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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 June 4th 10.30am Jackie Goddard Holy Communion

Sunday June 11th 10.30am Judith Semmons

Sunday June 18th No service at Chapel. United at Parish Church **10.00am**

Sunday June 25th 10.30am Worship Team

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Village Diary

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.



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Date

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.

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| 10 th June | 10 - 4pm Open Garden Day - starting at St Margaret's Church. |
| 10 th June | 10.30am Walking Group - Outside School. |
| 17 th June | 2.30pm Clenchwarton Lecture at the Chapel.
Andrew Jarvis - "Looking back – and dropping names", reflecting on 54 years on the professional stage. |
| 23 rd June | 7.30pm Pointless Quiz at the Chapel. |
| 7 th July | School Summer Fayre. |
| 15 th July | 3pm Summer Concert with Afternoon Tea at the Chapel. |
| 22 nd July | from 12 noon Church Barbeque at Hadleigh Lodge, Blackhorse Road. Everyone welcome. |
| 22 nd July | 2.30pm Clenchwarton Lecture at the Chapel. "The coming of Democracy and the formation of Political Parties". |
| 19 th Aug | 2.30pm Clenchwarton Lecture at the Chapel. "The Buildings of King's Lynn". |
| 16 th Sept | 2.30pm Clenchwarton Lecture at the Chapel. "Labyrinths". |
| 18 th Nov | Craft Fair in Church. |

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Clenchwarton Park Area Regeneration (CPAR) are looking for volunteers to help with fundraising and community projects. The team are community facing and looking to provide more inclusive, diverse and accessible facilities for the Clenchwarton community. So, if you are interested in joining us, please email: clenchwartonPAR@gmail.com or call 07585 381602 to sign up.



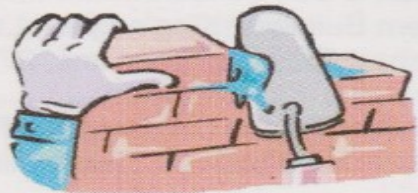
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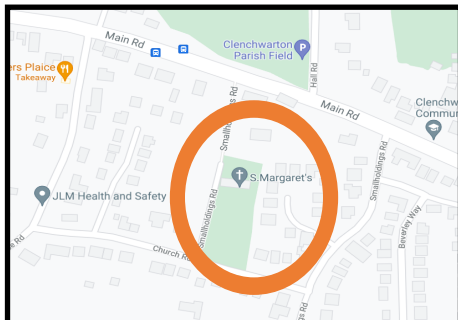
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St Margaret's Church Services

Sunday 4th June 10.00am Communion
Sunday 11th June 10.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 18th June 10.00am Communion
Sunday 25th June 10.00am Morning Prayer



Everyone is welcome to our services, no matter what age. We look forward to seeing you.

Open Garden Day Saturday 10th June 2023. 10.00am-4.00pm

Don't miss this great opportunity to visit some lovely gardens in the Village, which have never been opened to the public before. We have six gardens for you to visit. Start at St Margaret's Church, Church Road to buy your entrance programme/ticket/map with all the information you will need. Tickets cost £6 and you must show your ticket at each of the gardens.

Plants plus tea/coffee/cakes/biscuits will be on sale at the Church.


Bible Study Group

These take place on Wednesdays at 2.00pm.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Penny Snape on 01553 773142.



Pilgrimage



For a brief time in the Middle Ages our pilgrim would not have gone straight to the East Gate, but would have instead diverted to the Red Mount Chapel, which had been specifically built for pilgrims to go and pray on their route to Walsingham. The modern pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on the days leading to Easter and came through Clenchwarton. They had visited Terrington St Clement Chapel and then had stopped for their midday meal at Clenchwarton Chapel. I was able to meet them and talk to some of them. They were from all Christian sects and the lady I spoke to came from just south of Birmingham. There was a great feeling of comradeship which is picked on by Chaucer to some extent in the “Canterbury Tales”. They were then going to the ferry before visiting the Red Mount and then spending the night on the floor at Gaywood Church. Their itinerary depended on where was available for them to use for refreshments, and for sleeping, and it must have been the same for the pilgrim in the middle ages. Their route may have changed over time but it had to be a route which allowed them to sleep each night at a convenient abbey.

