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WELCOME

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

I'm quite relieved there are 29 days in February this year as I'm finally putting the Village News together on the 28th, knowing that the newly serviced printer will be put to task tomorrow AND IT WILL STILL BE FEBRUARY. Phew!

There are a lot of events advertised in this month's Village News; many outside our villages but all beautifully co-ordinated so there are very few overlapping dates, I'm looking forward to venturing out in the lighter evenings and to socialise in our wider community.

I don't know about you, but I'm loving the early daffodils and crocus and every day I peer into my pond to see if I can spot the first newt of the year. The wrens and hedge sparrows dive past my head as they fly from the hedge to the wood stacks, busy with their nest building. It really is such a lovely time of year with all the promise of warmer, greener times ahead.

I still haven't heard from anyone interested in taking over the Village News. It would be a real shame if our September issue is the last one. Please do contact us if you like receiving it – at present I feel that most folk are happy with receiving information via social media and the Village News will not be missed. Is this correct?
Jo

from the editor

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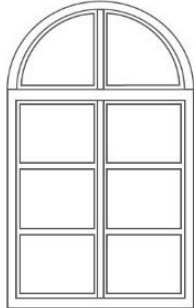
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Next date: Friday 15 March 2024
Game starts at 7.30 so arrive 7.15.

£2 admission plus raffle, please bring a small prize.
Refreshments at half time.

VILLAGE FRIENDS

The next meeting will be on
Thursday 21 March 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

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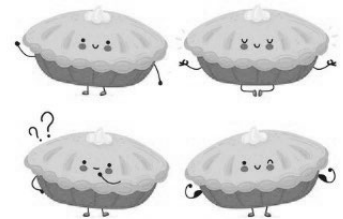


MARCH EVENTS @ THE SIX BELLS, FELSHAM



Saturday 2nd Poker Night
Sunday 3rd Roast Dinner

Friday 8th Pie Night For
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Sunday 10th Mother's Day
Roast Dinner



Thursday 14th Bingo
Friday 15th Paint Night
With Pookie Ree Art
Sunday 17th Paddy's Day
Roast Dinner



Sunday 24th Roast Dinner
Thursday 28th Quiz Night
Easter Sunday 31st Roast Dinner



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We are opening our doors to the Suffolk Smallholders Society for a “Nosey Saturday” on 23rd March, and as we know many people in the village are also interested in what we do, we would like to extend the invitation to you all. We’re open for the whole day from 10.30am to 4pm, but you don’t have to come for all of it – just drop in when it’s convenient and leave when you want to go!

I thought it might be useful to provide a short introduction about who we are. So:

“Apple Tree Holding” is our rather grand name for our smallholding adventure, started over 20 years ago with Mark coming into my life complete with a small flock of pedigree Leicester Longwool sheep. Very much a case of “love me, love my sheep”. At the time I lived in Bury St Edmunds and although I longed to live in the country, had never actually managed to do so. My farming experience was limited to a childhood farm playset (which extended to completely filling the living room by the time I was five years old) and the announcement to my mother (also at the age of 5) that I intended to be a farmer when I grew up. Roll on thirty years or so and suddenly I was propelled into the world of sheep keeping which I quickly realised was much more about fencing and only minimally about cuddling sheep.

We moved to Felsham in 2004 and within a couple of years found an opportunity to rent some land behind the church. However, we have found over the years it’s much easier to lamb and kid at home, so if you do wish to come and cuddle some lambs and kids then please come to our house, Apple Tree Cottage, on Lower Green.

This year we are expecting to start lambing from 10th March onwards with kidding due from 20th March onwards. So, hopefully there will be some very small babies by the 23rd, rather than just big mums-to-be!

We have been asked to demonstrate goat handling techniques, routines at milking time, and foot trimming (both goats and sheep). I can also offer a cheese making demonstration (this really does take all day as there is about one minute of work followed by hours of waiting, so you can just see one or two bits if you want). Please just let us know if there is something particular you’d like to learn, and we’ll see what we can do.

