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#### **Parish Safeguarding Office;**

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**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 7<sup>th</sup> May** Fellowship Service

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May** No Service here. United at Terrington St Clement Methodist Church.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May.** Holy Communion. Rev Jackie Goddard

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May.** Pentecost Sunday. United here with Parish Church. Rev Jackie Goddard.

All services at the Chapel start at 10.30am.

Everyone is welcome to join us. Any queries please ring 07792 677891



## 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.

*Save  
the  
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.

4<sup>th</sup> May 10-1pm Church Special Coronation Celebration Coffee Morning

4<sup>th</sup> May Elections

9<sup>th</sup> May 6.30 Ring for the King

13<sup>th</sup> May Walking Group 10.30am from Village School.

20<sup>h</sup> May Plant Sale at the Chapel

20<sup>h</sup> May Monthly Lecture -2.00pm at the Chapel. This month's speaker is David Foster on plants.

22<sup>nd</sup> May Night in aid of the CPAR. Doors open 6.30 for Eyes Down at 7pm at the Memorial Hall.

26<sup>th</sup> May Chapel Fund Raising Meeting

27<sup>th</sup> May 7pm Quiz at the Church

10<sup>th</sup> June Open Garden Day 10-4pm

17<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm Clenchwarton Lecture at the Chapel Looking Back and Naming Names

23<sup>rd</sup> June 7.30 Quiz

7<sup>th</sup> July. School Summer Fair

22<sup>nd</sup> July Church Barbeque at Hadleigh Lodge, Blackhorse Road.

22<sup>nd</sup> July Monthly Lecture

19<sup>th</sup> August Monthly Lecture

18<sup>th</sup> Nov Craft Fair in Church.

## Plant Seeds Required



The Chapel is holding a Plant Sale on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Thank you.

# Events at/for St Margaret's Church.

We would love to see you all at all these events.



**Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Quiz at 7.00pm. Entrance £3 per person. Tea/Coffee/Soft Drinks/Biscuits/ Raffle/BYO Wine/Beer. Teams with maximum of 6 people.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Open Gardens in Clenchwarton. (Please note that this is now only on the Saturday). 10.00am -4.00pm. Entrance programme including map available on the day from St Margaret's Church. Would you be interested in opening your garden to the public? If so please contact Debra McGowan on 01553 773467.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – BBQ at Hadleigh Lodge, Black Horse Road from 12 noon to 5.00pm. Stalls and Raffle.

## Celebrations for the King



### **Coffee Morning Party**

We are having a party on our coffee morning on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** from 10.00am to 1.00pm approximately.



We had a lovely party at Christmas dur-

ing the coffee morning and it was great fun. We have a list in the church, where everyone can put down what they are bringing in the way of food, wine etc. This is open to everyone in the village so please come and join us.

### **Ring for the King.**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May** at 6.30pm a team of ringers will be ringing a Quarter Peal at our church to celebrate the Coronation. They will then go to Terrington St Clement to ring there at 7.30pm.



## Clenchwarton Chapel Events

The talks will continue with dates arranged for **May 20<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, August 19<sup>th</sup>** and beyond that generally on the third Saturday Afternoon of the month. There will be a 'Pointless' style quiz on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** at 7.30pm with teams of no more than 4. There will be a concert on **July 15<sup>th</sup>** and other events are being planned for later in the year. There should be more information available for the July magazine because the Chapel Money Raising Committee meet next on **26<sup>th</sup> May**.

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## St Margaret's Church Services

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am**

A special Communion Service for the Coronation of King Charles 111

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am**

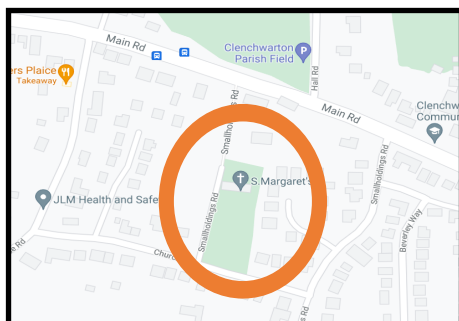
Morning Prayer with hymns.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 11.00am**

Group Service with the Bishop of Ely at Walpole St Peter Church.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am**

Morning Prayer with hymns



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

We look forward to seeing you.

