items submitted after the **Deadline** cannot be guaranteed to appear in the magazine.



FELSHAM & GEDDING COMMUNITY STORE

will be open for business from 28th January 2019

We will carry all the usual products and a few new ones, including Fresh Bread and we will be trialing several other new products over the coming weeks. The Store will be staffed by volunteers, from in and around our village, all waiting to welcome you with a warm friendly smile. We will also take orders, to be delivered to the Store, for local businesses: bakers and butchers etc.. Newspaper and Magazine orders will remain the same thanks to Sicklesmere Post Office and Store.

Our Post Office will continue to run alongside the Store but, due to circumstances beyond our control,

will NOT re-open until 5th February 2019

We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thankyou to Sue & Jon and to wish them a long and happy retirement, and to welcome **Ruth Crockett**, the new Postmistress, to our Community Store.

OPENING HOURS

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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 5th February 2019 8.00pm in the Village Hall

If you use the Playingfield please seriously consider joining the committee.

It's informal and fun and as a committee member you will help to set and run the programme of events and improvements for the coming year.





Rogue Traders

Police are appealing for the public to remain vigilant following reports of rogue traders in rural parts near Stowmarket.

During Tuesday 22 January two males were visiting addresses offering gravel for sale. The men claimed the gravel was left over from a job and purported to work for highways. Following checks it was confirmed as a false claim.

Both were dressed head to toe in high visibility orange clothing and were in a white transit tipper with an orange light bar fixed to the roof.

Officers advise members of the public to visit the Suffolk Constabulary website and look at the First Principle crime prevention advice on dealing with cold callers.

Distraction Burglar - Lavenham

Police are appealing for witnesses following a distraction burglary in Lavenham. It happened at a property on Sudbury Road yesterday (Wednesday 16 January) at about 4.50pm.

A male rang the doorbell of the bungalow where two elderly residents live, and then he entered the property without being invited. He then proceeded to claim he was a police officer, demanding money from the female resident before he went into the bedroom of a bed-bound elderly male. The female occupant then went to phone a relative and the suspect has left. Nothing was stolen, no force was used and no-one was hurt.

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. A genuine police officer will not mind waiting while you check.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has reported a similar incident recently should contact Bury St Edmunds CID on 101, quoting crime reference 37/3158/19 or use the online crime reporting link -

http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something.

Guidance on how to deal with cold callers or rogue traders can be found here https://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/coldcallers.pdf. Officers would also ask that this information is passed to any elderly or vulnerable neighbours, friends and family members.

Do you enjoy reading the Village News?



Would you like to have a go at editing it a couple of times per year?

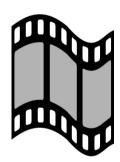
The Village News is currently seeking additional editors to bring their personal slant to this very successful monthly magazine.

Editing a magazine takes about four hours in total, but this can be as flexible as you need it to be to fit in with your other commitments, and the number of times you commit to editing within the year is entirely up to you.

No previous experience of editing is necessary but some key computer skills such as copying and pasting are required, plus a desire to not be beaten by the occasional technical glitch. Full training and support will be provided.

Please contact either Jo on 01449 737793 or Tricia on 01449 736330 or email villagenews@felsham.org.uk if you would like more information.

FELSHAM & GEDDING VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL CLUB



FILM EVENING

SATURDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

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Although legislation does not require that dogs be on a lead whilst on a public right of way, you must ensure that you have **proper control** of your dog at all times. **You should ensure** that the dog stays close where you can see it and not let it roam so far away that it cannot hear or chooses to ignore your commands. A large dog, off its lead, can be threatening to other walkers and frightening to young or small dogs.

THE LEGAL POSITION

A dog is not entitled to roam away from the path and if it does so, the owner could be guilty of committing trespass against the landowner. The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 makes it a specific offence to allow a dog to be at large in a field or enclosure where there are sheep. A farmer may have a defence in any civil proceedings for killing or injuring a dog which is caught "worrying" sheep. It is **always** advisable to keep your dog on a lead if you are walking near livestock.

STILES

Councils often receive complaints from dog walkers that they are unable to use a path because they are unable to get dogs over stiles. The Highways Act makes provision for landowners to fit stiles and gates on rights of way in the interests of containing livestock. On a public footpath, a landowner has a duty to provide access for walkers only; it does not have to take account of dogs. It is quite likely that a stile that is lamb proof is also dog proof. If you wish to take your dog with you on a walk it is advisable to check out the proposed route before hand, to ensure that it is suitable. On no account must you damage any fencing or hedge adjacent to a stile in order to get your dog through as this could amount to an offence of criminal damage.

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

One of the main complaints that landowners make with regard to the public using the paths on their land is that people allow their dogs to foul and do not pick up after them. Not only is this very unpleasant, but diseases can be transmitted to livestock, other dogs and humans. The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 allows local authorities to designate most public land as areas where it is illegal to allow your dog to foul without cleaning up after it. If found guilty of an offence, you could be fined up to £1000. Although this legislation does not cover agricultural land, it is generally accepted that this is responsible behaviour on any public right of way. Worm eggs in the dog poo can cause health problems. It is advisable for all owners to worm their dogs regularly as well as picking up and disposing of their faeces.

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IDENTIFICATION

Don't forget that under The Control of Dogs Order 1992, whilst in a public place, dogs must wear a collar with an identification tag bearing the owner's name and address. This would apply whilst walking on a public right of way. Please remember that by acting as a responsible dog owner you may prevent an unnecessary altercation with a landowner or fellow walker

Local landowners have also asked that walkers observe the proper rights of way and at least have the courtesy to ask permission before walking an unmarked path. What looks like a nice walk often these days is a designated wildlife conservation area in the Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS) and should not be walked. A map of all the public footpaths in Felsham can be picked up from Felsham & Gedding Community Store.