If you just fancy a day out with the children (or grandchildren) for some lamb cuddles, then we’ll be equally delighted to see you as it’s a very special time of year for us and we love sharing it with anyone who is interested.

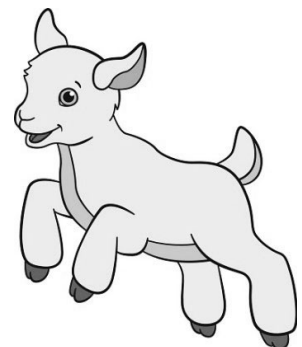
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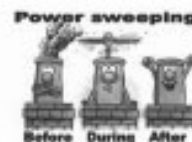
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Damp and mould is building up in our house as the weather gets colder. Our living room is the worst and there's a strong smell, so we've stopped having friends round. We're also concerned about our health. We've reported it to our landlord, but they haven't done anything. With six months left on the tenancy agreement, we're running out of options. What should we do?

You've done the right thing by bringing this to your landlord. To work out if they are responsible, you'll need to find the cause of the damp and mould. This can take time unless there's a clear cause, like bad insulation or a leaking roof.

Damp is when an area of your property doesn't dry out, often because it's cold. The main types are rising, penetrating, construction, and condensation damp. It can lead to mould, which is a fungus that grows in areas where warm damp air condenses on cold surfaces, like window frames. Information on our website can help you work out what type of damp you have, who is responsible and what you can do. Go to citizensadvice.org.uk and search damp for more information.

You should check your tenancy agreement for mentions of repairs and damp. Your landlord is responsible for fixing a damp problem if it's making your home unsafe to live in. For example, this could be if it's affecting your health or the health of those you live with. Your landlord will also be responsible if the damp is related to repairs they should have carried out, like if the window frames are rotting.

Condensation is a key cause of damp we're all familiar with. You should try and reduce extra moisture in your home, this will make it easier to show that your landlord is responsible for the damp. Extra moisture can come from portable gas or paraffin heaters, drying wet clothes or using a tumble dryer with no outside vent.

You may reach the point where you just want to get out of your tenancy agreement early, but remember this can be tricky and there might be things you haven't tried yet.

For example, you could get support from Safe Suffolk Renters, a Suffolk wide project to help improve relationships between landlords and private tenants. Contact them via their website safesuffolkrenters.org. As a private renter, if you've got evidence from a health professional that damp is making you ill, you may be able to get free legal advice through Legal Aid.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide in depth advice on this issue and much more, including debt, finances, employment, benefits and family/relationships. You can contact them by phone on 01449 676060, visit in person at Milton House, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. Opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.

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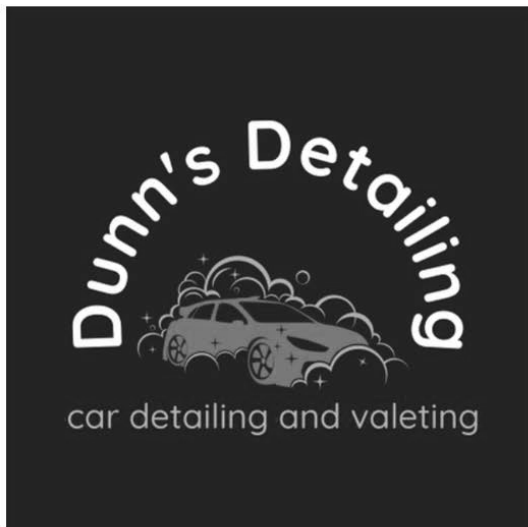
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11	12 PARISH COUNCIL, 7.30PM, VH	13 CARPET BOWLS VH 7.30PM	MERMAID FISH VHCP 5.50 -
18	19	20 TABLE TENNIS VH 7.30PM	VILLAGE FRIENDS VH 2.00PM MERMAID FISH VHCP -5.50
25	26	27 CARPET BOWLS VH 7.30PM	MERMAID FISH VHCP 5.50 -

