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TRADE & RETAIL ENQUIRIES WELCOME

Eds bit

A packed issue this time, for the first time ever I received so many contributions from readers I have had to save some till the next time - Thank-you to everyone who took the time.

We at the Welney News would like to extend our heartfelt sympathies to the parents of Charlotte. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

Rachel

Welcome to Welney

Gill and Paul Butcher moved into Buttermere on March Road shortly before Christmas. It's a very different outlook to their previous home in Ely and Gill loves the rural view from her front door. Paul works in Witchford for the council highways department.

They have four children, two boys and two girls. One daughter lives in Littleport and another in Manea so Welney seemed like a good central location as now that Gill is retired she likes to help out with the grandchildren. They have nine grandchildren in ages ranging from 1 year to 20 years and of the older ones; two are at university and one in the Army.

We hope that the move to Welney will be a long and happy one.

Margaret Levesley



**ST. MARY'S WELNEY
COFFEE MORNING**

TO BE HELD IN THE CHURCH BUILDING

SATURDAY 17th MAY 10.30AM

GIFTS GAMES RAFFLE CAKES REFRESHMENTS



Welcome to Teddy Church!



Come and enjoy songs, stories and craft fun on the
first Monday* of the month at 9.30am in St. Mary's Church, Welney.

ALL PRE-SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN ARE WELCOME,
and their Parents, Carers and Teddies too!!

(*we do not meet on Bank Holiday Mondays, sorry!)

Speak to Holly (tel:- 01354-610668) or Sally (tel:- 01354-610444)
if you would like more information ... or just turn up for a warm welcome.

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Front page pic is a beautiful bit of fungi growing in our woodland walk here at Pisces.

'Back by Popular Demand' The Children of Welney Fayre

After the great success of last year's fayre, we will be holding another one this year.

The fayre will be on Saturday 20th September 2008 on the Welney Playing Fields, (event times will be confirmed nearer the date).

This year the fayre will be even bigger and better than last year, with a number of old and new attractions already confirmed.

All monies raised will go to the Welney Youth Club and William Marshall School to pay for special outings and events for the children.

If you'd like to get involved with the fayre, we would gladly welcome any and all volunteers; for more information please contact me on (01354) 610323.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Michelle Wallington

Brewery trip

Welney Archive & Social History Committee are hoping to arrange a visit to **Elgoods Brewery at Wisbech** during the Summer.

If you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Pat Copeman (Parish Clerk)

1 Chestnut Avenue, Welney

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610418 e-mail: welneyipc@aol.

Pedigree exercise for your chum

Over the winter months a group of handlers and their dogs have been keeping fit in the Parish Hall doing things to music. The fun factor has been very evident in the Welney classes – lots of laughing, but also lots of good heel work going on. All the dogs in the group have progressed extremely well and everyone (dogs included) has been having fun!

Now that the days are getting longer and evenings lighter the **FUN AGILITY CLASSES** will be starting again in mid April. These were very successful last year (despite the dreadful summer!) with total novices getting to grips with jumps, tunnels, weave poles etc and having some real laughs along the way! This year we have some new equipment including a walkway, "A" frame and seesaw so lots more for the dogs and handlers to learn. The classes are open to beginners and experienced dogs of all types as most items can be adjusted to suit the size and ability of dog (or handler!). Dogs should be at least 1 year old and handlers can be any age as long as they have control of their dog when on the lead. If you'd like to have a go, why not give me a call on 01354 610230. It's fun I promise!!!

Sue Dobson

Earth Day 2008

An exhibition of environmental technologies and advice

Deepdale Farm, Burnham Deepdale, north Norfolk coast

Tuesday 22nd April, 10am to 4pm

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On Earth Day 2008, 22nd April, Deepdale Backpackers and Camping will be hosting a whole range of eco friendly organisations for an Earth Day exhibition about the environment, including environmental technology installers, advisors, pressure groups and other related organisations.

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For more information visit: www.deepdalefarm.co.uk/earthday

Welney needs you!

Welney Parish Council currently has one vacancy for a councillor.

The Parish Council meet every month on the first Tuesday at the Parish Hall and would like to fill this vacancy as soon as possible.

If you are interested in becoming a councillor or would like further information please contact the parish clerk:

Mrs Pat Copeman, 1 Chestnut Avenue,
Welney. Tel: 01354 610226 Fax: 01354
610418. e-mail : welneyipc@aol.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

Post Office services in Welney

As everyone is aware Welney lost its Post Office services in June of 2007. Contact has been made with the relevant people and we have been told that there is to be a consultation regarding all the Post Offices within Norfolk commencing on the 26th March 2008 and ending on 2nd June 2008.

The Parochial Church Council has approached the Post Office asking if we could host Outreach Services within the church building. We have been informed that this proposal has been forwarded to the relevant team and will be taken into the consultations.

A Public Meeting was held on the 13th February in the Parish Hall to discuss the lack of a Post Office in the village. The Revd. Kevin Fitzgibbon gave a presentation showing the possibilities of hosting post office services within the church building for possibly two mornings a week. It was also thought possible that a small selection of dry goods and local produce could be sold during the time that the post office services are open, also the possibility of serving coffees and teas and having a community meeting place. Since the closure of the village shop such a facility is missing within the village. All the people that attended the meeting were very supportive of the proposal of the idea of an Outreach Service and many have offered their help if this should come to fruition. It is not a foregone conclusion that this idea will happen and it will be a big challenge. The church will have to have permission to be adapted to accommodate any Post Office services; if we serve coffee/tea the toilet facilities will have to be updated, and most importantly of all this will cost money. This will have to be raised by village events and requested by way of grants from various bodies.

Unfortunately, we cannot proceed with this idea until after the consultation period has ended. Posters and leaflets will be displayed at the start of the six-week public consultation period and as a village you are asked to write to the relevant people to state your views as to why Welney needs Post Office services.

