# Felsham & Gedding VILLAGE INEWS



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

This latest COVID lockdown has coincided with, in my opinion, what is usually the gloomiest month of the year. Everything outside seems cold, grey and lifeless. Even though we're over a month past the winter equinox, the days still feel as short as they did before Christmas.

There is hope though - look closely and you can see spring bulbs beginning to shoot, and buds appearing on trees and hedgerows.

There is also some good news regarding COVID too, as the vaccine begins to be rolled out to those most in need. It might still be dim and a fair way off, but there is light at the end of the tunnel.

By the time one of my colleagues is editing the March edition of the newsletter, the warmer and longer days should be on the horizon. I, for one will be very pleased to see them!

#### **Richard**

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No later than 5pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

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We look forward to seeing you.

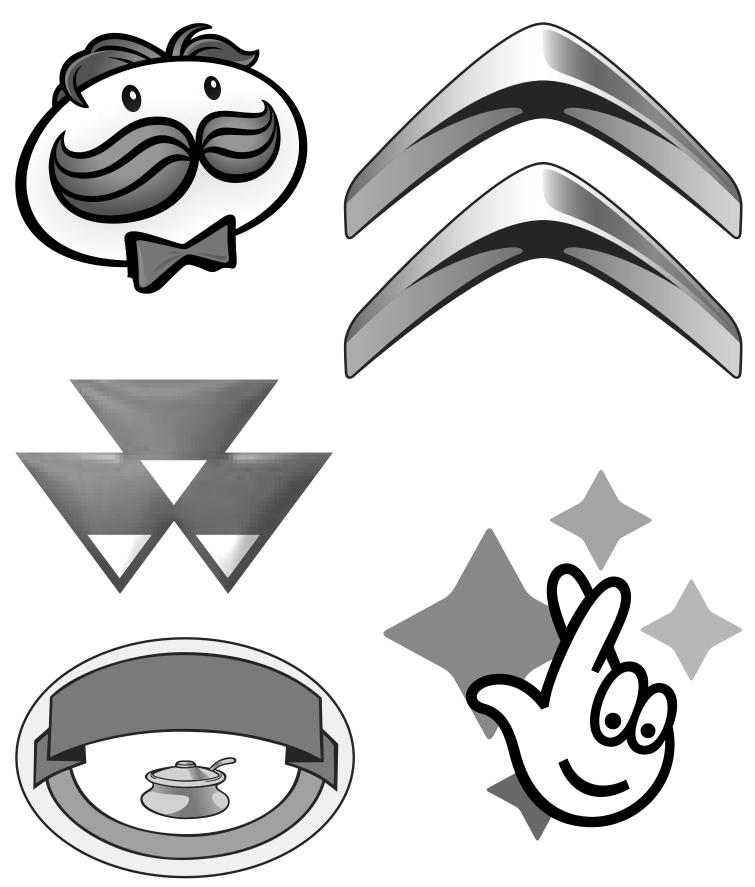
If you use the Playingfield please seriously consider joining the committee.

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.

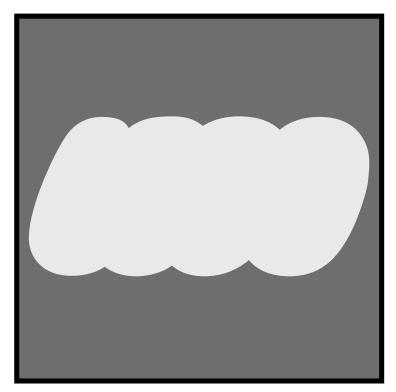


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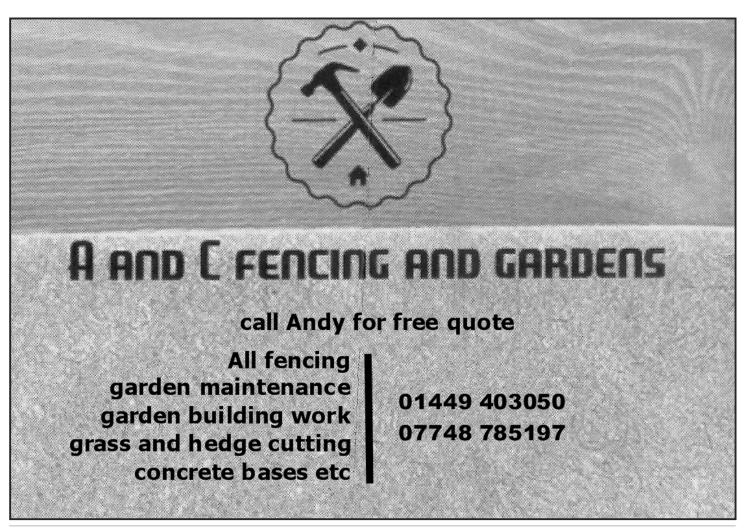
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# **Gedding Parish Meeting**

After a period of dormancy, the Gedding Parish Meeting is once again up and running. The Chairman, Richard Vass, wants to ensure that as many parishioners as possible are included and requests that those that have not already done so, please send their email address and contact details so that they can be included in all correspondence.