The Red Mount had only been built in the late fifteenth century and in the late 1530's the dissolution of the monasteries took place under Henry VIII. I recommend a visit to the Red Mount which is three storeys high and built on the Gothic style to an octagonal plan. It is open from time to time in the summer months. Not only were monasteries destroyed but the catholic religion had to go underground to survive in England. Walsingham, like other abbeys, was largely destroyed. It was only in the last century that Walsingham was rebuilt and the annual pilgrimage to Walsingham restarted in 1949. One of the men taking part this year had been probably the youngest person taking part that first year.

Before the building of the Red Mount, the pilgrim would have probably stayed overnight at one of the many abbeys in Lynn which was then known as Bishop's Lynn. He would have left Lynn by the East Gate which was taken down around 1800, because being less wide than the South Gates, it would not allow wide horse and carts to get through. The East Gate was by what is now “The Hob in the Well”, and part of the wall which surrounded the town so it could not be attacked can still be seen today.

Indeed it is possible to follow the route of the wall from the South Gates, past the Red Mount, to the East Gates and slightly beyond. At the end of the Kettlewell Gardens there was no need for a wall as this was insurmountable marshland and the town was defended in the west by the river.

To get to the East Gate we walk down Norfolk Street which was then called Grass Market. In modern times there used to be a market to the right of this thoroughfare which was called the Cattle Market.

The modern pilgrim on passing the site of the old East Gate climbs Dodman's Hill. This did not exist in medieval times as it was built as a bridge over a railway line running from the docks to King's Lynn Railway Station. Dodmans , at the bottom of the hill, was an engineering factory which during the First World War manufactured the Sopworth Camel which was the mainstay of the Royal Flying Corps, the forerunner of the Royal Air Force. If you manufacture planes, you need a runway or field to test them and to take them to an airfield. There were no open fields or runways available so part of the marsh had to be drained. Afterwards, this became the housing now seen in Loke Road and St Augustine's Way. When I was a lad I used to like the Biggles books and the hero piloted a Sopworth Camel. The author, Captain W E Johns, had served in the Royal Flying Corps during the First World War having been based at RAF Narborough. He had previously lived in Swaffham.



(To be continued)

The Clenchwarton Lectures

The next lecture is on **Saturday 17th June at 2.30pm** at the Chapel Schoolroom on the Main Road when the speaker will be Andrew Jarvis. His lecture is entitled "Looking back – and dropping names" as he reflects on fifty four years on the professional stage.

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Walking Group

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And next month I may remember to turn up !!! Sorry.....

Mobile Library Service Timetable for 2023

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

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Pastoral Letter

Reverend Barbara Burton writes.....



What is most important to you?

During the pandemic lockdowns we were all aching to get back to shopping, going to the cinema, singing in church and holidaying – but are they really the things that are the most important to us? A story in the Bible shows just how far a person will go to obtain something they believe to be worth everything to them. It is part of one of Jesus' parables where he says: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it.” If something is really important to us, we will do all we can to secure it. Many of us discovered during lockdown that being with our friends and family was far more important to us than any amount of shopping, travelling, or other forms of entertainment. Whilst all those things help us to relax and recharge, we enjoy them more when we do them in the company of others. Some of us realised just how important going to church is in sustaining us on our faith journey.

There are other things, too, that have become important to us – for instance, the health of our planet. If we don't secure its health, it will prevent us doing many of the things we enjoy. David Attenborough said of our recent history: “Our predators had been eliminated, most of our diseases were under control, we had worked out how to produce food - there was nothing else to restrict us, nothing to stop us unless we stopped ourselves”.

The fact is that we can actually stop ourselves from gaining 'that pearl of great price'. Our 'pearl' might be an affordable home, a purposeful job, our health and well-being, or maybe simple hope. How many of these are within our reach if we are willing to give all we have to obtain them? It might be all our money, time, effort or willpower – but, if we give it, we will be rewarded. On the way to attaining our 'pearl' we can pray the simplest of prayers – 'Help me, Lord'.

?? Puzzle Page ??



**Instead of the usual quiz here is a feature
“Name that Village”.**

You have three clues as to the name of a Norfolk village.

Clue 1 is very difficult. Clue 2 less so.

Clue 3 is the easiest clue.

The answer is supplied later on in the magazine.

Clue One

Over the west doorway of the church, the tower of which is about 700 years old, is a battered Crucifixion with figures of Mary and John.

Clue Two

Go Ham in games wasps play.

Clue Three

On one of the graves in the churchyard is a model of a Vickers Viscount in eulogy of its inventor.