This proposal CAN happen, BUT it will need a commitment from the people of Welney to justify such a facility in the village.

Stretch yourself

The Thursday Group are still meeting up for our weekly sessions of Yoga, though we are down to 4 regular members since Holly left us to begin gainful employment. Of course, we were pleased for her, but we are left with this strangely quiet corner at the back of the group that definitely needs to be occupied.

So, we need to persuade two or three of you, out there with time on your hands on a Thursday morning, to come and give Yoga a try. Perhaps, secretly, you have always fancied trying yoga, but having browsed through some yoga books in the library or a local bookshop, had decided that yoga wasn't for you, because it looked far too difficult. Or perhaps you feel that as the group has been running for a while, you would not be able to 'catch up'.

The classical yoga postures make up a fantastic system to strengthen, mobilize, relax, and rejuvenate the human body. In their classic form, i.e. what you often see as the illustrations in a yoga textbook, the yoga postures are mostly suited to a body accustomed to the discipline of lifelong regular practice. The job of western yoga teachers is to understand the principles of what the original postures are designed to do, and then adapt them so that they are accessible to any individual according to their own ability and their medical history; while keeping as near as possible to the original purpose.

So, take all of the above, add in a little fun, gossip and the frequently-mentioned hot chocolate; and there you have us, in a nutshell. We are not competitive, and my only ambition is to make sure that everyone enjoys their yoga and feels comfortable with what they do.

And if you have read this far and are still not sure, just telephone me for an informal chat. You can even book an individual session if you want to find out more about the mystery of yoga - there is no better advert for it than to experience it for yourself.

Karen Fleming 610523

No eggs needed this Easter

(for the families of Charlotte
and the Downham Lad)

Spare a thought for the Parents
Who pass by the shelves of chocolate eggs;
Think of the children
Who can no longer run around Grandad's legs;

How do they feel, those wives
Whose husband can no longer lean near to be
kissed?
Countless times a lifetime
We reach moments of pain when they're missed.

Gather your thoughts together,
Focus your heart and mind –
Love your child, your neighbour –
Give of yourself and be kind.

Death is all around us,
Unbidden and reviled –
All losses raw and painful –
Loss of friend, parent, wife or child.

Grief spreads out like ripples
Troubling the running stream.
Loved ones haunt our memories
In a scent, a song, a dream.

Hollow hope or refuge?
Tell me, can you say?
We are promised life in Heaven
Because Jesus died, then rose on Easter Day.

Our God suffered pain before us,
He shivered to the bone,
To guide us to salvation,
Beside his celestial throne.

Will this bring Parents comfort
At this first Easter-tide,
When no eggs are needed for their children
Because, too soon, their dear loves have died?

I pray their God brings them comfort,
All those folk who've lost a loved one,
That they can remember the good times
With their father, brother, grandma or son.

ANON

Action – At Last!

By the time you read this, those of you who live in the Parish will have received your copy of the Action Plan.

It's been a long time coming – far longer than we ever expected – but, hopefully you'll find it an interesting read and will want to hold on to it.

The Steering Group has put in a great deal of effort – apart from the unintended long lay off last year – in order to produce this document. Its final appearance is in no small part due to Mark Brown, who rapidly mastered his computer software to come up with the professional looking layout.

The production of the Action Plan is by no means the end of the matter, It should be seen as the strategic phase of a long term programme intended to secure the best possible future for our community.

The Parish Council will use it to work up specific projects that fit within this strategy and then seek to implement them by the most appropriate means.

To that extent the Action Plan is very much a live document that will steer local politics for some time to come.

You all have a further role to play too. Please read it carefully with an open mind and pass on any constructive comments or suggestions to the Parish Clerk or any councillors, so that they can be incorporated into your council's deliberations.

Welney is facing an uncertain and challenging future. We need more than ever to be proactive rather than reactive in the way we prepare for what's to come. The Action Plan provides a sound base from which to proceed in a structured manner. It will though require regular reviews and updates to keep it relevant, so don't just hide it away.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the members of the 'team', who have so willingly given up their time to get us this far – now it's over to the rest of you to get involved!

Tim Bennett (Co-ordinator)

PS: There may be a few spare copies of the Action Plan available, should other readers have a particular interest in the future of Welney. Please contact the Parish Clerk, Pat Copeman.

Letter to the Ed

DO YOU KNOW THE QUEEN VISTED THE
WWT CENTER ON MONDAY?

WHERE WERE THE CHILDREN OF WELNEY
SCHOOL?

ONLY UPWELL SCHOOL WAS INVITED.

WAS THAT FAIR?????????????????

THE WELNEY CHILDREN HAVE MISSED OUT
ON A ONCE IN A LIFE TIME OPPORTUNITY



Kieran Markham presents The Queen with a cuddly swan.



The Queen meets the Welney wardens.



The Queen meets some visiting school children.



Sarah Ward presents The Queen with a posy of flowers.



The Queen meets the Welney staff.



Swans flock to feed time for The Queen.

Her Majesty the Queen visits WWT Welney

On Monday 28th January HM The Queen visited WWT Welney. She arrived at 4.30pm having specifically requested a visit to watch a swan feed and see the flight-in of thousands of wild Whooper and Bewick's swans that use the Welney reserve as a roost site. Following a tour of the centre where she met staff, volunteers, Friends and supporters of Welney she was escorted across the footbridge to meet the wardens and see the stars of the show. Whilst chatting at length with reserve manager, Leigh Marshall, the Queen was treated to a spectacular sunset over the Washes before hundreds of swans put on a show for our royal visitor. Following the swan feed, The Queen signed the visitor's book and was presented with a posy by Sarah Ward, age 7. Kieran Markham, 3, from Welney village, presented the Queen with a cuddly toy swan as a souvenir of her visit.

After the excitement of the royal visit it was back to business as usual. Following mild conditions in early February we thought the swans would be heading North earlier this year but with a cold snap before the end of the month we extended the swan feed season to accommodate the large numbers still on the main lagoon.