VH - Village Hall VHCP -Village Hall Car Park

DAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1 RECYCLING BIN FRESH FISH VHCP 10.30 AM	2 Poker Night, Six Bells	3 Roast Dinner, Six Bells 6pm Six2seven - VH
7 & CHIPS 6.30PM	8 BLACK BIN FRESH FISH VHCP 10.30 AM Library Van: 10.10 Gedding 11.40 VHCP Pie Night, Six Bells	9 FILM NIGHT, VH, 7.30PM	10 Mother's Day Roast Dinner, Six Bells
14 BROWN BIN & CHIPS, 6.30PM Bingo, Six Bells	15 RECYCLING BIN FRESH FISH VHCP 10.30 AM WHIST, VH 7.15PM Paint Night, Six Bells	16	17 CRAFT FAIR, VH 10-4PM 10am Morning Worship, St Peters, Felsham Paddy's Day Roast Dinner, Six Bells
21 & CHIPS 6.30PM	22 FRESH FISH VHCP 10.30 AM BLACK BIN	23 NOSEY SATURDAY @APPLE TREE COTTAGE, 10.30AM - 4PM	24 9.30am Walk of Witness From Felsham to Gedding Roast Dinner, Six Bells
28 BROWN BIN & CHIPS 6.30PM Quiz Night, Six Bells	29 FRESH FISH VHCP 10.30 AM RECYCLING BIN	30	31 10.30am BCP, St Marys, Gedding 10.30am Morning Praise, St Peters, Felsham Roast Dinner, Six Bells

COCKFIELD BENEFICE SERVICES AND EVENTS MARCH 2024

Sunday 3 March Third Sunday in Lent	9.30am Communion CW - Stanningfield 11am Communion CW - Bradfield St Clare 6pm Six2Seven - Felsham Village Hall
Sunday 10 March Fourth Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday	10am Mothering Sunday Service - Cockfield 10.30am Communion CW - Bradfield St George 6pm Praise & Worship - Gt Whelnetham
Saturday 16th March	10am-12 noon - coffee morning and raffle in aid of the Bishops' Kagera Lent Appeal - Cockfield Rectory
Sunday 17 March Passion Sunday	9.30am Morning Prayer CW - Stanningfield 10am Morning Worship - Felsham 10.30am Communion CW - Cockfield 4pm Evening Prayer - Bradfield St Clare
 Saturday 23 March Venue tbc	Fun - food - crafts - stories for all children (must be accompanied by a parent or guardian) for more details contact Canon Sharon
Sunday 24 March Palm Sunday	9.30am Walk of Witness from Felsham to Gedding 10.30am Palm Sunday Communion - Gedding
Monday 25 March	7.30pm Compline - Bradfield St Clare
Tuesday 26 March	7.30pm Compline - Bradfield St Clare
Wednesday 27 March	7.30pm Compline - Bradfield St Clare
Thursday 28 March	7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion - Bradfield St George
Friday 29 March	2pm Reflections on Good Friday - Stanningfield
Sunday 31 March Easter Sunday	10.30am Communion CW - Gt Whelnetham 10.30am Communion CW - Cockfield 10.30am Communion BCP - Gedding 10.30am Morning Praise for Easter Day - Felsham

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 normally held every Tuesday at Cockfield at 9am and at Stanningfield every Thursday at 9am. For more details contact Canon Sharon, revsharon2@gmail.com, 01284-828599 or 07825086063

SHARON SAYS...

Dear friends

A recent Easter quiz that I lifted from a well-known magazine recently had some interesting facts that I thought the readers of the Village News might like to know. They are:

- around 80 million Easter Eggs are sold in the UK each year
- the first Easter eggs were hens' eggs that were dyed red
- In Eastern Christianity, the end of Lent is called 'Lazarus Saturday'

You will have guessed from my musings so far that this month I am thinking about Easter as I plan for the services that will take place on Easter Sunday which this year falls on Sunday 31st March. But before Easter Day comes Holy Week, when we walk the way of the cross with Jesus as he anticipates the crucifixion.

For celebrating Easter without attending to the events of the week leading up to it is like serving chips without the fish. They go together. To walk the way of the cross with Jesus - as we call it in the Christian Church - is to reflect and pray about the days leading up to his death. In that week he travelled to Jerusalem and was hailed as the 'King of the Jews' who would save the Jewish people from oppression by the Romans - we know it as Palm Sunday.