Good Luck!



Pointless Quiz

We welcome you all to join in the fun of a “pointless” style quiz to be held at the chapel on Friday 23rd

June starting at 7.30pm. Teams will have no more than four members but if you do not have a team it does not matter as anyone not in a team will be organised into other teams. Admission is free but donations gratefully accepted. There will be a raffle in the interval.

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From the Little Yellow Smart Car

I have been thinking about loneliness recently. Researchers tell us that we can connect with anyone on the planet through a chain of no more than seven links. The theory called 'Six Degrees of Separation' has been around for a long time. It first appeared in a short story by a Hungarian writer published in 1929, and through the twentieth century people have tried to prove it and disprove it. With all the incredible changes we've seen due to technology, and with the huge amount of data that is shared through social media, the idea that we can be connected with everyone has continued to be popular.

There are other ways in which we can see connections being found. Family History sites which offer DNA matching can link people up. It seems that we all have distant relatives across the globe. Gaming and virtual communities bring diverse groups of people together who share a common interest. And we are told that this will only be the beginning, once the Metaverse becomes a reality in our daily lives.

At the same time, loneliness is growing. In March 2023, the Government produced the fourth annual report entitled 'Tackling Loneliness'. It builds on the work of a pre-covid study that discovered 6% of adults said that they often or always felt lonely. The groups most at risk of loneliness included young people, those who struggle with poor mental wellbeing, people with a disability or long-standing health problem and their carers, single people, people on low incomes, LGBTQ+ people, those who are out of work, those who have recently moved house.

There are many good things going on in our villages and different groups that care for one another, but are there people slipping into the loneliness gaps? Maybe you are one of them – you don't fit the criteria to join a club, or you don't feel comfortable going to something alone, even the places which declare their welcome, or you don't know how to connect with what is there, or what you need isn't there yet.

We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

These words come from a hymn about caring for one another. Loneliness can feel like a heavy load to carry.

The Bible tells us that God is with us and we are never completely alone, but it also reminds us to value each other and to care.

I'd like to start a conversation with anyone who wants to join in. How can we make sure that our village communities are places where our people feel connected and valued, where no-one is left in loneliness?

If you are interested, please email me.

Every blessing.

Rev'd Jackie Goddard

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Clenchwarton Primary School are holding a **Summer Fayre** on the evening of **Friday 7th July**.

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Clenchwarton Parish Council

Thursday 18th May – 7.00pm

A somewhat unusual Parish Council meeting took place. It was probably the first that has ever taken place in St Margaret's Church; this was because the Memorial Hall had been pre-booked and was thus unavailable. It was also the first for some time that has not been reported on by Steve Fox, because his election to the council means he can no longer report on proceedings.

The meeting began with a minutes silence for David Whitby. After that, the election of officers took place as this was the first meeting of the new council. Carolyn Coates was elected the new chairperson of the council, and she thanked the past chairman, Kevin Pell, for his work as chairman in the previous year. Steve Fox was elected as vice-chairman. Rob Lucas was elected as the Parish Council representative on the Memorial Hall Committee.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Kemp who was at a Borough Council meeting and Cllr Thornalley. From then on I must admit I had some trouble following what was being said as did other members of the onlookers because many were mumbling and there was noise from behind me from ex-councillors muttering comments.

The annual accounts for 2022/2023 have been deferred as it appears payments going through have not been paid.

During the public forum, concern was expressed by a villager about the state of a tree near the village hall. Thanks were expressed about the work that has been done to the play park which means that it is now very popular with children.

The new Borough Councillor, Steve Bearshaw, reported on news from the Borough Council. He is trying to get the weight limit on Station Road reduced to seven and a half tons. Highways have agreed to raise where necessary the height of the pavements on Station Road to reduce the future likelihood of flooding. He explained the constitution and make up of the new Borough Council which consists of a coalition of the Independents with the Liberal and Green councillors. They have an agreement with the Labour party. Terry Parish, an Independent, is the new chairman of the Borough Council. Alexandra Kemp is in charge of Housing and Steve has been put in charge of the Regeneration plan in which job he feels he can play an important part in helping the village.

Clenchwarton Parish Council

In the absence of the County Councillor, the council moved on to Finance. This was disturbing as costs agreed by the council have not been paid, which include payments to personnel, payments to HMRC and emptying of dog bins. The problem is that money is owed to the council which can be claimed back and this goes back over three years.