Coming up at the centre in April and May we have many events celebrating the Spring. Experience the 'Dawn Chorus' with a warden to identify the songs on 26th April and 25th May; explore Welney at night on 'Bats and Barn Owls' on 3rd May and go 'Wild About Spring' on 4th May to find out more about spring wildlife at Welney. If you like to be hands-on, you can volunteer with the wardens for a day on our 'Breath of Fresh Air' event on 17th/18th May. From April to June families can go 'Duckling and Diving' with a special trail and arts and crafts to do every weekend. Come and look for the first ducklings at Welney plus 'dive' into our ponds as the pond-dipping season starts. For more information on all our events or to book please check www.wwt.org.uk/welney or call 01353 860711.

Teddy Church

Hello Teddy Fans all!

We're into a new year and have new plans to try some extra sessions of Teddy Church, in the hope that we may add a few more pre-school children and their families to our Teddy Church club. We are considering having Teddy Church either every Monday or on the first and third Mondays of each month (we do not have a session on Bank Holiday Mondays, sorry).

The first Monday session will continue to be a get-together starting at 9.30am at St. Mary's Church, Welney, as we do now (see you there!?). The other sessions might be in the afternoon, from 2.00pm, to fit in with the school picking-up time of older brothers and sisters. Alternatively, a session in Christchurch may be included, with the children from Christchurch Playgroup being invited to join us, subject to an enthusiastic response from Playgroup bods and Parents.

If you have, or know of, any pre-school children that you think might enjoy an hour or so of singing, story and craft fun in a relaxed environment, amongst friends, please let them know about our Teddy get-togethers – we're always glad to welcome new friends, young and old.

Watch this space for progress on plans for our extra sessions, and please let us know any comments or suggestions you have about Teddy Church.

All the best from the Honorary Teds:-

Holly (tel:- 01354-610668), Sally (tel:- 01354-610444) and Queenie.



Delph House news

Marifa Lodge Care Home

Tel: 01354 610300

Dining room

We have now finished the refurbishment of the dining room. The old wallpaper was removed and the walls re-plastered and the walls and ceiling re-painted.

Now the furniture has been replaced with new tables and chairs made from

American oak. Many residents and visitors have congratulated us on the improvements.



Coming events

Thursday trips: There will be a trip out most Thursdays weather permitting starting on 27 March with a shopping trip. Requests or suggestions for other places to visit are welcome. Suggested destinations so far include Sandringham, Hunstanton, and Welney Wildfowl Trust.

Monday 28 April at 2:00 pm: Pauline May clothes party. An opportunity for residents to buy some new clothes for Spring and Summer.

Thursday 1 May leaving at 1:30 pm: Flower Festival at St Mary's Church, Long Sutton. This event runs every year and the theme this year is "www?...". Refreshments are available and there is wheelchair access.

For any of these activities if you are able to accompany your friend or relative please let us know in advance.

Staff training: We would like to congratulate Carole Halls and Sharon Smith on successful completion of their NVQ level 3 Health and Social Care training. Currently other staff are following NVQ level 2 training and we expect more good news in due course.

We are also participating in a pilot project organised by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Skills Partnership. This is a

new e-learning training course for staff induction. The training and testing is entirely via computer, either at work or at home. Some staff who say they have never before touched a keyboard are making great progress.

Day Care: A small number of Day Care places are available for local residents. Please telephone, email or visit to enquire. We also continue to deliver home-cooked lunches to local elderly residents in their homes. This service currently operates in Welney and Upwell and villages between.

Graham Rainbird

Literary promise

Prologue

To Welney News readers

My inspiration for the Mage series was a game I played on sunny days with my younger sister Ella.

The main character, Jarek is a Mage who decides to live in a village called Midway and do as much good for the village as possible without being discovered by the King of one of the neighboring countries who destroyed every other good Mage.

I decided to write about a game because I got a flash of inspiration of how to convert a game into a novel.

I mentioned the Mage series a few lines above because as I began to collect ideas for this novel I had some ideas as to three other plots for later novels.

I asked if the Prologue of The Rift of Secrets could be included in this months Welney News so I could share it with everyone who receives the Welney News.

If you wish to comment on the prologue then please send your thoughts in mail to:

James Fleming

Bridge House

Bedford Bank West

Welney

PE14 9RJ

The evening sky stretched expansively over Bridge Valley, two mountain ranges with a gap inbetween large enough for a reasonable village. This stretch of land spanned a gap between two completely different lands which ended in totally vertical cliffs with no connection save for the flimsy looking strip of ground, Bridge Valley. The land on which the valley sat did not extend downwards in any fashion but went straight with no visible support from the country of Larmant in the West which was ruled by King Penthalon to the country of Toramar in the East which was ruled by no one but existed under the Toran Guards, whose ancestors had set laws and it was the job of their descendants to enforce these across the country, no easy task as Toramar was vast.

A death song of a funeral slid out of the village and on the road came to the ears of a young man of nineteen who, recognizing the sound slowed his pace toward it and headed for Torresdal. He knew what the song was and did not wish to intrude especially because he recognized the lyrics as a lament of a leader and Midway had only one leader. Midway-named for its unique position- was a common enough village apart from the fact that it was curled between the two mountain ranges of Torresdal and Patiarka halfway across the seemingly empty chasm.

He settled on a short, smooth ledge on one of the last hills before the real mountains and placed himself beneath two Ash trees, a favorite kind for him. He settled down and prepared for the freezing night by slicing off several branches off either tree, with a long leather-wrapped oak handled knife, which grew back in a matter of minutes, and setting himself down in a comfortable hollow. He wove the branches into a round cocoon engulfing himself in it even though even the tightly weaved branches would offer little protection from the cold. However he knew this and it did not faze him for he was no ordinary human.

