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to the June edition of your Felsham and Gedding Village News.

I should like to take the opportunity to apologise for the lateness of this issue. As most of you will (hopefully) have noticed, Felsham Fair was the focus of many of the village's stalwarts recently.

I always forget how much it takes to organise an event like the fair, even on our relatively small scale. Thanks should go to all those who lent a hand or two on the 4th, and indeed in the weeks and months leading up to it. All the committees involved are always looking for new faces, so do muck in if you can.

Otherwise, the transition from Spring to Summer seems to be in full flow. It's always nice to see everything alive and thriving again. Blossoms, wildflower and birdsong; and the days are getting longer too! Mind you, we're rapidly approaching the Summer Solstice... Sorry. I'll shut up now.

Phil.

the editor

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If you can answer yes to these questions, then Felsham needs you.

Please contact the Clerk if you would like to be considered for a position or need more information.

felshamparishclerk@gmail.com

DID YOU GO TO THE FELSHAM FAIR?

For two villages totalling a combined population of roughly 500, the Felsham and Gedding communities did the two villages proud on Sunday 4th June with what has been described as “The Best Funday EVER!”



Remodelled this year as “The Felsham Fair”, a new committee took the essence of the Felsham Street Fair and overlaid the fun of the traditional Family Funday to create a brand-new event in the villages’ annual calendar.

We never really know how many people come to the Funday because there is no entry charge and car parking is free, but there must have been somewhere around 1000 visitors.

What we do know is that much fun was had, much food was eaten, much beer and Pimm’s was drunk, much money was spent, and the village charities; shop, village hall, church and playing field (and that means every single resident of the two villages) benefit as a result – and all through having a fun afternoon!

A countless number of people within the two villages have spent tremendous time, effort, and personal commitment to ensuring this event has been a roaring success. A true testimony to the power of community.

And the weather was perfect!





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F&G PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE.

AGM 2023 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT.

A look at last year’s statement has reminded me that I wasn’t present at last year’s meeting. I’m glad to be back in physical form rather than appearing as a read-out statement...

The past year has not been an especially busy one for the playing field. Not that we’d complain about a quiet year too much anyway, though – Sometimes it’s nice to take a year or two off from the usual madness.

That said, the committee and volunteers have put in sterling efforts, both at the return of the Street Fair in September last year, which was a roaring success, and at the bonfire night back in November. A profit of £14.00 or thereabouts was recorded – and while that may not sound a lot, it was a good result considering the event is not run as a profit making exercise – more a sort of gift to the villages as thanks for the support of its residents. A hearty well done is deserved again for those bucket shakers who cajoled folks out of their spare shrapnel at the gate!

Bonfire night aside, having completed the set-up of our container storage facility last year, the problem of moving and storing equipment has been much reduced. The finishing touches were made recently with a solar powered lighting and ventilation system, which should prolong the usefulness of the container. Thanks should go to Jamie Corney for sorting them.

Looking forward to the year ahead, it looks to be a good summer. The Playing Field Committee will be playing an important part in this year’s Felsham Fair on June 4th – which, as I hope most of you will know, is taking place on the playing field this year instead of along Church Road. Unlike previous fun-days, the event will be joint-run, and the profits shared out, as with the Street Fair. This arrangement worked well last year and will allow us to make better use of our own volunteers and resources. In any case, variety is the spice of life, so they tell me!

Otherwise, the usual maintenance tasks continue. This year, we are focussing our attention on repairing/upgrading much of the play equipment, at the top end of the site - some of which has reached life expiry – in particular, the mound and its wooden fortress with slide require a lot of attention. Such has been the damage caused by burrowing rabbits that the decision has been made to remove the mound altogether and install a new climbing frame in its place.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank, as always, the committee members for their time and dedication to keeping this great asset going – it’s important to recognise that these things don’t organise themselves – and to note that we’re always on the lookout for new volunteers.

Going forward, we’re lucky to have a strong committee with lots of great ideas and a healthy bank balance to boot, so I think we can judge 2022 a great success! Well done to you all.

Phil Cockell.
Chair, F&G Playingfield Committee

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We need someone (a volunteer) to help us with the website as neither the Rector or her team has the skills or experience to develop it.

If you can help us then please do get in contact with Canon Sharon Potter, revsharon2@gmail.com, telephone or text 07825 086063.

Thank you!

p.s. the website's address is www.cockfieldbenefice.com

VILLAGE FRIENDS

The next meeting will be on Thursday June 15th at 2pm

at Felsham and Gedding Village Hall

Village Friends is an over 65's friendship group of men and women from various villages who meet once a month and enjoy tea together.