The pavilion roof needs work doing to it. Mrs T Moore wondered how much more money they were prepared to pay out on the pavilion, but Caroline Coates responded that they had responsibility to keep the building safe.

There are issues regarding the dykes in the village. Water is not flowing and appears to be blocked somewhere. Both the dykes and the pipes in the dykes need clearing out. Caroline Coates asked who had responsibility for the dykes. A map of the dykes etc., is being emailed to the Clerk so she can advise on responsibilities based on Anglian Water regulations. One of the new councillors, Craig Wilson, works for the Water Board, so they now have someone with working knowledge of dykes on the council.

The parish poll has been agreed by the Borough Council but the parish council are deferring the date of any vote.

Highways have filled in potholes on the village roads.

It was agreed to continue the meetings on the first Thursday of each month.

As I pointed out earlier it was difficult to hear much of what was said but I can give you my first thoughts. I thought that the Clerk sounded very competent and the chairwoman, new to the council, also seemed competent and was conciliatory when needed. The council have inherited a problem regarding the finances and their priority must be to sort this out as soon as possible.

It is goodbye from me as regarding reporting on parish council meetings is concerned. We welcome David Hutton to our team and he will be reporting from next month. I hope he has acute hearing!!

(GS)

The meeting went into closed session at 9.00pm.

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

The Agenda's are published on the Parish Council website go to <https://clenchwartonparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

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Early Season Report from Clenchwarton Bowls Club



The new bowls season started for our club on the 28th April when we travelled to Shouldham. The club is now in a much healthier position than it was during the pandemic. Our membership has risen to twenty-six (thirteen men and thirteen women) which is just enough to allow us to play in three leagues this season. To help our large contingent of players who have only just begun to play bowls we invited two England short-mat players who live locally to do some coaching. Simon and Elaine Willies visited on April 30th and gave us two hours of their time as they patiently tried to improve our bowling technique. Hopefully, we will see the impact of their coaching in the coming weeks.

Since October some major work has been carried out on the Hall Road green. Over a number of years, we had become concerned about the quality of the green. It had seriously deteriorated and was actually taking some enjoyment away from playing. In October, the green received a deep scarify, was covered in three bulk bags of top dressing and was re-seeded. Then during the Spring, we have supplied Sulphite of iron to control the moss as well as applying granular fertiliser and weed control. We have also forged a good relationship with the Borough Council turf team so we can seek advice before we do any major treatments to the green.

Most of the bowls we play is rink bowls which means we play up and down a rink. Each team on a rink has a 'block' of three players who all play with two bowls. The blocks will play a game of 21 ends. The matches will start at 7.00pm and usually we are all done and dusted and ready to go home by 8.30pm.

This season we plan to hold a regular bowls coffee morning. The idea is for folk to pop along to the green for a cuppa and a slice of cake whilst also either playing or watching bowls. We want to provide a hub where folk can enjoy the company of others within their local community.

If you are interested in exploring bowls as a pastime or you want to learn more about our friendly club, please contact us via email on chaircbc2022@gmail.com. We are always looking for new members. As a club we try to ensure all our members get the opportunity to play regularly in one of the leagues.

David Hutton (chairperson)

Memories by Sheila James

I went to Leyton Manor Secondary School at the age of twelve, indeed I started school on the day of my twelfth birthday and loved the Geography and Biology lessons and enjoyed learning how all things began. I was also very much into sport and became School Captain for Sports. I belonged to the GLB (Girls Life Brigade) with two of my sisters and I used to play side drum in the band. Gymnastics was an important feature of the GLB and I was in a display we put on at the Royal Albert Hall.

The family decided to move to James Lane which was nearer to school. I now had only a mile and a half to walk instead of two miles. We were in a house opposite Abbots Park and the railway was at the bottom of our garden. This had the advantage that when we went to Southend we did not have far to go to get to the station. I enjoyed many delightful days in Leyton High Road where there was a butchers and I would be sent to get a breast of lamb for one shilling and sixpence (the equivalent of seven and a half pence of today's currency), and this would make a great stew and would last for two days. The meat was cooked with vegetables produced by my dad from the allotments he rented.

Every Christmas, Dad would arrange a Christmas Party for all the local children and adults from the allotment and he would arrange entertainment in the form of Wilfred Pickles and his wife Mabel and a pianist. It would be a great party, and we would also have a talent show..