He was a Mage, the last Mage in existence. the last human capable of more then just amusing tricks and illusions, he was the last of an ancient branch of talented humans who studied ancient lore and the true powerful magic of the ancient times. He the last of that truly magnificent band of extraordinary humans. He had finished his tutelage at the school of power almost a year ago the only one to leave that year. He left behind a couple of friends looking forward to their graduation, they never would for tragedy fell on the Mages. The King of the country west of the valley had taken his army one night and destroyed the School of Power and all the mages with the lone exception of him. he had been since the night of his leaving searching for the revered Hall of Echoes which he had learnt about from the Preacher of the Legendary and Myth. The other students laughed when he told them of his ambition for they thought that the Hall was definitely a Myth but he stood resolute and upon his naming ceremony received his Mage name and left. He left to seek some use for his power in helping other people and to seek a little renown for the name he had been given by the 7 white and 7 black stones; Jarek.

James Fleming

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Women's Institute

The February meeting commenced with the singing of Jerusalem followed by a short business session.

Four members have been invited to attend a buffet supper at Christchurch on 8th April to celebrate their 80th birthday.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Butterworth from Ely who showed some beautiful slides of southern Africa which included Pretoria, Swaziland, Lesotho, the lovely Botanical Gardens at Durban and finally to Cape Town and the famous Table Mountain.

A handmade Valentine card was the competition for February which was judged by Mr. Butterworth. Jean Newell and Bettine Watson gained 5 points, Sheila Dore and Jennifer James 4 points, Amy Markham, Blanche Markham and Queenie Johnson 3 points.

Lucky raffle winners were Cissie Bedford, Jennifer James and Blanche Markham.

The month of March saw a welcome back to Mrs. Ann Barnes from Wisbech with a talk entitled "A Good Send-off". This turned out to be a fascinating insight of funeral customs through the ages. Many years ago the death bed was a social occasion with family members, friends and neighbours gathering to see the unfortunate person off.

People who had travelled long distances were given food before the funeral to sustain them during the service. Night funerals also took place and the church charged double the normal fee on these occasions, and if a young girl died everyone wore white.

Then came the body snatchers. Some graves were guarded by the family until such time as the body was considered not 'fresh' enough to steal.

One very dark night when the body snatchers were at work, they opened up a newly dug grave and the lady inside the coffin sat up and sneezed, consequently the body snatchers made a quick getaway. It was reputed that the lady in question lived for several years after her ordeal. It was certainly a talk with a difference.

Raffle winners were Jean Newell, Blanche Markham and Bettine Watson.

To enter the competition members had to bake four butterfly cakes. Mrs Barnes kindly judged and awarded Amy Markham, Queenie Johnson, Jean Newell, and Jennifer James 5 points, Bettine Watson, Sheila Dore and Vera Singleterry 4 points.

For social time Amy Markham organized a quiz, winners included Jennifer James, Blanche Markham and Sheila Dore.

April will be Members Night at the home of Sheila Dore and to enter the competition members must bring along their favourite biro.

Friendship Club

If you are at a loose end on a Tuesday afternoon why not try out the Friendship Club which meets in the village hall every other Tuesday (see diary page). After the usual hymn and the paperwork is sorted it's cup of tea time with biscuits or at Easter there are hot cross buns. Then you could try your hand at dominoes or whist or maybe eyes down for a game of bingo.

There will be a chance to book one of the monthly outings which have been organized for when the weather improves, the first one being a trip to Wicksteed Park in early May. Any enquiries to Queenie Johnson on 01354 610409.

Members would like to say a big THANK YOU to Gary Johnson who has been their coach driver for at least 30 years and has now retired. Nothing has been too much trouble and he has been a real friend taking them on the most scenic and tranquil routes making every outing very enjoyable. Gary is wished a long and happy retirement.

A big hello to Mr. Eric Nott who is taking over from Gary.



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Welney Croft Cricket Club

Presentation Evening

An enjoyable evening was had by all starting with a 'Hot & Cold' buffet in the restaurant at the Lamb & Flag.

Club Chairman John Loveday then gave a short speech thanking those responsible for carrying out the groundsman duties, providing teas and undertaking general admin work.

It was noted that the club had a slightly improved season from last season winning 2 more matches and welcomed the arrival of 3 new players Duncan & Ashley Hobbs and Mark Brown.

Club Secretary Tony Smart opened the Presentations by awarding the bowling trophy club captain JOHN LOVEDAY who headed the averages taking 23 wickets at an average of 14.2

Club Chairman John then presented the following awards -

Batting Award : SEAN GOODGER (average 18.5) who just pipped Stuart Singleterry on 18.3.

Catching Award : SEAN GOODGER (9 catches)

Fielding Award: SEAN GOODGER.

Ducks Award : SEAN SMYTH, who narrowly beat the skipper by one '0'.

Captains Award : PERCY BULSARA, still mesmerising the batsmen at 73 years of age and taking valuable wickets.

Cricketer of the Year : SEAN GOODGER - having won 3 specialist awards, there was only one choice and a well deserved winner.

A special mention to both John Loveday and Sean Smyth, who both played in all this seasons 16 matches.

Tony Smart

See page 23 for a list of fixtures for 2008.

Have you seen them?

Help for the scarce tree sparrow on the Fens in Cambridge-shire and West Norfolk is underway for the fifth year. The agricultural land of the Fens remains an important habitat for these birds. These birds like open farmland with free-standing trees or small isolated woodlands.

Tree sparrows are one of the farmland birds that have been declining in the last thirty years. They can be recognised by their chocolate brown cap and black spot on the side of a whitish cheek. In the winter months, they can form large flocks of over 100 birds that feed on seed and grain across the Fens

The RSPB and 25 farmers and landowners have formed a partnership to support these wintering flocks. Grain is scattered at various sites within 20 Km of the Ouse Washes nature reserve. The grain has been generously supplied by George Munns, from West Moor farm, Chatteris. The RSPB staff have been helping to distribute the grain to key sites that support these birds.

