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Jan Taylor – 07725 940433

Please contact Debra McGowan for Baptisms, Marriages, etc

Our church address is:

**St Margaret's Parish Church, Church Road, Clenchwarton,
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Website [https:// clenchwarton-church.org.uk](https://clenchwarton-church.org.uk)

Welcome to your Magazine

This is a monthly magazine and contains adverts from local businesses near you, village and church news and “what’s on in the village” as well as articles from our parishioners and the church community. We hope it is a valuable resource for newcomers to the village as well as our long-standing residents.

Methodist Chapel Services

Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday Rev Jackie Goddard

Sunday 9th April Easter Sunday. Rev Gail Kerry

Sunday 16th April Judith Semmons

Sunday 23rd April United at Parish Church. No service at Chapel

Sunday 30th April Holy Communion. Rev Jackie Goddard

Everyone is welcome to our services,
Any queries please ring 07792 677891



St Margaret's Church Services

(Including extra services for Holy Week)



2nd April (Palm Sunday) 10.00am led by Rev John Smith

3rd April Agape meal at Walpole St Peter (no charge but please contact Rev Barbara Burton if you want to join us as they need to know the numbers)

4th April. 4.00pm The Station of the Cross – 45 min service led by Rev Barbara Burton.

5th April possible Compline Service led by lay preacher.

6th April Maundy Thursday. 6.30pm about 45 mins – quiet service of reflection led by lay preacher.

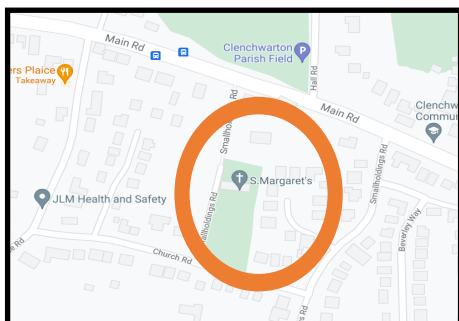
7th April Good Friday Service at Walpole St Peter 11.00am, West Walton 2.00pm. There is no service on Good Friday in Clenchwarton.

9th April Easter Sunday led by Rev John Smith. Followed by Easter Egg Hunt in the Church grounds at 11.30am.

Sunday 16th April. 10.00am Communion

Sunday 23rd April. 10.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 30th April. Joint service at Walpole St Peter. No service here at St Margaret's.



Everyone is welcome to our services, no matter what their age.

We look forward to seeing you.

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Village Diary



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Date

To all those organising events in the village, please let us know the date place and time so we may publish it in the Village Diary. Thank you.

Parish Council meetings 1st Thursday of every month beginning at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Coffee Mornings Every Thursday at St Margaret's from 10-12 noon.

Easter Activity Morning This Saturday 1st April.
There will be **Family Activities** including **biscuit decorating** and **Easter bonnet decorating**. A charge for **£5** is being made for this event which will include **hot cross buns** and **refreshments**.

Walking Group Saturday 8th April at 10.30am from the village school.

Monthly Lecture Saturday 15th April at 2.30pm in the Chapel. This months speaker is Debra McGowan on Feral Cats.

Clenchwarton School Car Boot Sunday 23rd April, 10am-2pm.

4th May 10-1pm Church Special Coronation Celebration Coffee Morning

20^h May Plant Sale at the Chapel

20^h May 2pm Clenchwarton Lecture at the Chapel Plants

27th May 7pm Quiz at the Church

10th/11th June Open Garden Weekend

17th June 2.30pm Clenchwarton Lecture at the Chapel Looking Back and

Naming Names

23^{hrd} 7.30 Quiz

7th July. School Summer Fair

22nd July Church Barbeque at Hadleigh Lodge, Blackhorse Road.

18th Nov Craft Fair in Church.



PILGRIMAGE



The Pilgrimage would have been a group affair. It was dangerous in the Middle Ages to walk between towns on your own as there were highwaymen and no police. It was also important that it was a group pilgrimage because the pilgrims could talk to each other and encourage each other. Geoffrey Chaucer in the Canterbury Tales spoke about a group of pilgrims who told each other stories whilst journeying. Some of these stories being quite bawdy. Pilgrims travelling from the north of the country and from the west may well have come through Clenchwarton but what would they have seen? Let us consider what they may have seen though of course this would depend on the time of year and on the exact date.