My aunt lived over the road to us and I would go there on Saturdays. We would go shopping via the park and allotments and then past the grounds used by Leyton Orient football club. Great days!! I would go over to the Glass Works and help my cousin to wash the bottles, cruet sets and fruit dishes. Afterwards I would go over to the other side and get the sweet jar..

The war had broken out and as a result I was sent to old Amersham for a year. My two elder sisters had been sent there earlier. We were billeted with a lovely family called Mr and Mrs Wilkins. Mr Wilkins worked on a farm which meant we got to see a lot of different animals and had trips in the horse and carriage or trailer. Mr Wilkins also kept ferrets. We would walk through woods to the town of Chesham.

I managed to get a weekend job at the vets after I returned to Leyton because that is where I wanted to work in the future. On Sundays I accompanied the girl I worked with to Leyton Baths and Swimming Pool as we did not want to go home smelling of blood and kennels!!

(To be continued)

Editor: For those of you who may be familiar with Leyton and are mystified as to where Orange Road might be (mentioned last month), I apologise as it should have read Grange Road. Also, the order of Sheila's brothers and sisters was incorrect. The girls were all born before the boys.



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Magpie Centre welcome a new arrival.



A new arrival at the Magpie Centre, home for West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Organisation, was a great surprise for staff and volunteers alike. Ginger, one of the smallest ponies, acquired last September, had been suffering from a gastric disorder, and seemed unwilling to work. When the vet did an internal examination, she said: “**There's a foal in here!**”.

Two weeks later, Jo Gordon, who works at the centre, went to the paddock to give Ginger her breakfast, and found that the foal, a filly, was being born. A vet check gave Ginger and her foal a clean bill of health and the next task was to name the new arrival. Staff, volunteers, and friends submitted suggestions, at £2 each, which raised £192 for the centre, and the name **Luna** was finally chosen. Said Natalie: “An equine pregnancy lasts 11 months, and Ginger was only in her previous home for a short while. She and the baby are both doing well, although we have no idea what breed the sire might be”.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday June 3rd: Craft Fair and Have a Go Dog Agility at the Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, South Runcton, PE33 0EP 10.00am-4.00pm. There are around 50 stalls to browse in the Indoor School, with wheelchair-friendly access. Admission £2, Under 16's free. Free parking. Refreshments served all day. Dog agility £2. Well-behaved dogs on leads welcome. No dogs to be left in cars.

Saturday June 10th : Bingo at Stowbridge Village Hall, Downham Road, Stowbridge, PE34 3PE. Doors open 6.30 for Eyes Down at 7.00pm. Light refreshments available. Proceeds to the West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association.

Sunday June 11th : Sponsored ride around Wallington Hall estate. Ride of varying lengths, including a short route for lead-rein riders. No road work. For more details visit Hoofbeats facebook page.

The Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding
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Pepper Fen. Episode 28

(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.)

When Fiona left Dan's house, the first thing she saw was a police car parked in the square. She guessed a colleague had been sent to answer the vicar's call. She decided to leave it to her colleague to report back, and made her way towards the cottage which Gabrielle rented. She knocked on the door. There was no reply so she looked for a buzzer but there did not appear to be one. She knocked again but louder this time. The door remained unopened.

Jonathan Bright was the police constable at the vicarage. On the basis, he told himself, of maintaining good relationships with members of the public and a man of the cloth at that, he had accepted the vicars offer of a cup of tea. Whilst seated comfortably on the rector's settee and whilst his host had excused himself in order to answer a call of nature, he rang into the station to report on his conversation with the rector and to inform the station that Gabrielle had rushed to the vicar's call for help. The sergeant thus surmised that Gabrielle was working after all and maybe she had been called on by CID once more. They were all unaware of Fiona's involvement. The sergeant advised that he would inform CID of a possible sighting of the missing girl.

He stared at the departing figures. He wondered just briefly as to whether he should pursue but of course he had to intervene. He walked at an even pace but had to walk faster to close the gap. They were all unaware of his presence. He liked it that way. Where were they going? He had no idea. He had no clear plan. Solutions would suggest themselves, he surmised. The women were deep in conversation. He wondered what they were discussing. Had she already forgotten him? He speeded up. His heart started beating faster. He smiled grimly to himself. He liked feeling in control. He felt in control. He knew he could exercise control. The rhythmic pounding of his footsteps speeded up still more.