## 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

We continue our journey along Ferry Road having passed Jubilee Bank. We are walking on a causeway with both sides of our route being marsh. We can see the river itself meandering on our right. Between us and the river would have been saltings and there is evidence of this activity having taken place in this field. Much later in history the same field witnessed one of the many planes to crash in the Second World War.

Before we reach Ferry Square we pass Foxes Lane. This was the road to North Lynn which before the altering of the river was this side of the river and adjoined Clenchwarton . There was a sign at the top of Foxes Lane indicating one mile to North Lynn. Today Foxes Lane ends a few hundred yards from the junction but you can still see that there was once a grass track beyond this point although it is overgrown. I have been told that St Edmunds Church in North Lynn which no longer exists used to be in the grounds of what is now Dow Chemicals and an archaeological dig took place there in the 1960's or 1970's. Foxes Lane was full of boat builders and would have seen plenty of industrial activity.

During the Middle Ages there were up to three ferry services all run by different guilds. It is thought that one of those services crossed the river from the point which is now an inlet

close to the current West Lynn Church. Certainly services ran from the spot where they still do. Today, I am getting on a ferry which is powered by an engine but of course this would not have been the case in the Middle Ages. Furthermore the boat would have been a lot bigger as the ferries often had to take across animals and carts and even whole armies as when Henry V and John of Gaunt crossed at various times.

The river was likely to have been very busy as Lynn was an important port particularly between the thirteenth and fifteenth centuries when it was one of the few English ports which was a member of the Hanseatic League. The Hanseatic League was a link of largely north German ports which was very profitable at this time. The Hanseatic Warehouses can still be seen in King's Lynn today together with merchant houses and warehouses which all meant that Lynn became the second biggest port in England after London and probably the home of the richest individuals. Thus the luxurious gravestones which can be seen in the Hardwick graveyard.

Today the crossing of the river only takes a few minutes but it would have been likely to have taken much longer when sail was



the means of propulsion and the water was busier with other craft. We would have been able to see that people would have been waiting for us at the other side. They would be representatives of the various abbeys in the town and they would be trying to sell us the benefits of their particular abbey. Discs were given out and some of these have been found in the town. A collection can be seen in Lynn Museum.



To the right of the ferry steps is today a building which has been converted to flats but when I was younger this was the King's Lynn High School which was a girls only school and in the 1960,s and 1970's was only used for the first and second years. Older girls went to another building which was much more modern in Gaywood and is now part of the Springwood school. The girls wore a green uniform and many went on the ferry each morning. We walk down Ferry Lane to King Street. The alley is surrounded by a wall and some of this wall has been built or rebuilt in more modern times, but parts are of a much older age and therefore may have been there as we walk to Walsingham in the Middle Ages.

Our pilgrim turns left into King Street going past the Guildhall. William Shakespeare possibly acted on the stage there. One of the main actors in his acting troupe certainly came from Bishop's Lynn.



Today, I am writing this episode. on a cold but dry day in February, the Mart is in the square. Many people think the word mart is another name for a fair but this is not true. In fact, the word mart is a Dutch word for market and for many centuries the annual mart was a market where stall holders could set up stalls rent free for the week. It was so popular that at one time stall stretched all over the Tuesday Market Place and continued down what is now High Street to Norfolk Street and down there as far as the East Gate which was where the Hob in the Well is now. By the late nineteenth century the mart had fallen on hard times and there were few stalls. The mayor was William Savage who was the owner of an engineering company and whose statue can be seen near the South Gates. Savage saw the opportunities for his company and altered the mart to a fair that we can still see today. The roundabouts and much of the machinery kept his business profitable, and they were exported everywhere. On a holiday in Belgium we saw an old style roundabout (like the one in Mary Poppins) at Namur which we could clearly read had been made at King's Lynn in England. At Cheddar there is a cave full of fair equipment and most if not all of the rides on display were made at Savages of King's Lynn.

## Elections 4th May



You will notice that no candidates are introducing themselves to the electorate. This is because it would be pretty pointless as they do not need to face an election because not enough candidates have stepped forward. This is disappointing because Democracy is best served by having elections so that hopefully the most competent and willing to support villagers are able to serve.