The roads were grass tracks similar to how Wash Lane looks today but with horses frequenting the routes they would have been mud baths and at times impassable especially in winter and after wet weather. Our group of pilgrims, we will imagine are coming from the direction of Terrington St Clement and the route initially would not be dissimilar as far as Hall Road as to what it looks today. Before the eighteenth century, conditions may well have been grim but the tracks would have been better maintained once turnpikes were introduced. The downturn of this was that you could only get through the turnpike at the top of Station Road by paying a fee. This fee would have paid for the maintenance. The fee for pedestrians was presumably small but you would have paid more if you were on horseback. The turnpike is still there today and has been converted to a house. The gates of the turnpike have gone and a fire destroyed much of the top of the building. The mileage posts, a couple of which still exist between Terrington and Clenchwarton were set up when the turnpike was introduced.

If we passed through before the fourteenth century we would recognise no buildings as the old church was at the bottom of River Lane. If the pilgrims passed in the fifteenth century they would see the present church and the first farmhouse they would see would be Porch Farm which was probably originally built in the fifteenth century. There was little if any arable farming in Clenchwarton in the middle ages. Sheep and cattle were grazed on the land in the summer months and then moved to the higher land of the Smeeth in the autumn when the cattle was slaughtered and salted to last for food for the winter.

Each marshland village had its Smeeth which was separate from the main village. Salt was important as without any means of refrigeration, salt was used to maintain the meat from going off. With salt water coming into the village from the river, the salt industry was extremely important to the economy of Clenchwarton and Terrington and there is evidence of several saltings in the villages and also across the other side of the river in North Wootton.



When we reach Hall Road, we will note that the road takes a different turn from the modern route. Hall Road did not exist until the draining of the marshes in the eighteenth century but the main road through the village took a turn across what is now the recreation field and then went down Wash Lane. At the corner of what is now Wash Lane and Hall Road was a small mere on a sunken piece of land. This was used to wash the animals and was still being used up to the 1930's.

From Wash Lane we would soon reach the junction of Wash Lane and Ferry Road which was once a busy junction as this was where the main track from King's Lynn (then known as Bishop's Lynn) to Wisbech met a road to the centre of the village and to the manor house (Margaretta House). As a result this was a key point to get provisions. A mill with a bakery was near the corner as was a blacksmith. There were a number of blacksmiths in the village and we would have passed two already walking through the village. Continuing down Ferry Road we would reach the boundary at the junction of Ferry Road with Jubilee Bank. At Easter when so many people were doing their pilgrimage, kind villagers would have left us food and water by the cross which also advertised to us that we were on the right route. The cross has weathered somewhat and is now in the churchyard but in the middle ages it would have been an impressive site. There were lots of Walsingham crosses in the county but today only a few still exist.

As we reach the edge of the village this is a good time to pause but we will continue our trek next month.



Parish Election

There will be an election on 4 May for the Parish Council and West Norfolk Borough Council.



In order for candidates for the parish council to introduce themselves to the electorate, the Parish Magazine will allow each candidate to provide about fifty words as to who they are and why they consider they should be elected.

This will be printed in the May magazine and is open to existing councillors standing for re-election.

Easter Activity Morning

This is on Saturday 1st April. There will be Family Activities including biscuit decorating and Easter bonnet decorating. A charge for £5 is being made for this event which will include hot cross buns and refreshments.



Plant Seeds Required

The Chapel is holding a Plant Sale on **Saturday 20th May** but for this event to be a success there will need to be plants and seeds to sell. If you are sowing seeds or splitting plants and have too many please let the Chapel have them for the plant sale. Plants can be collected. Please contact Stephanie Howard on 07792 677891 or Joan Edwards on 01553 777948.



Coffee Mornings at St Margaret's Church These are on Thursdays between 10-12 noon

Do come along for a drink and a friendly chat.

The coffee mornings are going really well, with a wonderful group of Ladies and Gentlemen joining us every Thursday.

Please contact Debra if you require transport to get to any coffee morning. We look forward to seeing you.