These feeding sites are supporting large numbers of tree sparrows with flocks of over 30 individuals seen at one site. In addition, this food is also important for other farmland birds such as reed buntings, yellowhammers and corn buntings.

Other ways to support the tree sparrows is to provide nest-ing boxes. So far this winter we have provided over twenty boxes that will hopefully be used this spring.

Due to the mild winter, the large flocks of over 100 birds have not been seen yet. Should you find such a flock please contact us at the reserve office on 01354 680212.

The RSPB's Ouse Washes reserve has a resident popula-tion of at least 10 breeding pairs that use nest boxes to raise their young. Up to 50 birds have been recorded com-ing down to feed on grain by the visitor centre during the winter months.

*Alex Thomas
RSPB Warden at Ouse Washes Reserve*



Farming Diary

What a contrast the third week of March has seen; Easter Sunday morning looking out of the window to see a typical Christmas card scene with a covering of about 3 or 4 inches of snow, the first settled snow for the winter and possibly the last.



With around an inch of rainfall last weekend there has not been much land work lately, however, for most of early March the weather, though cold and very windy, remained quite dry and allowed much of the early spring work to be completed. Onions were drilled on the 7th March and the following week we completed all of the sugar beet drilling. This is the earliest we have ever drilled this crop. On recommendations from British Sugar much of the UK beet acreage has gone into the ground much earlier than normal, and our only concern now is that because it has been cold not a lot of growth will have occurred since drilling was completed. Also, if the land dries out quickly when the rain stops there is a fear that the soil could 'cap', which means that a hard crust of soil can form, sometimes to a depth of over an inch. 'Capping' tends to affect the silt soils more than the blacker, more organic types of soil and can provide an impenetrable barrier to the young shoots trying to reach the surface, which, if they do not have enough energy to break through it will wither and die. Sometimes the seedlings can be assisted by gently rolling the surface, which helps to crack the soil and allow the shoots an easy route to the surface. However, this technique can also be damaging to those shoots which have already emerged and can crush them. It can also crack the capped soil and this in turn breaks off the emerging shoots which are part-embedded in the capping. Tough decisions have to be made at this time, and in extreme cases it is sometime better to completely re-drill the crop and start again, providing it is not too late in the season. Although it would be nice to see the weather dry up so that we can start planting potatoes it would, on the other hand, help both the onion and sugar beet crops if the soil did not dry too quickly before emergence.

Late February saw us drilling our first crop of Spring-drilled barley for over 15 years. The barley has been drilled in two fields, one in Tipsend and one in Welney adjacent to the playing field. It was drilled in good conditions, with drill depth slightly on the deeper side of normal to try and deter Welney's resident crow and jackdaw populations who live nearby and can easily find these small succulent seeds before they break the surface. They must have a great sense of smell as they do seem to be able to peck exactly above the covered seed. One of our bird experts can probably explain how they are able to do this. By drilling deeper I was hoping that the seed would be 'out of range' of the birds, but it remains to be seen exactly how good they are at finding them. The variety of Barley is called Optic and the intended end use is for malting. The barley market in the UK has declined somewhat over the last 20 years but there are still niche markets for specific malting varieties. Due to some late changes in cropping it was decided to go with barley, partly due to the fact that it is virtually impossible to obtain any wheat seed. The variety Optic is a favorite with the maltsters and premium prices are available for the best qualities. One of the most important criteria to meet is the nitrogen level in the harvested barley grains. Nitrogen levels between 1.6% and 1.75% are the target for normal UK brewing requirements, whilst for export malts levels between 1.7% and 1.85% are acceptable for European lager-type beers. For spirit distillers levels of 1.5% to 1.65% would be the norm.



drilling sugar beet

The nitrogen levels are a measure of the amount of crude protein in the barley grains. Fertiliser requirements for this crop are managed very differently to bread wheat, which requires high protein levels and thus high nitrogen fertilizer inputs to achieve this right through to ear emergence of the wheat. Barley fertiliser inputs therefore have to be accurately timed and tailored so as not to leave too much nitrogen available to the plant at ear fill, but also to make sure there is enough fertiliser available for normal plant growth and yield. One of the other factors to consider is previous cropping. If, for example, one

followed a crop such as onions or peas there would be much higher levels of residual soil nitrogen available to the plant, and for this reason we are following a crop of winter wheat where we hope there is not too much residual soil nitrogen available. Also the land type is typically silt and this tends to be 'nitrogen hungry' so it will be interesting to see if we can achieve the desired quality at harvest. We are already seeing a demand for the barley straw with someone already asking if they can have some of the barley straw bales for their livestock once the crop is harvested.

Once the snow and rain stop we need to plant the new season's chamomile crop, which this year we have about 10 acres to plant. We need to get this in as soon as possible in order to be able to harvest a crop that will yield oil in August. Last season our plantings were much later and we failed to achieve any reasonable oil yields at harvest, which was very late. Potato planting will follow the chamomile and this season we have three varieties to grow, Maris Piper and Morene, which are destined for McCains and the fish and chip shop trade, plus a new variety for this season called Vales Everest, which is a variety that has red eyes, a bit like Kind Edward. Vales Everest will meet most market requirements; it will pre-pack, chip and bake, so is a very versatile variety. As the variety is exclusive to Greenvale AP, the grower group to which we are members, they will handle the marketing of this crop and it is expected it will go to Birds Eye foods in the spring of 2009.