**Congratulations to the successful candidates who are in alphabetical order: Steven Bearshaw, Caroline Coates, Steve Fox, Rob Lucas, Kev Pell, Ray Thornalley, David Whitby and Craig Wilson.**

You will notice that Steve Fox will now serve on the council and he was the political editor for the magazine.

He can no longer continue in this role as it may provide a conflict of interests and so there is now a vacancy for political editor. I am acting as stand-in until one is appointed. Please contact Debra if you would like to take on the role which involves going to parish meetings and reporting on them to the village via the magazine.

### *Your Letters*

#### **Witnesses Required**

On Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> I parked on Church Road near to the churchyard gate. I was in a hurry because I was late for The Stations of the Cross Service. A lorry was about to leave the East View Farm gateway and the driver shouted to me to move. I was out of my car, I am 83 and I do not move very quickly and I was late. I replied that he was on a T-junction and that he could turn left where I was not in the way.

As I was walking to Church he shouted that he "would teach me a f..... lesson". When I returned after the Service I saw that the wing-mirror on my car had been deliberately broken. The lorry belonged to William George Ltd to whom I have complained.!

If anyone in the area happened to see anything relating to this incident I would be very grateful if they would let me know. I think that this is completely unacceptable although I must admit that I should have gone back to the car and moved. I have been parking in Church Road for 60 years.!

I notice that since the incident Trundley's have erected a notice saying Site Entrance.

(Richard Brown)



## **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 20<sup>th</sup> May** when the speaker will be David Foster who will be talking about plants. Please note the slightly earlier time of 2.00pm at the Chapel Schoolroom on the Main Road.

Looking further ahead, the lecture in **June is on the 17<sup>th</sup>** of the month at the usual time of 2.30pm 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.

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

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## Walking Group

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



## Mobile Library Service Timetable for 2023

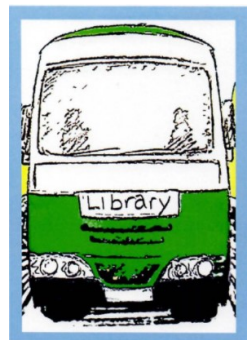
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- 2 The Earl Marshal has responsibility for the smooth running of the Coronation. Who was the Earl Marshal in 1953?
- 3 How many Coronations were there in the Twentieth Century?
- 4 Who, in the Royal Family died between Elizabeth coming to the throne and the Coronation, having died only two months before the Coronation?
- 5 Who was the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1953 who crowned Elizabeth?
- 6 Which two Monarchs since 1066 were never crowned?
- 7 Who was the first Monarch to be crowned at Westminster Abbey?
- 8 Who was crowned on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1937?
- 9 Whose Coronation was the longest at over five hours?
- 10 Who was the last Monarch crowned at Scone? He was crowned later at Westminster Abbey.

**Good Luck!**

Answers can also be found further on in the magazine.

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## Pastoral Letter

***Reverend Barbara Burton writes.....***



We will all be hoping that May will herald a time of warmth, growth, sunshine, and new life. In the church year, after the leanness of Lent and the sombre days of Holy Week, the Easter season ( which runs through to Pentecost on 28<sup>th</sup> May) is a time of hope in the church. Christ is risen and this is a season of joy and celebration. It is a time of anticipation, listening for the return of the cuckoo, swallow and turtle dove; of seeing in profusion the clouds of May blossom, the unfolding of leaves; and of giving attention in detail to butterfly, moth and bee.

For the ancient Celts 1<sup>st</sup> May marked the beginning of summer when they took their livestock up to the hills to graze again after spending winter in the valleys. Rogationtide falls in May, when traditionally the crops and animals and the work of the land were blessed in church and visited by a procession of the congregation. The procession often included 'beating the bounds', which involved walking the parish boundary to preserve everyone's memory of its location and beating the borders with sticks at various points, with ale and feasting rounding off the day. There were often disagreements between neighbouring parishes which occasionally led to violent confrontations. On sixteenth century priest complained, *'these solemn and accustomable processions and supplications be now grown into a right foule and detestable abuse'*.

If we walk the lanes and footpaths in our beautiful parish, open to the scents, sights and sounds of Spring, may this season bring us hope, and bring blessings on crops and farm animals, and on all who live and work here.