The Clenchwarton Lectures

The next lecture is on **Saturday 15th April at the usual time of 2.30pm**. The speaker is Debra McGowan who will be speaking to us about Feral Cats.

Further lectures to put in your diary are:

Saturday 20th May at the slightly earlier time of **2.00pm** when the speaker will be David Foster who will be talking about plants. Some of us need lots of advice!

Saturday 17th June at 2.30pm when the speaker will be Andrew Jarvis whose lecture is entitled "Looking back- and Naming names" as he reflects on fifty four years on the professional stage.

If you have a subject you can speak for more information, please contact me. I will be pleased to hear from you.

Contact 01553 769819 or
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Walking Group

Our next walk will be on **Saturday 8th April** starting at **10.30am** from the village school.

There is no cost and anyone can join in.



Have a healthy Saturday and come along, we will be pleased to see you.

Mobile Library Service Timetable for 2023

The Mobile Library normally visits every 4 weeks on a Friday.

It will be on the following dates in 2023. May 05, June 02, 30, July 28, Aug 25, Sept 22, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15

It will not visit in April because of a Bank Holiday.

At the following places and times Clenchwarton:

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Linford Estate	11.15 to 11.30
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Easter is in April this year so this months questions are about Easter.

1. Who attacked Malchus by cutting off his right ear?
2. Who was the High Priest that year?
3. The crowd were given the privilege of freeing one condemned man. Who did they choose to free instead of Jesus?
4. Jesus was crucified at the place of the skull. What is the Aramaic name for this?
5. Which disciple took Mary, Jesus's mother into his home on the death of Jesus?
6. Mary the mother of Jesus together with Mary Magdalene and another Mary stood at the cross whilst Jesus was being crucified. Whose wife was this last Mary?
7. When Jesus said he was thirsty what did they give him?
8. Which two gentlemen were given permission to take Jesus's body after he died?
9. Who was the first person to see Jesus after he rose from the death?
10. Which disciple was not present when Jesus appeared to the 11 remaining disciples after his resurrection?

Good Luck!

All the answers are present in the gospel of John.
They can also be found further on in the magazine.

Clenchwarton Primary School PTA

Clenchwarton Primary School PTA are holding a **car boot** on the school field/playground on **Sunday 23rd April, 10am-2pm.**

Stallholders will be allowed in at 9.00 am to set up ready and it is £5 a pitch. To book a pitch please email clenchwartonpta@gmail.com or ring Kelly on 07541 050811.



Clenchwarton Primary School are holding a **Summer Fayre** on the evening of **Friday 7th July.** They are on the look out for stall holders and if you would be interested in a stall please email or ring Kelly as above.



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Pastoral Letter

Reverend Barbara Burton writes.....



Are you sitting comfortably? I would imagine that those of you with long memories have completed the sentence in your mind with 'then I'll begin', remembering 'Listen with Mother' on the radio. Storytelling has long been part of the human experience. For thousands of years, stories have been told, collected, and passed on to subsequent generations.

The ancient Celts loved their stories and had an old tradition known as 'passing the harp' where communities would gather and tell their stories around the fire with food and drink flowing. Sounds wonderful! The way we tell stories has largely moved away from the oral tradition into books, movies, TV dramas and digital platforms, but however expressed, stories are important.

This Easter, can we make the time to sit and read again John's account of the first Easter in chapters 18, 19 and 20? Where would you place yourself within the story? Would you be in the crowd watching on the side lines or sobbing at the foot of the cross? This is the greatest story ever told, that Jesus loved us enough to stretch out his arms in love and take upon himself all the wrong we have ever done and will ever do. The disciples tell their account of what they have seen and the story continues as it transforms their lives and turns their fear into hope, their grief into joy and their confusion into certainty. Whatever our story, Jesus promises to be with us, always.

Clenchwarton Parish Council

We are unable to bring you a report on this month's Parish Council meeting due to technical difficulties. The official minutes will be available on the council website in due course. Please accept our apologies.

Parish Council meetings are usually the first Thursday of every month.