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Ken Goodger

A Happy Ending

I have never been able to resist an animal in need of help, and over the years have taken in many 'waifs'; some of them injured or orphaned wild animals, others domestic pets who, for some reason, needed a new home. There is always the risk that your best efforts to save some tiny wild creature might not be enough, and not all the stories have a happy ending; but that has never stopped me from trying my best, every single time. Sometimes there is a good outcome despite all the odds, as happened with the impossibly tiny baby blue tits our tabby cat once brought home for us. With the help of old towels and hot water bottles we took them on an emergency dash to the Cares wildlife hospital in Haddenham; and incredibly they did survive, and were successfully hand-reared and later released. (Sadly, the wonderful Cares hospital is no more, though other similar establishments exist throughout East Anglia). Tigger himself was a stray who appeared on our doorstep, and has since grown to be the most regal and magnificent of cats, and a much-loved family member.

For most of this winter we have 'fostered' another waif, this time a young hedgehog. A friend had told me about this one, which was too small to hibernate successfully, and needed housing and feeding. I did say something about providing a temporary home for a few days, but once our new guest moved in the children very quickly decided that Peanut, as he/she came to be called, was here to stay...

As Peanut was really quite small, we guessed that 'it' might well be a 'she'. Because of 'her' small size and the particularly cold weather at the time, she took up residence in an old rabbit hutch in an unheated part of the house rather than in our shed. This also meant that we could observe her behaviour quite well.

Peanut quickly settled into a routine of sleeping all day and waking in the late afternoon for a drink and a snack. After more sleep, she would then emerge again in the late evening for her main 'troughing' session of the day, before retiring again. Her diet included cat biscuits and tinned cat food, 'Shreddies', digestive biscuits, sliced apple, banana, dried fruit, cooked chicken scraps, and lots of fresh water. The amount of food consumed went up and up until she was eating, daily, at least three times as much in weight as we would feed to one cat; likewise her size steadily increased from 460g to over 1.2 kilos - at which point we had to concede that 'she' really was, more probably, 'he'.

Peanut constructed a huge, densely-woven nest ball which filled the whole sleeping compartment of the rabbit hutch. We learned early on that if we provided several handfuls of spare nest material (straw and shredded paper) every evening, then we would avoid any hedgehog vandalism (in the form of loud digging, scratching and gnawing of the hutch walls). We left food and water in the wire-fronted end of the hutch, along with thick layers of straw and paper for



toileting. We were pleasantly surprised to find that cleaning was very simple, as Peanut only used this area and never fouled her (or his) sleeping area. The only other maintenance was the weekly weigh-in (where thick gardening gloves came in very handy) and regular dusting with pyrethrum flea powder.

We became accustomed to hearing hedgehog sounds each evening, as Peanut began her day; the first indication that she was awake was the sound of her nose switching on to check for the presence of breakfast. The Nose produced a distinctive sound, more like an old-fashioned Geiger counter than anything that could be called a snuffle;

this would rapidly be followed by Peanut herself, emerging to demolish her food with much noise and enthusiasm, while steadfastly ignoring any audience on the other side of the wire door. This sometimes included our indignant cats, who were not delighted at the amount of 'their' cat food disappearing into the rabbit hutch. On returning to bed, Peanut would often have a conversation with, apparently, several imaginary hedgehog friends, judging by the amount of chattering and whickering coming from her nest, before she settled again.

At the time of writing, Peanut is now residing in an outbuilding, to acclimatize before 'his' fast-approaching release at the end of March. We are delighted to have made a difference to the life of at least one young hedgehog, particularly



as it seems that hedgehogs are one of the many species in serious decline in our countryside. We haven't yet got used to the absence of hedgehog conversation in our house in the late evening, but are looking forward to returning Peanut to his true home. And the daily feeding and cleaning was well repaid by the opportunity to observe and get to know, even from a careful distance, one of these unique and very beautiful animals. You never know, we might even get the chance to be hedgehog foster parents again, next autumn, now that Peanut has shown us what to do...

K Fleming

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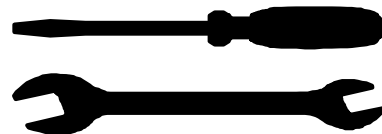
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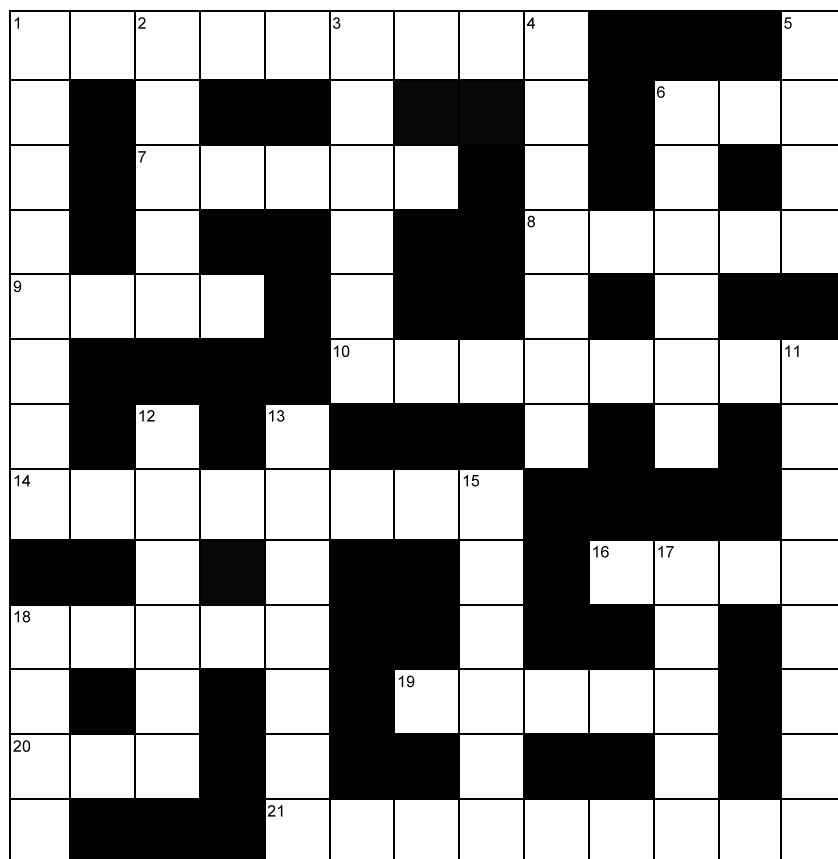
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1. See 10a
6. Walk around the house (slang) (3)
7. Thatcher finds supplies in Downham Market (5)
8. Prepare to whistle for the prize? It's a woman thing (5)
- 9/3d Of an evening, rest and see simple Londoners living complicated lives (4,6)
- 10/1a Dozy public servant giving motorists the hump (8,9)
- 14/18d Wearing casual clothes earns one a reprimand (8,4)
16. Just a travelling show (4)
18. Party funder could be a lifesaver (5)
19. Pet loses tail to reveal religious leader (5)
20. Find humour in how I talk (3)
21. Get away after union? Oh, no money (9)