He ate bread and drank wine and shared it with the disciples, his friends, which we call the 'Last Supper', and we remember that 'Last Supper' on Maundy Thursday. That evening he also washed the feet of his disciples, even though this was something that was usually carried out by a servant.

On Good Friday, the day when Jesus was crucified, we think about the pain Jesus suffered on behalf of the world, of all of us, so that we might be forgiven our sins forever.

And then, on Easter Sunday we can celebrate Jesus coming back to life - that miracle of all miracles. The pain of the previous three days has gone, although not forgotten, and we can once again marvel at God's love for us all, whether we do or don't believe in God.

However you are spending Easter Day, may God's blessing be with you and those you love.

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A new memoir from Felsham farmer John Poole provides a unique view of a passing age in rural domestic life and farming practice.

This memoir provides a vivid first-hand account of daily life on a small family farm and growing up in Cockfield during World War II.

Much has changed over the last 80 years. This was an era of self-sufficiency, before mains electricity and water, and all the heavy farm work was done with horses. Daily life was punctuated by a variety of wartime incidents, including buzzbombs and air crashes in the area on and around the farm.

The book also provides a unique perspective on farming practice in the area during the harvest of 1940, made possible by the availability of aerial reconnaissance photographs from the Luftwaffe, captured at the end of the war.



An evening with Charlie Haylock



A fascinating evening with Suffolk author and dialect expert Charlie Haylock who will take us behind the scenes of the Netflix hit film *The Dig*

Saturday 23rd March
Brettenham Village Hall
7pm for 7.30pm start

Ticket price includes the talk, a two course meal and showing of the film 'the Dig' on Saturday 16th March



Photo: Larry Horricks, Netflix 2021

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We will be showing the film on Friday March 16th, and Charlie will talk about it on the evening of 23rd March. The evening will combine a meal and talk by Charlie, and include the film showing the week before.

The movie tells the story of an unlikely hero, Basil Brown of Ipswich Museum, the self-taught archaeologist and modest man who discovered the Sutton Hoo treasure, the most magnificent ever found in this country. We will enjoy an intriguing and sometimes hilarious look at *The Dig*.

Historian and author Charlie will explain how a potential "scam" email from the film producer turned out to real and was followed by a personal call from actor Ralph Fiennes. He will show how Ralph Fiennes, who played Basil Brown, and the other "Suffolk" actors learnt their Suffolk accent and managed not to sound like West Country pirates! He will also explain the extreme lengths that Fiennes took not only to play Basil Brown.... but to become him. It looks set to be an entertaining evening for all!

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March is named after Mars, the Roman God of War.

The 15th March is known as the 'Ides of March', which is an important religious date in the Roman calendar as Julius Caesar was assassinated on this date in 44BC.

An old proverb says that “March comes in a like a lion and goes out like a lamb”, which means that winter is ending and spring is beginning.

The expression “mad as a March hare” dates back to 1529. It refers to the wild behaviour of male hares during the mating season in March.

The birthstone for March is aquamarine and the flowers are the daffodil or violet.

Birds and animals

Spring is just starting, and as the weather gets warmer, England’s wildlife becomes varied throughout March.

In the air, birds start to return from their holidays. You might spot the odd skylark and rooks are starting to make plenty of noise. Small birds like sparrows are building their nests, so you will probably spot them carrying twigs in your garden.

March is also a great time for spotting the odd bee or ladybird, if the weather is mild enough, particularly if you have a well-placed insect hide or have planted early flowering seasonal flowers.

STOWMARKET CHORALE PERFORM

Sea Pictures by Edward Elgar and Love's Philosophy by Alexander L'Estrange at the John Peel Centre, Stowmarket on Saturday 9th March at 7 pm

The Chorale is delighted to present a programme of song arrangements for mixed chorus and piano: Elgar's *Sea Pictures* (1899), with Alexander L'Estrange's *Three Songs of Love* (2008), Lauridsen's Nocturne, *Sure on this shining night* (2007) and Quartel's *All the way home* (2018). Reflective and stirring music, portraying the multifaceted strengths and weaknesses of love, and conjuring up the emotional resonances of the sea, from serene still waters, to a mighty ocean storm.