The Agenda's are published on the Parish Council website go to
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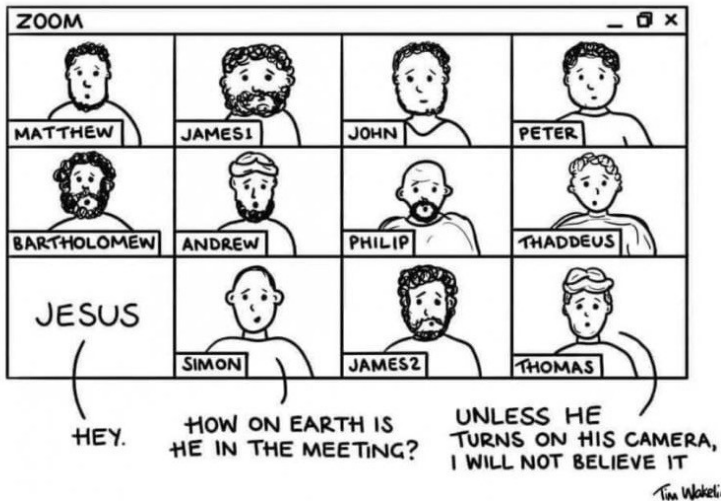


From the Little Yellow Smart Car

Happy Easter!

I have been looking at some Easter memes.

For those who have never heard of a meme, it is an image, video or quote that captures a thought. They can be funny or serious, catchphrases or cartoons, jokes or profound sentences. For those who think memes are a recent invention by users of social media, the word was first introduced in 1976 by the evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins in his work on the replication of human genes. ‘Meme’ comes from the Greek word mimeisthei (μιμῆσθαι) meaning ‘to imitate’; and it occurs in the Bible when St Paul writes to the young church in Thessalonica to warn them against idleness and to remind them of the example they had been given to imitate.



“CS Lewis wrote, “You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” In our muddled world, where



power struggles lead to abuse, violence, oppression and hatred, Easter offers a solution. It offers hope for restoration, forgiveness, renewal, and new communities of love.

American writer CW Hall wrote, "Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there" and Cardinal Basil Hume said, "The great gift of Easter is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake."

What now for you this Easter? What now for the World?

I pray that through the weeks of the Easter season, we may find the joy, hope and love which is behind the fun of our celebrations.

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Church-Raising Funds, Cats Protection and St Margarets



The picture of Toby is being raffled, the money raised will be equally divided between our parish church St Margaret's and Cat Protection.

Tickets are £1 each and the raffle will be draw on Saturday 2nd September 2023 at 2pm at St Margaret's Church.

This is a cross stitch of my cat Toby. Toby was one of about twenty feral cats that were living in a barn not far from my house about thirteen years ago.

With the help of Cat Protection and PJ Cat Rescue in Sutton Bridge supplying the fox trap, I spent over a month catching all the cats, which were then neutered, given a health check and released back to the site. This was during the **winter of 2009**, which was heavy with snow. The vet had told me that all the cats were in good health and that once the snow had gone they would be fine on their own. Toby was one of the cats that was released back on the site, I found him there one morning with an injured leg. The leg was broken but in line and the vet said that as he was so young, if he was kept in a cage for six weeks to restrict his movement, his leg would heal naturally. After the six weeks were up Toby never left us. Toby was ear tipped, as can be seen in the picture, along with all the other ferals which were released .

The cats are ear tipped so that when they are caught in the trap, you can tell if you have caught them before and release them. Especially when you are dealing with eight or more black cats.

Picture Measurements are 16 x 18 inches, 40 x 47 cms (framed).

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Pepper Fen. Episode 26

(The village of Pepper Fen is fictitious and is not based on any particular village. None of the characters are based on real people living or dead.)

Sheila knew she was a prisoner in her own house. It was her own fault. Of course it was. She was a poor wife. She had always been a poor wife and she had been a poor mother too. Martin was right to keep telling her about her faults and she would so try to be better in the future. But she wished she could go out of the house. Just for a small walk. Surely it would not matter. She had no marks on her face now and even if she had, she could say she had an accident. She did not want all the neighbours knowing she was a poor wife and mother. Yes, she would go for a walk. Surely Martin would let her. She would just slip out for a few minutes – he would not even notice. She would just find her coat and yes there it was. Just where it always was. She picked it up and fingered it lovingly. She put it on and in a moment of daring did up the buttons and moved to the door. She could hear Martin in the bathroom. She waited for the chain to pull and then opened the front door at the same time. She advanced into the lane and smiled broadly. It was windy but oh it was lovely to have the wind blowing on her face once more.