VILLAGE FRIENDS

The next meeting will be on 21st February 2pm for Pancakes and a Quiz

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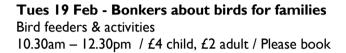
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Fri 8 Feb Wild and well

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Sun 17 Feb Celebrating Birch

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Please book events at www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org or by phoning 01473 890089





Cockfield Benefice Services – February 2019

Sunday 3 rd February	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
5 th Sunday before Lent/Candlemas	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Six2seven	Felsham Village Hall
th.	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
Sunday 10 th February 4 th Sunday before Lent	11am Communion	Cockfield
	4pm Evening Prayer	Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 17 th February	8am Said Communion BCP	Cockfield
3 rd Sunday before Lent	9.30am Benefice Family Service	Fesham
	9.30am Morning Prayer	Bradfield St George
Sunday 24 th February	9.30am Morning Prayer BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield

Daily Prayer – all are welcome to come and say prayers in each of our 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,

It seems to me that we are living in extraordinary times, as I write this we are still uncertain about the future of Brexit. By the time you read this we m ay be clearer about the road ahead – whatever that may be.

One bright spark at the beginning of February, which can be such a depressing month, is the celebration of the 'Presentation of Christ in the Temple', traditionally known as 'Candlemas'. At the services held to mark this the story from Luke's Gospel is often told again of when Jesus was brought to the Temple in Jerusalem by his earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, as was normal for all Jewish families at that time.

Two other people, a man called Simeon and a woman called Anna have the starring roles in this story. Simeon and Anna were elderly people who loved God and had served God in the temple over many years. God had promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen with his own eyes the promised Messiah, and he had waited a long time for this promise to be delivered.

On the day that Joseph and Mary entered the temple with baby Jesus in their arms he immediately knew that here was the Messiah, and thanked God for fulfilling the promise that had been made to him many years before. Anna happened to come along at that moment, and she too recognised Jesus as being God's promised Saviour.

There are two things that we can take from this story. One is that sometimes we have to wait for a long time before receiving something that we long for. Secondly, we are never too old to receive that something. Two things that go against the prevailing culture which is designed to gratify our wishes immediately, and that doesn't always value old-age.

Isn't it marvellous that in our Christian faith we believe that God will give us what we need, and still has work for us to do even when some of us are that little bit older!

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Felsham and Gedding W.I. Meeting, January 2019.

The Meeting Room was packed for the January Meeting with members and visitors.

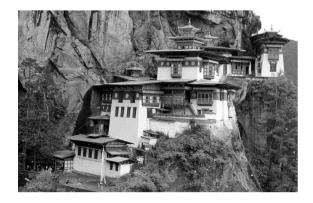
The President whizzed through the business side and then Richard Stainer was introduced to take us on a trip through Bhutan, a once secretive kingdom off limits to tourists until the 70s. Tiny and mountainous with a population of only 741,000!

Since the age of 8 he had held a wish to visit this country and when the opportunity arose last year he and Christine (his wife decked out in a Bhutanese silk jacket) grabbed it.

It is only in the last few years that tourism has got off the ground but the Bhutanese people are not prepared to allow mass tourism, consequently tourist activity is restricted to the higher quality end (low density) of the market and all visitors must travel on a prepaid package tour or a custom designed programme with guide and driver. The visitor is expected to spend £200 a day! There is no independent travel.

The standard of living is high, after all this is the only country to measure its Gross National Happiness and strives to retain the charm and traditions of the old world. The King and Queen are allowed a say in the running of the country by the Government. Average life expectancy is 70 plus years perhaps due to a much less stressful society - this was the original Shangri La. Also the Government will pay for someone to go to India for treatment for something serious like cancer.

It proved to be a fascinating hour with many lovely photos of beautiful landscapes, wildlife and of course the wonderful monasteries seemingly perched on inaccessible mountain ledges.



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The mustard gives this dish a bit of a kick and I think it goes particularly well with cold ham. It is also nice with some hot bacon lardons through it which, with a side salad and some crusty bread, makes for a quick and easy supper — Serena

Warm Leek and White Bean Salad with Mustard Dressing

Time: Preparation and cooking – 25 minutes

Serves: 4 as a side dish

Ingredients:

- 5 tablespoons rapeseed oil
- 2 large leeks (trimmed and finely sliced)
- 410g tin white cannellini beans drained and rinsed
- 10g flat leaf parsley (finely chopped)
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon wholegrain mustard
- 2 teaspoons cider vinegar
- 1 pinch of caster sugar

Method: Leek & Bean Salad

- Heat <u>2</u> tablespoons oil in large frying pan over a medium heat
- Add leeks and a good pinch of salt.
- When the leeks begin to soften, turn down the heat to fairly low and continue to cook for 10 minute stirring from time to time until soft (but don't let them take colour)
- · Add the beans and toss together until heated through
- Take off the heat
- Stir in the parsley, black pepper and dressing
- Serve warm

For the dressing

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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

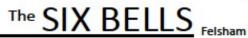


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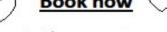


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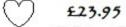
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No 386 Return from Bury Bus Station at 11.05 and 14.05

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 Woolpit Circular - (Health Centre Bus) Depart at 10.20

No 472 Return from The Street, Woolpit at 12.30

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