All welcome, just come along!

If you require transport, please contact:

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REV SHARON

Dear Friends,

I hope that you enjoyed the extended weekend for the Coronation. I certainly enjoyed watching both the service in the Abbey and the spectacle of the parades back to Buckingham Palace after it was all over.

The Coronation service itself was deeply Christian, as you would expect for a King who is the Head of the Church of England. But there were many who criticised this - and the fact that it was the Church of England which dominated the ceremony. I can quite understand this, as we live in a society of people with many different faiths - and none. Under half of the population now declare themselves to be 'Christian'.

Despite this my own experience in working with people across the communities that I serve as Rector and Rural Dean is that there is a spiritual hunger in many. We are living in a time of deep anxiety and people are looking for different ways to deal with their feelings and emotions as we face crisis after crisis. I often receive telephone calls, and visits, from people in the community who are not churchgoers, but need someone to talk to as no-one else seems to have the time to sit and listen to them.

I believe that the Church of England exists for everybody, whether they go to church or not. Of course, I would love everyone to have a faith in God, and to attend their local Anglican church, but I know that at present many people either don't believe in the God that I and many others believe in, or they have been put off from being in church for whatever reason in the past.

As we remember Jesus ascending to be with the Father after his resurrection this week, I will be keeping in my prayers all those who are not yet believers and need his healing touch.

with every blessing

Sharon

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COCKFIELD BENEFICE SERVICES & EVENTS – JUNE 2023

Sunday 4 June Trinity Sunday	9.30am Communion CW - Stanningfield
	10am Morning Prayer CW - Cockfield
	11am Communion CW - Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Celtic-style Communion - Felsham
Sunday 11 June Trinity 1	9.30am Communion BCP - Cockfield
	11am Communion CW - Bradfield St George
	6pm Praise & Worship - Gt Whelnetham
Sunday 18 June Trinity 2	9.30am Morning Prayer CW - Stanningfield
	10am All-age Worship - Felsham
	10.30am Communion CW - Cockfield
	6pm Taizé-style service - Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 25 June Trinity 3	9.30am Communion CW - Gt Whelnetham
	10am Worshipping Together - Bradfield St George
	10am Communion BCP - Gedding

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

A service of Celtic Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday at Cockfield at 9am and at Stanningfield every Thursday at 9am.

A prayer group meets every Wednesday at 2pm via zoom.

For more details contact Canon Sharon Potter revsharon2@gmail.com

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS
			MERMAID FISH VHCP 5.50 -
5 F&G & FRIENDS GROUP VH 2.30PM	6	7 TABLE TENNIS VH 7.30PM	MERMAID FISH VHCP 5.50 -
12	13	14 CARPET BOWLS VH 7.30PM	VILLAGE FRIENDS VH 2PM MERMAID FISH VHCP 5.50 -
19	20 Parish Council, VH 7.30pm	21 TABLE TENNIS VH 7.30PM	MERMAID FISH VHCP -5.30
26	27	28 CARPET BOWLS VH 7.30PM	

VH - Village Hall VHCP -Village Hall Car Park

DAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 FRESH FISH VHCP 10.30 AM & CHIPS 6.30PM	2 FRESH FISH VHCP 10.30 AM	3 BLACK BIN	4
8 BROWN BIN & CHIPS 6.30PM	9 FRESH FISH VHCP 10.30 AM RECYCLING BIN	10	11
15 & CHIPS 6.30PM	16 FRESH FISH VHCP 10.30 AM BLACK BIN	17 FILM NIGHT VH 7.30PM	18
22 BROWN BIN & CHIPS 6.30PM	23 FRESH FISH VHCP 10.30 AM RECYCLING BIN	24	25
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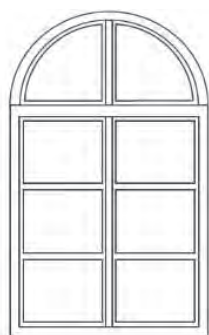
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The start of a school year can be tough for many people's budgets, so you're not alone in your worries. But there is help available.

On the National Citizens Advice website, we have lots of information on the support you might be entitled to for school-related costs. If you're claiming benefits, it's worth checking if you can get extra help for things like school lunches, transport, and uniforms. This information can be found at citizensadvice.org.uk/family/education/help-with-school-costs. If you are not online, Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can advise on the telephone or in person.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals. For older children, you can apply for free school meals if you claim certain types of benefits. The full list is available on the Citizens Advice website, and includes Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Income Support.