May you all know God's blessing this Spring.

## Clenchwarton Primary School PTA



Clenchwarton Primary School are holding a **Summer Fayre** on the evening of **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. They are on the look out for stall holders and if you are interested in a stall please ring Kelly on 07541 050811 or email [clenchwartonpta@gmail.com](mailto:clenchwartonpta@gmail.com).



## From the Little Yellow Smart Car

Just before Easter, you might have seen a group of people walking together carrying a cross. They may have been singing, were certainly smiling and chatting, and were accompanied by the occasional shrill 'preep' of a whistle warning them of traffic.

Pilgrimage has a long history in many of the world religions and people undertake them for many different reasons. The Pilgrim Cross walkers who visited Clenchwarton had begun their journey near Nottingham and would reach Walsingham on Good Friday after walking 120 miles. When they arrived in Walsingham, they would join up with other groups which had started somewhere else. This annual pilgrimage began in 1948 and many feet have walked in the



different routes each year. When Covid restrictions prevented the groups from walking, they added a virtual group and the community make a 'pilgrimage of the mind' as they spend time online together. The benefits of walking – physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually – are well known, but we often take them for granted until, for some reason, walking become difficult. Then, more than ever, we need the community around us to support us – physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

Physical walking can take us to see new places and encounter new things. I have an app which allows me to walk in my own locality and, at the same time tick off the miles on a virtual walk in another part of the world which I would not find it easy to visit. It was created by someone who wanted to make exercising in the gym more enjoyable! It allows me to engage my imagination and curiosity, as I find out about different place - my mental walking is being exercised. Emotional walking takes us to a better understanding of ourselves and what makes us tick. Hobbies, clubs, friendships and family, creativity and times of personal reflection helps us to do this.

Spiritual walking seeks out God and exercises the part of us which longs for meaning and connection with creation and the Creator – through prayer, worship, meditation, wonder and mystery.

In the Bible, life and faith are often described as a journey. Jesus invites people to follow and describes himself as The Way. In the Old Testament book of Genesis, God walks in the Garden of Eden in the cool of the day where Adam and Eve are.

The suggestion is that walking, talking, sharing together in the wonder of creation is important for us to be fully alive.

May is National Walking Month and we are all encouraged to do more physical activity. I would also want to encourage us to do more of the other walking too - exercising our minds with a willingness to meet new ideas; nurturing our emotional wellbeing; and deepening our spiritual awareness. I pray that May will be a well-filled walking month for you – a pilgrimage month.

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**Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Craft Fair and Have a Go Dog Agility – 10.00am -4.00pm at Wallington Hall, South Runcton, PE33 0EP. Stalls, undercover in Indoor School, £10 per 3m space. To book, call 01775 467866. Visitors - £2 entry; under 16's free. Free parking. Refreshments available all day. Dog Agility £2. Well – behaved dogs on leads welcome. No dogs to be left in cars.

**Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>:** Bingo Evening at Stowbridge Village Hall. Downham Road, Stowbridge PE34 3PE. Doors open 6.30 for Eyes Down 7.00pm. Light refreshments available. For more details see Magpie Centre Facebook page. Proceeds to West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association.

**Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>:** Sponsored ride around Wallington Hall Estate. Rides of varying lengths, including a short ride for lead-rein riders. No road work. For more details visit Hoofbeats Facebook page.

The Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association.

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## Pepper Fen. Episode 27

*(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.)*

Fiona felt ecstatic that it seemed that the missing girl was safe and obviously in the area. She shared the vicar's concern as to why she had left her parents and was in disguise, and where was she now? Was there a connection with the murdered man? It was essential they found her quickly.

Martin came out of the bathroom and ventured down the stairs. "Are you going to make me a cup of tea" he shouted, "or have you forgotten how to do it?". There was no reply. "Lazy...." he muttered but stopped in mid sentence when he realised that his wife was not in the dining room. "Sheila" he called, "Where are you?" There was again no reply. Martin was gripped with panic. He raced through the house and she was no where to be found. Now he knew he could be in trouble. Where had the silly so and so gone? He opened the front door and stepped into the lane but shot back into the house as a police car rushed down the lane. He watched from behind the curtains and saw the police car cross the bridge and park in the square by the church. A policeman got out and went over to the vicarage. Martin assumed Sheila must have gone to the vicarage and that interfering pastor had called the police. He watched in anguish as the vicar opened the door and the policeman passed through. There was no sign of Sheila but she was probably hiding in an inside room at the vicarage Martin surmised.