For those without email, you are requested to drop a note with your contact details to the address below, and they will endeavour to include hard copy correspondence where possible. GPM will meet three times a year. At present this must be virtual but it is hoped that the next meeting will return to the village hall!

Priory Farm Drinkstone Road Gedding IP30 0QE



## **Christmas comes early for Stowmarket choir**

**Stowmarket** Chorale, a 65-member choral society with a 120-year history of putting on concerts in Stowmarket and beyond, received a nice present just before Christmas. Stowmarket Town Council approved a grant of £500 towards helping the choir get through this difficult time when in-person concerts, and even rehearsals, have been impossible to provide.

The choir is still meeting on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm, but instead of being at Combs Ford Primary School the rehearsal is held online, on the Zoom platform. The choir has had to adapt its choice of rehearsal music since the Covid crisis struck, and has now offered so far a wide assortment of material to keep members interested – from the soaring harmonies of sacred favourites such as Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus, to the evergreen tunefulness of A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square. In the run up to this most peculiar Christmas, participants were invited to put in requests for favourite carols to sing.

It was decided to make the sessions open to the public - guest singers are allowed to participate without charge and without commitment, and are warmly welcomed. It is always hoped that guests will enjoy the experience and become full members. The picture shows Stowmarket Chorale's Secretary Anna Cordon with the big cheque outside the Town Council Offices.



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# VH = Village Hall VHCP = Village Hall Car Park

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& Chips pm	Fresh Fish, VHCP10:05am  GREEN BIN	6	10am Morning Prayer Via Facebook
11 & Chips pm	Fresh Fish, VHCP 10:05am Mobile Library Gedding Village Sign, 10:10 and VHCP, 11:40am BLACK BIN	13	10am Family @Church Via Facebook
18 & Chips pm	Fresh Fish, VHCP10:05am  GREEN BIN	20	10am Holy Communion at Home Via Facebook
25 & Chips pm	Fresh Fish, VHCP 10:05am  BLACK BIN	27	10am Worshipping Together Via Facebook

# The Cockfield Benefice

Dear Friends,

We are in the midst of a not-quite-yet-out-of-pandemic time. Some of us have had a vaccine, others are still shielding, some are suffering with the virus, and the rest of us are doing the best we can to live our lives within the constraints that have had to be imposed on society. So what is there to celebrate this month? For me personally on 20th February it's the 9th anniversary of my induction here as Rector. I cannot believe that it's been 9 years, how time flies! Being Rector here is certainly one of the best things that I have ever been

Being Rector here is certainly one of the best things that I have ever been called to in my life as a Christian. Life is very varied, and there's always something in the diary to look forward to! Well, there was until Covid struck.

One of the things that has happened recently via the technology of video conferencing is that those who serve the governance of the church in the villages of Felsham and Gedding i.e. the Parochial Church Council (or PCC as it's known, not to be mistaken for the Parish Council!) and its officers, have made the decision to join together to form one PCC rather than having two separate PCCs.

I guess you will be wondering what on earth that really means? Well it means that by joining together the two PCCs into one lots of things can be shared; expertise, support, roles and responsibilities. This does not mean that only one church will be used, as with this scheme both Felsham and Gedding Church will retain their parish church status. This means that Sunday services, baptisms, funerals and weddings carry on as normal. It just means that there will be less meetings for those who are on the PCC, and everyone can work together in the mission and ministry of both churches.

If you have any questions about this don't hesitate to contact me, my door is always open (of course at the moment it's my phone, email or messaging via facebook!). I do hope that you stay safe, and are able to catch up with our weekly service that is broadcast via our facebook page every Sunday at 10am.

Yours as ever in Christ,

# Revd Sharon

Revd Sharon Potter, Rector of the Cockfield Benefice, revsharon@btinternet.com 01284 828599 or 07825 086063

### **Rota of services for February 2021**

Don't forget Wednesday Worship - every Wednesday there is a short act of worship on facebook by Richard Stainer, available at our Facebook page.