Down

1. Kept code (stolen) safely stashed away (8)
2. Where peers might enjoy some sport (5)
3. See 9 across
4. Much colder and much faster (7)
5. Well-heeled gent holds slight advantage (4)
6. Allow one to curl the hair (6)
11. Defender of the written word, on a daily basis (8)
12. When ripe, an utterly delicious snack found growing underground (6)
13. Cor, this is a big bird! (7)
15. Musical lubricant (6)
17. Am I going to find a friend in Spain? (5)
18. See 14 across

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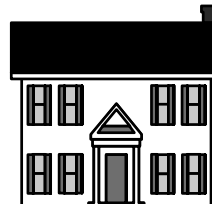
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Parish Council Report

The February meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 5th.



First Time Sewage for Welney - Anglian Water had confirmed that they had agreed the purchase of a parcel of land owned by Norfolk Property Services located between Christchurch and Tipps End accessed off Green Lane from the B1100 for the construction of the Sewage Treatment Works. It was also confirmed by Anglian Water that there will be no discharge into the Croft River, but the discharge would be into a drain, thence into the main drain and finally into the Sixteen Foot River - The Drainage Commissions were hoping to have a meeting in the near future to discuss the proposed discharge arrangements.

Several members of the public were in attendance at the meeting and were given the opportunity to ask questions and inspect the plans together with photographs.

Casual Vacancy - Following the January meeting, Cllr.Wallington had tendered his resignation from the Council due to an increased workload. The Clerk had informed the Borough Council and notices had been displayed on the notice boards and in the Welney News advertising the two vacancies. It was hoped that we would be able to fill both at the March meeting.

Parish Hall - All the electrical equipment in the Hall at been tested and the heaters had been repaired and were now all working. The steps leading up from the Car park had also been repaired.

Elgoods and the Proposed New Community Centre - Confirmation had been sent to the Environment Agency confirming that we would like to purchase the Parish Hall site at the agreed price of £70,000. Elgoods were informed of developments and are anxious to proceed with this matter as quickly as possible. Solicitors would be instructed as soon as confirmation is received from the Environment Agency and Elgoods further confirmed that they will pay all legal fees in connection with this matter. Council were looking into funding for the proposed project and an application form for possible funding from WREN is available when needed. It was agreed that councillors would visit local buildings to get an idea of the size and construction so that firm plans could be formulated in readiness for having plans drawn up and priced.

Highway Matters - The Give Way Sign at the top of New Road had been repaired, and Highways had also dealt with the problem of standing water on the footpath outside the Old Nursery on Wisbech Road. They promised to monitor the situation and visit again if necessary.

A meeting had been arranged for 10 a.m. in Wednesday 6th February with the Environment Agency, Highways, Police and Fire Service to discuss problems with signage and usage of the road when it was flooded.

WASH Committee - A committee meeting was held on 18th January and arrangements were made for the Open Day on 16th February. It was to commence at 10.30 a.m. and there would be a display of photographs, together with a slide show running throughout the morning. The theme of the day will be weddings, and refreshments would be available.

Parish Action Plan - Cllr.Brown confirmed that the Action Plan is now complete and comprises 32 pages. The front and back covers (inside and out) will be in colour with the rest in black and white. Cllr.Bennett agreed to speak to the Borough Council regarding the printing and costs and hoped it would not be too long before the Action Plan was ready for circulation throughout the Parish.

Pat Copeman, Parish Clerk.

Parish Council Report

The March meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 4th.



Casual Vacancies - The vacancies had been advertised as is required and an application had been received from Dr.Sue Dobson for co-option to the Parish Council. On the unanimous agreement of existing councillors she was welcomed to the Parish Council and took her seat at the table. This leaves one vacancy and it was agreed to advertise this again in the Welney News and on the Village notice boards.

Standards Board for England - The Clerk confirmed that she had received confirmation that complaints under the Code of Conduct had been made to the Standards Board for England, by Mr Smith of Meadow Farm, Welney, against Cllrs.Goodger, Kerr and Bennett. The complaints related to Meadow Lane. In the case of Cllr.Goodger the Standards Board made no finding of fact and the matter was dismissed. In the case of Cllr.Bennett they made no

finding of fact because there was insufficient information. If further information is not forthcoming then the matter will be dismissed. In the case of Cllr.Kerr the Standards Board have referred the allegation to the Local Monitoring Officer at the Borough Council. The Clerk confirmed that she had been approached by the Deputy Monitoring Officer requesting copies of all minutes agendas and correspondence relating to Meadow Lane since October 2004 and she was in the process of putting all this together. Cllr.Kerr advised the meeting that he had been informed that the matter was being dealt with by the Local Monitoring Officer but so far he had not spoken to anyone. The Clerk also confirmed that she had received two further letters from Mr Smith, one asking for copies of the minutes of the 12th and 30th October, 2004 and the second asking how the Parish Council promulgates information to the wider community.