She walked hurriedly down the road. And turned right at the bottom. For just a little while she could forget Martin. Forget the stress of keeping him happy, keeping him from hitting her. She ambled on. She approached a barn. Young people were in the barn. She could not face young people or anybody. She turned round. Perhaps they had not seen her. She speeded up and turned back to Pepper Fen. Gosh the river was high. She could not remember it being so high. Had they had a lot of rain? She stepped over to the bank and stared at the muddy flow. It would be so easy to enter it. All her troubles would be over. Tears glazed her eyes as she pondered the move. She was unaware of steps that had been following her. She had been noticed from the barn. Someone cared for her.

She made the decision. She would end all her problems. What a relief it would be. Why Martin might even be proud of her. She could do it. Her right leg moved fractionally but then she heard a sound. A scream. "Mother. Mother. Mother". Her eyes were moist with tears. She could barely see the young lady running towards her. But the young lady ran with purpose and when Sheila attempted the final pace, the young lady found an inhuman strength to pull her back. "Oh mother" she cried and the two wept in each other's arms.

To be continued.....

Poem by Audrey Winter

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Putting behind the cares of the day
The subconscious mind is swiftly at play
Travelling through the wondrous land
The sandman is coming to sprinkle his sand
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In the everyday world and the life that we know
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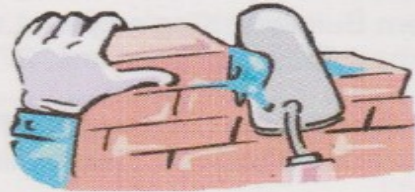


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Pets Corner

I have four cats from left to right is Shumi, Dillon, Elsa and Toby.

Toby I have already told you about. Elsa is the mother of Shumi and Dillon and comes from the same site as Toby, they too were feral.



Elsa wasn't ear tipped by the vet because of her unusual markings. She was the last of the feral's that I had to catch, but when I returned her to the site she called out and three tiny kittens emerged. The vet had found no evidence to say that she had kittens, if the vet had, she would have been released straight away so that her kittens were not left on their own for any amount of time.

I couldn't believe it! I had spent over a month trapping the cats and I knew that she was the last one. That week there were a lot of strong winds, and the gentleman who owned the site had put corrugated sheets across the old cattle pens that were there. It must of made a hell of a racket and upset Elsa because she disappeared from the site. I put posters up around the village and eventually I got a call from a gentleman living in a bungalow at the bottom of Station Road.

When I got there Else had moved into his garden and he was putting out food for her, he had a cat himself and that may have been what had attracted her to his home. I eventually managed to catch Elsa and the two kittens that she had with her, we didn't see the third kitten till many years later. He or she had somehow managed to find a home, we know that she is one of Elsa's kittens because of the unusual face markings. Needless to say, once we brought Elsa and her kittens home they never left. **If you would like to send us a photograph and story about your pet we will put it in our new feature 'Pets Corner'. I look forward to hearing from you.**



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- 3 Barnabbas
- 4 Golgotha
- 5 John
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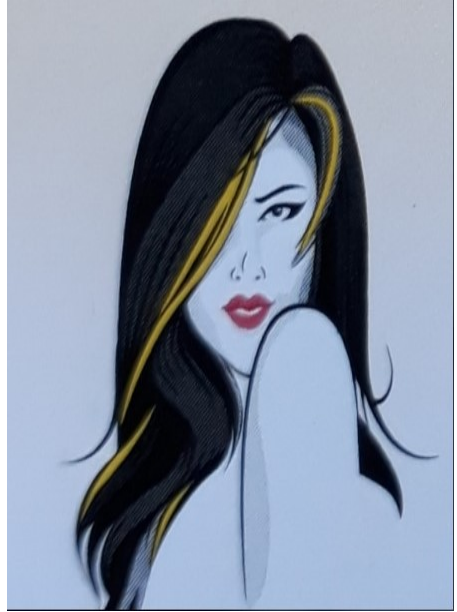
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Nature Watch

There is a wonderful programme that has just started by Sir David Attenborough called "Wild Isles". This exciting series celebrates Britain and Ireland's wildlife and shows why our isles are globally important for nature.