We are also joined by cellist Caio Boyero, for Gjeilo's New York inspired *Sidewalks* and *The Hudson*.

Sir Edward Elgar's (1857-1934) *Sea Pictures* was initially written in 1844 for piano and soprano. However, in 1898 it was transposed to a lower key so that the alto Dame Clare Butt (dressed as a mermaid) could take the lead role in an 1899 performance for the Norwich Festival. The current arrangement for Chorus and Piano was first performed by the Kelvedon Singers in Coggeshall, Essex.

Alexander L'Estrange (b.1974) is one of Britain's most popular living choral composers.

His flagship work, *Zimbe! Come sing the songs of Africa!*, a 40-minute fusion of African song and jazz, had 150 performances worldwide within its first five years.

Love's Philosophy is a trio of exquisite original songs exploring love and longing, arranged for choir and piano. L'Estrange describes it as exploring the "beauty and simplicity of the English song tradition.

American composer and professor of composition, Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943) based his "Sure on this Shining Night" on a poem by James Agee describing the wholeness of the earth and the turning of the seasons. Morten Lauridsen's flowing music captures all of the beauty and wonder of the poem.

Together with "O Magnum Mysterium" this has become one of his most recognized choral works, performed by ensembles the world over.

Sarah **Quartel** (b. 1984) is a Canadian composer and educator. One of her earliest musical experiences was sitting by her father as he played organ for a church choir and she is enthusiastic about the way that choral singing creates community. Her works are performed by choirs across the world.

"*All the Way Home*" was inspired by the Radcliffe Ladies' Choir and their motto, "Friendship through singing." The overall tone is one of peace and contentment with a lilting melody and delicate piano playing.





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Do you live within three miles of Felsham or work here?