Fenland Connections Bus Service - Confirmation had been received from NCC Transport co-ordinator, that Service 61 would cease on 7th April 2008 because of lack of use. He supplied a new timetable showing the services that would still be available to the village and this would be published in the next issue of the Welney News and on the Village notice boards.

Meeting with the Church - The meeting was called on 13th February to discuss the possibility of a satellite post office being held in the Church. The meeting was well attended, and it was agreed that a letter of support should be sent to the Church and the Post Office.

First Time Sewage - Nothing further had been heard from Anglian Water Services but confirmation had been received from the Borough Council that approval had been given for the planning application relating to the Vacuum Pumping Station on land off Chestnut Avenue.

Parish Council Standing Orders - These were formally adopted for a further year.

Elgoods and Proposed New Community Centre - Nothing further had been heard from the EA regarding the purchase of the Hall site, and it was agreed to contact them for an update. Details of Capital Funding available from the Borough Council were also received. Councillors had visited two sites in the area for information on buildings and costings. A site meeting at the Playing Field was arranged for Saturday 8th March to measure up the area in order that a final decision relating to the siting of the proposed new Hall could be made.

Planning Matters - A planning application had been received for consideration relating to Fish Tales Cottage, New Road, Welney for the construction of a first floor extension. Concern was expressed regarding the request for a balcony on the first floor extension as it was felt that this would overlook adjoining properties. However the main cause for concern was the drainage problems. The application stated that foul water would be discharge to the mains sewage system with surface water to soakaways. As there is no main sewer system, the Borough Council were asked to look into this problem before making a decisions. Parish Council had no objections to the actual development and recommended approval, subject to the Borough Council looking into the drainage problems in detail. A copy of a letter from Mrs.P.Rix of New Road regarding the drainage problems was also received and considered.

Highway Matters - A brief report was presented relating to the meeting held on 6th February with the Environment Agency, Highways, Police and Fire Services. At the time of the meeting there had been no feed back from anyone. It was also reported that the signs on the A.10 at Littleport are still showing Wash Road flooded - Road closed despite the fact that there has been no water on the road for over six weeks. The gates installed by Highways on the Wash Road at Delph Bridge and Suspension Bridge have now been fitted with reflective strips, but it was felt that these are still far to close to the edge of the Highway.

Environment Issues - It was reported that post and two strand wire is being erected on the Bedford Bank near the old garden plots and it was agreed to make enquiries as to what this is for. It was also reported that Fly tipping has occurred yet again near the Cattle Pens at Suspension Bridge and the Clean up Team would be asked to remove this. It was also agreed to ask Highways for a copy of their cutting programme for the road verges along Main Street.

W.A.S.H. Committee - An Open Day had been held on 16th February. There was a limited attendance but lots more photographs had been received for inclusion in the Archive. Excellent refreshments were available on the day and were much appreciated. It is hoped to arrange a visit to Elgoods Brewery during the summer if sufficient numbers are interested.

Parish Action Plan - Cllr.Bennett provided a proof copy and it was hoped that the copies would be available very shortly.

Pat Copeman, Parish Clerk.

All change

Change to Norfolk Green Bus Service 61 from Monday 7th April.

Norfolk Green Bus Service 61 will be replaced by a new service operated by Barry's Cars which will run from Three Holes to Downham Market via Lotts Bridge, Nordelph, Barroway Drove and Salters Lode from approx 9.30am to 2.30pm. Barry's new minibus service will provide shopping journeys into Downham Market and will also connect at Three Holes with Norfolk Green service 60 to link with Wisbech.

The new 61 will accept Concessionary Travel passes, and will run on Mondays to Fridays only, not Saturdays.

Other options:

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Cricket Fixtures 2008

2pm start unless otherwise stated

April

26th (Sat) Castor & Ailesworth (away)

May

4th Parson Drove (away) 1.30pm

18th Hampton (home)

25th Chrishall (home)

June

1st Wicken (away)

8th Spalding Poachers (home)

15th Pinchbeck (home)

22nd Old Wilhads (home)

29th Brentwood LPCC (home)

Peter Bedford Cup

July

6th Spalding Poachers (away)

13th Wicken (home)

20th Old Wilhads (away)

27th Gooderstone (home)

Blows Brothers Cup

August

3rd Pinchbeck (away)

9th (Sat) Castor & Ailesworth (home)

31st Parson Drove (home) 1pm

September

7th Hampton (home) 1pm

14th Littleport (home) 1pm

21st Narborough (away) 1pm

October

Friday 3rd - Club Presentation Evening

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April 2008



Mobile Library:
10.20am in pub car park



Teddy Church:
9.30am St Mary's



Pauls Fresh Fish
1 - 1.15 pm New Rd



Carpet Bowls:
7.15pm Pavillion



Doctor: Noon at Village Hall. Call Health Centre to book: 01945 773671



Yoga at the Pavillion
Thurs: 10-11.30am



Parish Council meeting: Village Hall 7.30pm

YC

Youth Club:
6.30pm - 9pm at the Village Hall



Womens Institute:
7pm Village Hall



Friendship Club:
1.30pm Village Hall



Dog Agility

Call Sue on 610230 for more details



Bingo: Doors open 6pm .Game starts 7pm. Village Hall



Communion by Extension 9.30am
April 6th



All Age Worship 11am
April 13th
May 11th



Morning Prayer 9.30am
April 20th & 27th
May 18th & 25th



Holy Communion 9.30am
May 4th

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 	2 	3 YC	4 	5	6 CBE
7 	8 	9	10 YC	11 	12	13 AAW
14 	15	16 	17 YC	18 	19	20 MP
21 	22 	23 	24 YC	25 	26	27 MP
28 	29	30 				

May 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 YC	2 	3	4 HC
5 Bank holiday	6 	7 	8 YC	9 	10	11 AAW
12 	13	14 	15 YC	16 	17	18 MP
19 	20 	21 	22 YC	23 	24	25 MP
26 Bank holiday	27	28 	29 YC	30 	31	