We watched the first programme full of concern for poor puffins. Puffins lay one egg, which the parent takes turns to keep warm. It takes about six weeks for the egg to hatch. When the chick or "puffling", first emerges from its egg it weighs only forty grams. Six weeks later it weighs about 320 grams. This is due to the incredible amount of journeys that the parents have to make, up to 100 a day of fish for food for the puffling. Puffins catch an energy-rich, oily fish – mainly sand eels and sprats. They have an incredible shaped beak, which allows them to carry seven or more fish back to their nests at a time.



However, this is just the beginning of their struggle to get the food back to the young. We watched with bated breath as a herring gull grabbed hold of a puffin by the head, trying to force the puffin into dropping its food. Somehow the puffin managed to escape with its food, only to be mobbed by a number of black headed gulls when it came into land, which were literally trying to steal the food right out of the puffin's beak. The puffin in its attempt to escape the black headed gulls had gone into the wrong nest hole, which the gulls somehow were aware of, so they stood waiting for the puffin to emerge once more, knowing that it would have to try to get back to its own nest. Remarkably this brave little bird came out of the hole and ran the gauntlet of gulls, which were grabbing at its beak, to make it safely to its own nest and fed its puffling. It is incredible to think that these tiny birds return to the same site and often burrow every year where they reunite with their lifelong mate. These bonds can last decades as puffins normally live to between 30 and 35 years old.

I look forward to watching the next programme.

(DM)

I was witness to a similar incident of gull bullying.

The blackbird is much smaller than the herring gull and it was no match for the gull when it attacked it in the air. I was with a group of passengers waiting for the ferry at the Lynn end and to my horror the poor blackbird came hurtling downwards. The gull followed it and I thought we were going to be witnesses to a murder, given the violence of the gull attack. However, the blackbird landed by us, and to escape the gull amazingly crept under a pushchair which a lady in the queue had, and it waited under there patiently with us in the queue until the gull gave up when it gingerly slipped away in the opposite direction. It was obviously not afraid of humans.

(GS)

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Hedgehog Street

Hedgehog numbers in the countryside are continuing to decline. Hedgehog-friendly gardens are beginning to have a positive impact and there's never been a more important time to help Britain's hedgehogs.

Now is the ideal time to prepare your garden for hedgehogs and here are 10 tips for encouraging hedgehogs into your garden:

- 1. Link your garden.** Hedgehogs like to roam each night and a 13cm x 13cm hole in a fence is all they need to reach your garden.
- 2. Make your pond safe.** Hedgehogs can swim but they need to be able to get out of your pond safely, use a pile of stones or a ramp, to prevent them from drowning.
- 3. Create a wild corner.** Let plants go mad in a corner of your garden which could provide the ideal habitat to nest in as well as provide an abundance of insects for them to feed on.
- 4. Deal with netting and litter.** Hedgehogs are prone to getting tangled in plastic, elastic bands and netting, so make sure any sports or gardening netting are stored inside when not in use.
- 5. Put out food and water.** Hedgehogs really benefit from extra food to supplement their natural diet. Meaty (not fish) cat or dog food is ideal and only ever provide water for them to drink.
- 6. Stop using chemicals.** Lawn treatments reduce worm populations. Pesticides, insecticides and slug pellets are toxic and reduce hedgehogs' creepy crawly prey.
- 7. Check before strimming.** Hedgehogs will not run away from the sound of a mower or strimmer – check before you cut and avoid causing horrific injuries or death.
- 8. Be careful with bonfires.** Piles of debris are irresistible to a hedgehog looking for somewhere to hibernate or nest – build it on the day of burning or move the pile on the day of burning to avoid a tragic end.
- 9. Make a home for hedgehogs.** A log pile is one of the best features for encouraging all kinds of wildlife – and so easy to make. It will encourage insects and provide nesting opportunities all year round. Alternatively, you can make or buy a hedgehog house.
- 10. Become a Hedgehog Champion.** Register on Hedgehog Street and they'll provide you with all of the resources you could need to make your neighbourhood chock-a-block with hedgehogs.

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