The policeman was surprised to hear from the vicar that a colleague had already answered the call. When the vicar told him he had spoken to a lady the assumption was that the lady must be Gabrielle who the policeman remembered had recently moved to Pepper Fen and was therefore obviously soon on hand. Evidently Gabrielle was at work after all. He did not suspect that a member of the CID had been because from the call he had been given, it did not seem to be a CID matter.

All this time Fiona was not far away. She was next door as she had heard from the vicar that Dan had also seen the girl and may also have recognised her. It was Dan, himself, who answered the door and let her in. Dan said about the attack on the statue and how he and the vicar had intervened. Yes he had seen a girl who looked vaguely familiar but he could not quite put a name as to her identity.

From his watching position Martin was getting more and more anxious but nothing appeared to be happening. Why had the police been called? Where was Sheila? He expected a visit from the police at any moment but the lack of action was even more concerning. He had to do something. He got his coat and put it on. He had no firm plan but he had to do something. He stepped into the lane. It was currently empty. He walked towards the top road and when he got there he looked in both directions. "Bingo" he exclaimed as he saw the back of his wife walking in the distance but then he noticed someone else had her arms wrapped around his wife. He smiled. He recognised his daughter even from the back view. "Maybe things are looking up" he muttered to himself as thoughts of the police presence in Pepper Fen were momentarily forgotten. He quickened his stride. They were walking slowly, evidently in deep conversation. He knew he would soon catch them up.

**To be continued.....**

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# Clenchwarton Parish Council

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## **6<sup>th</sup> April in the Memorial Hall – 7.00pm**

The meeting opened with a presentation by a couple of representatives from a housing company (Surface Planning) regarding a potential development on farmland to the west of Wildfields Road. They said that they were in the very early stages of looking into the possibility of a scheme involving 40 new affordable houses. (The pitch was pretty similar to the one years ago concerning Fosters field). Cllr Pell expressed concern about the entry to the estate being on the corner of the Main Road and was told that an alternative entrance via Wildfields Road was also under consideration too. Cllr Bearshaw expressed a view on the additional impact on drainage despite an attenuation pond on site. Members of the public raised the usual questions about what sort of additional strain this would place on the local schools which are already oversubscribed, and the reply was that this was a matter for the local authority to deal with. There was also some scepticism over car parking, road safety and variances over planning matters too.

**Public Forum** – The Clenchwarton Park Area Renovation (CPAR) team will be holding the annual Picnic in the Park on 5<sup>th</sup> August. The Treasurer from the Memorial Hall raised the fact that there are outstanding monies owed by the PC which needed paying promptly now.

**Borough Council Report** – Cllr Whitby reported that the Borough Council are doing various 'Beat the Bills' events in various locations. Speeding down Station Road has been raised again and there was a reminder that photo ID would be needed by anyone intending to vote at the polling stations on 4<sup>th</sup> May. (Note: this includes passports, driving licenses, disabled badges, bus passes and National Identity Cards).

County Councillor Kemp reported that the County Council are starting up a family hub in Lynn and are looking for volunteers plus there is a new initiative for supporting children with learning difficulties too. Cllr Kemp is also looking into the possibility of a feasibility study regarding HGV's speeding down Station Road with a view to a possible ban in the future.

**Finances** were discussed next and the usual payments were authorised. A discussion took place around Rates and the Clerk expressed a concern around HMRC matters. Cllr Lucas mentioned an outstanding audit which the Clerk is also dealing with.

**Village Matters** – The Pavilion roof has been patched, the dyke around the field has been cut back but not dredged and the ditch along Clapper Lane has also been done. Cllr Pell commented that some residents had been in touch regarding some offcuts from bramble clearing that had ended up in adjacent gardens and Cllr Lucas said that trying to get hold of the contractor responsible was difficult at the best of times.