Sunday 7th February 2nd Sunday before Lent	10am Morning Prayer via Facebook
Sunday 14th February Sunday next before Lent	10am Family@Church Via facebook
Wednesday 17th February Ash Wednesday	10am A Service for Ash Wednesday via Zoom and Facebook*
Sunday 21st February 1st Sunday in Lent	10am Holy Communion at home via Facebook
Sunday 28th February 2nd Sunday in Lent	10am Worshipping Together via Facebook

All online services can be accessed via https://www.facebook.com/cockfieldbenefice/live/

\*For a Zoom invitation to Ash Wednesday's service email revsharon2@gmail.com.

There will be no morning prayer at Cockfield until further notice.

Please check the benefice website at www.cockfieldbenefice.com for up-to-date details of services.

For any more information on the services or any other queries email revsharon2@gmail.com or call 01284 828599, 07825 086063

## Cover Photo

This month's cover photo is of one of the barn owls currently in residence in one of the boxes at Felsham Hall, taken by Phil Bowcher.

Larger birds like these are encouraged to stick around because there are more smaller birds feeding in the conservation strips between Felsham Hall and Bradfield Woods. DOG OWNERS - if you're walking by one of these strips, please keep to the footpaths and do not allow your dogs to roam into them. That way we'll all be able to continue to enjoy the sight of the owls in our village. Thank you.

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are hearing reports across the Country of people being contacted out of the blue with offers of a coronavirus vaccination. Reports have been of a text message that purports to be from the NHS, which contains a link that takes you to a website that looks very similar in design to that of the genuine NHS website. The website is bogus, and asks you to provide a banking card to make a payment.

There have also been reports of elderly residents receiving a call to advise their vaccination would be carried out at home, and the caller required their name, address and also financial details to pay for the vaccine.

Other reports relate to a recorded voice message on the telephone and the recipient is required to respond by pressing 1 when receiving the call. They are then asked to give personal information, as well as financial details to book their vaccination.

#### THESE ARE SCAMS.

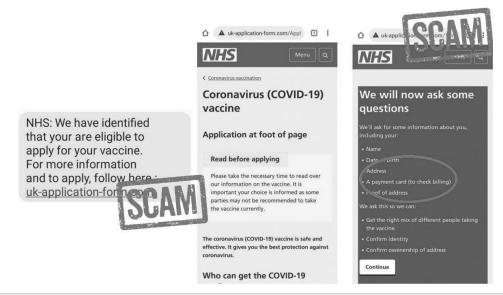
Criminals are exploiting the current situation to attempt to steal personal details and your money. The NHS is currently offering the COVID-19 vaccine to people most at risk from coronavirus. These people will be contacted by the NHS.

#### NO PAYMENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE VACCINE.

There has been a surge worldwide of vaccine related phishing email scams. We expect to see an increase in these. Some contain malicious files that install malware, or links to bogus websites to obtain the victim's information.

Protect yourself by checking the email addresses on incoming messages, and be alert to hyperlinks containing misspelled domain names; be aware of highly emotive language designed to manipulate you; do not supply login credentials or personal information in response to an email; monitor key financial accounts regularly; and keep software and apps updated.

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## **Recipe Corner**

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Serves 4

*Ingredients:* 2 tbsp olive oil

12 beef meatballs 1 onion, finely sliced 2 mixed peppers, sliced

1/2 large bunch coriander, leaves and stalks chopped

2 large garlic cloves, crushed 1 tsp hot smoked paprika

2 tsp ground cumin

1 heaped tbsp light brown soft sugar 2 x 400q cans chopped tomatoes

2 x 400g cans black beans, drained and rinsed

cooked rice, to serve

#### STEP 1

Heat the oil in a large flameproof casserole dish over a medium heat. Fry the meatballs for 5 mins until browned, then transfer to a plate with a slotted spoon.

#### STEP 2

Fry the onion and peppers with a pinch of salt for 7 mins. Add the coriander stalks, garlic, paprika and cumin and fry for 1 min more. Tip in the sugar, tomatoes and beans, and bring to a simmer. Season, return the meatballs to the pan and cook, covered, for 15 mins. To freeze, leave to cool completely and transfer to large freezerproof bags.

#### STEP 3

Serve the chilli with the rice and the coriander leaves scattered over.

# **Margaret Cole**

Margaret Cole passed away on the 5th January and David would like to thank all who have sent cards and letters of condolence. Margaret's funeral will be taking place in early February at Risby Crematorium; please be aware that no one apart from close family may attend. If you would like to show your support then please send a donation in aid of the NSPCC care of Meredith Greengrass, Stowmarket.

# THE 59 CLUB

The 59 CLUB are looking for more people to take part. We have plenty of numbers available

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.

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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



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	1	Gedding Bus Stop			13:19				
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