To be continued.....

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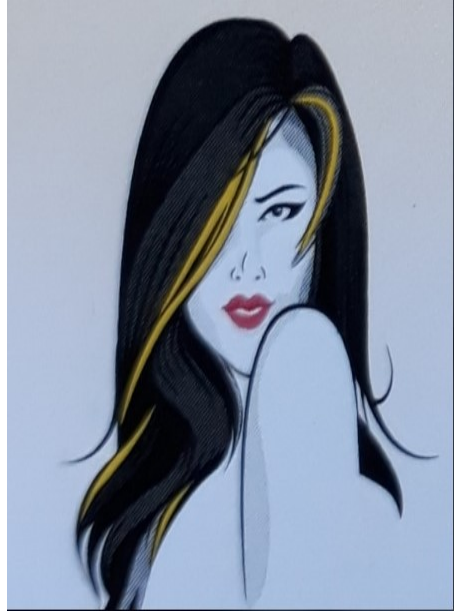
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Eddie – the pup who stole our hearts!



Never again! I was resolute. After losing man's best friend last summer I was never going to risk such heartbreak again. Never! Think of the cost savings and the freedom to go out without warning and stay out as long as we wanted! Yes, we were determined, never again.....

Then one day I was scrolling through a well-known classified ads site and I saw this darling pup who was needing a home. He was gorgeous. Suddenly it was as though I was experiencing a type of insanity where my mind was no longer my own! I replied to the ad and the 30-minute wait for a response seemed like a lifetime. He was still available – viewing appointment booked within seconds!

When we saw this cute little pup running around with his family, completely ignoring us, he instantly stole our hearts. All reason was left behind and was overtaken by the need to have this little pup in our lives.

We were we told by the breeder than Teddy (as he was called then) had already been sold but sadly on the way to collect him the (then) owner suffered a fatal heart attack. Quite tragic. I felt a twinge of guilt knowing the background story, but pup was to be sold so we sealed the deal there and then. I asked the breeder to stop calling him Teddy and start calling him Eddie. This was an easy transition as Teddy sounds like Eddie anyway. With much speed we purchased the necessary items for the home coming.

Eddie is a foot high dachshund crossed with a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel – a Dashedier. We had never owned a small dog before and the difference was striking. As we took this little fella away from his birth parents & sibling, a strong protective feeling came over me and I became acutely aware of the commitment we had made to this little chap.

The 15-minute journey home was arduous, Eddie was shaking and whining, and I was fearful that I was not up to the job of caring for him.

Eddie followed behind us for few weeks, never wanting us to be out of sight. It took a long time before he risked staying in a room without us, even for a few minutes. He is now 15 months old and still whines, and sometimes howls, when we leave him for a couple of hours. This leaves me feeling physically sick at times, but life goes on and we can't always take him with us – although we would if we could!

Allowing Eddie to socialise with other dogs was like taking my child to nursery! Would he like other dogs? Would they like him? Eddie started off bravely walking towards all dogs but quickly realised that not all dogs liked him – fair enough, that happens. Unfortunately, he has had a couple of interactions which has taught him to be wary around bigger dogs and he shows this by reacting in different ways. Sometimes he goes into fight mode where he barks like crazy “I’m a mean dog so don’t come anywhere near me” (P.S. he isn’t!) or flee mode where he hides behind us, and last week I saw him go into freeze mode, adopting the well-known adage - when you don’t know what to do, do nothing! So, if you see us walking Eddie, please say hello. If your dog likes Eddie that’s great, they can say hello to each other and if your dog doesn’t think much of Eddie, we can say hello from across the road!

We hope Eddie is with us for a long time. Looking after him is a huge commitment but luckily, I am not in this alone, he is a family dog and very much loved by all. My daughter has a YouTube channel @justina_h and it is wonderful revisiting his journey through life. (AW)



OBITUARY

David Whitby

It is with deep regret that we hear of the death of Councillor David Whitby, who passed away on 9th May 2023. Our thoughts are with his wife and family. David served on the Borough Council from 2011 to 2023 as the member for Clenchwarton ward. He became Mayor of the Borough in 2016. In addition he was an existing member of the Parish Council.

Over the years he served on various committees including the Regeneration, Environment and Community Panel, Cabinet Scrutiny Committee, King's Lynn Drainage Board, Standards Committee, and the Recycling Task Group. He also chaired the South and West Lynn Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel and helped with the Town Allotment judging for a few years.