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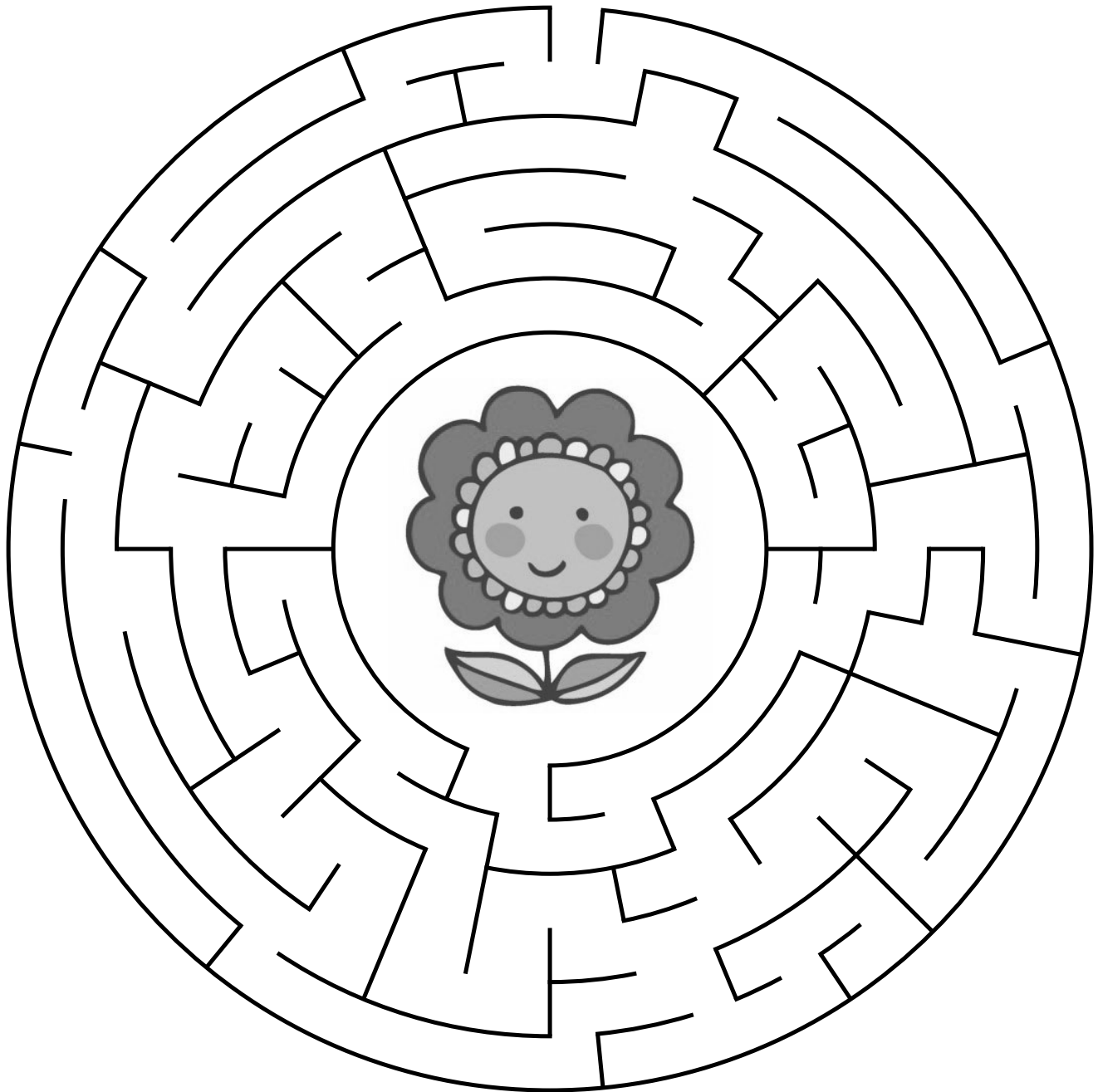
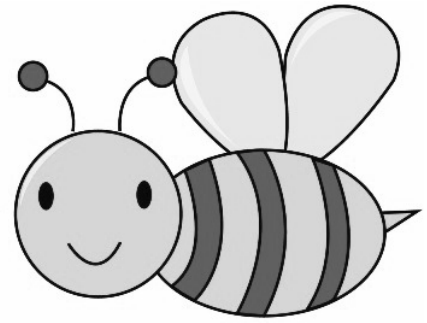
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Please contact the Clerk if you would like to be considered for a position or need more information.

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Bee Maze

Help the bee find their way through the maze to the flower.



March Recipe Suggestion

If you look in the Village Shop this month you'll find some tender goat meat in the freezer, and this is perfect in this recipe. I love these flavours and being a lazy cook I have been known to simply dump the ingredients into my slow cooker and leave to cook for the day whilst I go and do much more interesting things. It works and the results are delicious!

Lamb (or Goat) Tagine

Serves 4, prepare 10 minutes, cook 2 hours



Ingredients

- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 600g diced lamb or mutton shoulder
- 400g mixed vegetables such as carrots and onions (left over vegetables from the Sunday roast are ideal)
- 1 tin borlotti beans, or red kidney beans, drained and rinsed.
- 2 tsp Ras El Hanout Spice Mix
- 1 tbsp tomato puree
- 1 tbsp clear honey
- 100g dried, ready to eat apricots

Method

1. Heat the oil in a heavy based, oven proof casserole dish: add the lamb and fry until golden on both sides.
2. Add the vegetables, beans, spice mix, tomato puree and seasoning and pour in enough cold water (about 500ml) to just cover. Bring to the boil then reduce the heat and simmer gently for 1½ hours until the lamb is tender, stirring occasionally.
3. Add the honey and apricots to the pan and return to the heat for a further 30 minutes. Ideally, serve with couscous but is equally delicious with rice or mashed potato.

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Our editors are Tricia, Jo, Phil, and Serena. Neil supplies us with awesome covers each month.

We have a fantastic team of volunteer deliverers and are well supported by our advertisers. At present we print monthly on our professional printer at the Village Hall.

WE NEED HELP.

If you wish to see the Village news continue, we need volunteers to take it on, revitalise it and drive it forward into the next decade.

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