Schools can advise on finding cheap or free second-hand uniforms. Often the school will have a second-hand uniform shop, where the cost is much cheaper. A lot of schools accept cheaper non logo items rather than official logo school uniform, so do check with your school if this is the case.

If your child is disabled or has a health condition, you can also claim Disability Living Allowance (this isn't means-tested).

A lot of peoples' budgets are feeling the squeeze at the moment, but it's important to remember that help is available with starting school costs.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, finances, employment, benefits, and family/relationships.

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STOWMARKET CHORALE SINGS

ROYAL ANTHEMS BY HANDEL

Following the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla, Stowmarket Chorale will take you on another journey of pomp and majesty through a performance of 'Handel's Monarchs'.

The venue is St. Mary's Church, Brettenham Rd, Buxhall, IP14 3DJ at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 17th June.

The programme will be three of Handel's '*Four Coronation Anthems*' and the anthem for Queen Caroline, '*The Ways of Zion Do Mourn*'.

Handel's *Coronation Anthems* were composed for the Coronation of King George II and Queen Caroline in 1727 at Westminster Abbey. The most famous of these, *Zadok The Priest*, has been heard at each successive coronation of every British monarch, at the Anointing. The music may be familiar from the Coronation of King Charles III and through its use as the theme tune of the Champions League anthem. Its biblical text is drawn from the first chapter of 1 Kings. Zadok was High Priest to King David and anointed Solomon on his accession to the throne. The opening instrumental builds a strong sense of anticipation, through to the final shouts of rejoicing.

Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened was originally sung at the Recognition. It takes its text from Psalm 89 (verses 13–14). It is in three movements, of which the first is a glorification of the monarch in G major, the second a plea for justice and mercy in E minor, and the third, *Alleluia*, reverts to G major.

Taking a text from Psalm 21 (verses 1–3, 5), Handel splits *The King Shall Rejoice* into four sections. The first movement in D major is full of festive pomp, describing the king's joy in God's power. The second is in A major and gentler, while the third movement in B minor tells of the king's coronation with a crown of pure gold. The final movement returns exuberantly to D major. Two melodies are played against each other, ending in a closing 'Alleluia' that was played at the precise moment of the crowning.

'*The Ways Of Zion Do Mourn*'. Caroline of Brandenburg-Ansbach, the wife of King George II died on 20 November 1737. She was highly educated, took a lively interest in artistic and intellectual matters and was widely mourned at her death. Queen Caroline and the King had been patron and friend to Handel since 1710 and his anthem for her demonstrates a clear expression of profound personal sorrow. She was buried in King Henry VII's Chapel, Westminster Abbey, on the evening of 17 December 1737 and Handel's work was performed after the funeral service... 'the composition was exceeding fine and adapted very properly to the melancholy occasion of it'.

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- 1 blood orange, zested and juiced
- 1 vanilla pod
- 100g butter, melted, plus extra for the tin
- 200g gingernut biscuits
- 500g mascarpone or soft cheese
- 100g quark or thick natural yogurt
- 1 tbsp pistachios, chopped

• STEP 1

Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Line a large baking tray with baking parchment and fill with the rhubarb. Scatter over the sugar and orange zest and pour over the juice. Scrape the seeds from the vanilla pod in there too, throwing the spent pod on top. Cover with foil and roast for 20 mins. Remove from the oven. Purée a third of the rhubarb, reserving the rest for the top.

• STEP 2

Butter a 20cm springform cake tin and line it with baking parchment. To make the base, put the biscuits in a bag and smash them with a rolling pin, or put them in a food processor and grind to crumbs. Tip into a mixing bowl, and stir in a pinch of sea salt. Pour the butter over the crumbs. Mix it together with a fork and tip it into the tin. Tap the side of the tin with your hand to even the crumbs out, and gently compress it with the back of a large spoon until it's packed in and level. You want it fairly well packed so that it holds together. Put in the fridge to chill.

• STEP 3

To make the filling, put the cheese and quark or yogurt into a mixing bowl, or the bowl of a stand mixer, and beat it together. Mix until combined and thickened, then fold through the rhubarb purée.

• STEP 4

Pile the mixture on top of the biscuit base and smooth it down. Cover with cling film and chill overnight until set. Remove the rhubarb from its syrup with a slotted spoon, tip the syrup into a pan and bring to the boil. Reduce for about 3-5 mins until the syrup is more concentrated. Allow to cool.

• STEP 5

Carefully remove the cheesecake from its tin. Pile the rhubarb on top and drizzle over some syrup (you can save the rest for drizzling over porridge), then scatter with the pistachios to serve.

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