David grew up in Clenchwarton, went to school in Terrington St Clement, worked in Hunstanton and King's Lynn. He worked at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for 41 years, progressing to the role of Head Chef, before retiring in 2011.

The Mayor of the Borough of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, Cllr Lesley Bambridge, said; "I made friends with David when he was first a candidate and when elected we served on some of the same panels. He was always very jolly and friendly, and talked about his family and showed us photographs of his grandchildren. As councillors over a long period, we got to know each other and I was very shocked to hear of his sad death. My thoughts are with his family".

Lorraine Gore, Chief Executive of the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk said; "David contributed a lot to West Norfolk, away from work he was involved with the Hospital Social Club Committee and was a keen gardener who helped elderly neighbours in maintaining their gardens and home. Our thoughts and sincere condolences are with Linda, his wife, and his family at this time".

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Nature Watch

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There are six breeds of deer in England, Muntjac, Chinese Water deer, Fallow deer, Red deer, Roe deer and Sika deer. It is suggested that there are now more deer in the British countryside than at any time since the Tudor period. Due to the amount of casualties lying alongside our roads, it's not hard to believe. It is said that the Red deer of East Anglia are some of the finest beasts in Britain, and Norfolk stags are often some 20% bigger than elsewhere in the country. Broadland 'reds' are more than a match for their Highland cousins, and it should really be "Monarch of the Fen" rather than "Monarch of the Glen".

Roe deer can be seen in the field behind our house at certain times of the year and I often used to see them when I was working for the Royal Mail, driving round the countryside opening the mailboxes. The Roe deer is distinguished by its black nose and a pale buff patch around its rump. They tend to be solitary animals, although they will form small herds in the winter. Unlike Red deer, the Roe will rut early in the year, often brought on by the hot muggy weather of summer. One of the best places to see the rutting Roe deer is at Roydon Common.

Muntjac deer are everywhere and are no bigger than an average sized dog. These are the ones that we often see eating our plants in the gardens. The bucks (male deer) are often heard 'barking' as they will rut and breed all year round.

The Chinese Water deer are a light russet colour with a rather teddy-bear like face. Unlike most deer, the Water deer does not have antlers, instead the buck has tusks, which gives them a sabre toothed appearance. We have seen Chinese Water deer at Titchwell and Welney Wildfowl centre.

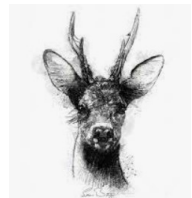
Sika deer are a medium-sized deer that arrived on Brownsea Island in Dorset in 1860. Like Fallow deer, their coats vary from pale to dark, and they often have white rumps.

Previously found from northern Vietnam to the Russian Far East in the north, Sika are now uncommon except in Japan. We have a small number in Norfolk; they have had a negative impact on native Red deer as their numbers gradually increase. In areas where both occur, the two species will sometimes interbreed. There is a worry that over time as the Sika deer increase in numbers the population of the true Red deer will gradually decrease.

Fallow deer are non-native in Norfolk and the rest of the UK. They were brought to the UK by the Normans and quickly naturalised across much of the country. Wild Fallow deer may be seen in the conifer woods around Dersingham and Sandringham. To see them in a deer park, visit Holkham Hall or the beautiful white deer herds at Houghton.

Take action: -

- 1 When you see deer warning signs or you are travelling through a heavily wooded or forested stretch of road, check your speed and stay alert.
- 2 If your headlights are on, use full-beam when you can, but dip them if you see deer as they may 'freeze'.
- 3 More deer may follow the first deer that you see, so be patient and vigilant.
- 4 Be prepared to stop. Try not to suddenly swerve to avoid a deer; hitting oncoming traffic or another obstacle could be even worse.
- 5 If you have to stop, use your hazard warning lights.



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Coronation Celebration Coffee Morning

On 4th May we had a great Coronation Celebration Coffee morning in St Margaret's Parish Church, attended by at least 30 people who came and went at various times during the morning. Because it was a special occasion we had prosecco and wine, as well as our usual tea and coffee, and so much lovely food I don't think anyone needed any lunch!! The Coffee Morning is a regular weekly event in the church (or outside during the warmer weather) on a Thursday morning, between 10am and 12 noon – but we don't usually have wine!!! If you haven't been before why not come along and join in the laughter and chatter? Hope to see you there soon.



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