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Shingle for the track into St Margaret's is still outstanding although Cllr Bell suggested that the path to the main road would benefit from dressing too. Cllr T Moore asked for a bin for the path up to the marsh at the top of Clockcase Road. The parking issues on Smallholdings Road was discussed as was fly tipping, Cllr Lucas said that a recent litter pick had collected 21 bags of rubbish around the village!

The CPAR team asked for permission to explore the possibility of providing more public facilities in the village based on a recent survey and would seek various funding sources in the shape of grants in order to finance them. This was eventually agreed.

**The Borough Council have said that the Parish Poll will not happen this side of local elections just because all the electoral staff are flat out currently.**

Finally, as this is the last regular Parish Council meeting before the election Cllr Pell thanked the Councillors that are standing down; "I'm sorry to see you go" he said. "I'm sorry to see you stay" muttered a member of the public in response.

The meeting went into closed section at 9.00pm.

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

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## Memories by Sheila James

I was born in East London on the day that Hitler decided to bomb the East End. All the town was told to go to the shelters but my father rushed off to get the Doctor and was duly arrested and put in prison for the night for breaking the curfew. The Doctor got blown off his bike right at the side of our house but did get to granddads and I was born under his kitchen table. Needless to say, my dad blamed me for it all!

After I had come into this world we went into our house in Orange Road. That was Mum and Peggy, Joyce and me. Peggy and Joyce were sent off to Old Amersham in Buckinghamshire but I did not join them until I was three. We stayed there for a year and were all three of us then allowed home. As soon as we came home mum was having another child who turned out to be another sister who was named Joan.

I loved going to my grandparents as I was my grandfather's favourite. When he was digging the garden I would catch the worms and put them in a dish. Later, I would feed the chickens with their dinner and include the worms.

My mother was the eldest of eighteen children which included two sets of twins. My father was the youngest of seventeen children. Most of Dad's brothers were in the services as were Mum's brothers. Dad always got upset because he could not go off to war but did his part in glass blowing and making innards for flasks and bottles which were subsequently used for pills and medicines. Mum used to work in the Holly Bush Public House, and while she was there I was allowed to sit on the front step and Uncle Fred would bring me a bottle of cream soda and a packet of crisps.

When I was four years old I was sent to school at Church Road, Leyton which my two elder sisters had previously attended. We would go in class half way through the morning. We then had to go to the bathroom to wash our hands and then our hands were inspected after which we would be given a small bottle of milk. Before we were allowed to drink it we had to have a spoonful of malt then we would have our lunch at one o'clock. We would be put to mattresses in the hall for our rest, before doing more lessons after a half hour or hour.

I obtained a boyfriend called George who was the same age as me. We were both just four and inseperable. I had to have an abscess taken off my arm and George made sure he came with me to Whipps Cross hospital and looked after me after the operation. He would not leave me until he had made sure I was okay and then he would go home. We used to go to his house after school and play in the greenhouse which also doubled as a bomb shelter.

At the age of four I would take granddad his Sunday paper and collect a jar which had sweets stuck to it which we were allowed to go upstairs for in the store. We would go to the tea chests and would tear the silver lining in the tea chest and collect the tea leaves putting them in a bag so we could make our morning tea and the leaves remaining after brewing went on the garden to help the soil. By this time I was nearly five and would go to the shed in the glass works and help my cousin Rose to make sure they were clean and we would then pack them so they were ready for being sent out to shops and chemists. At the chemists the pills were put in.

On Saturdays when I was seven, I used to walk six miles to get a bag of coke from the gas works. I would walk to the school, then down to the allotments, over the railway line, and on to the road clutching a thermos and with Yardleys poppy perfume on my arm would eventually get to the gas works. I would take my turn, pay the five shillings and get the bag full of coke, taking it all the way home again. George would come with me sometimes.

My third sister came along in 1952. We lived in a three bedroom house opposite the glass works so it was two in a bed. We had a few ups and downs, then my last sister was born. There were many arguments about which end of the bed we were sleeping. Our parents had three boys and then three girls. We all called it the three year itch. Eventually my mum and dad decided we had to move which disappointed me because I would miss playing with my cousin Janette. We played donkey and leapfrog. We would spend hours over at the sports field playing and watching the barrage balloons and the clouds. We liked to see what we could see in the clouds.

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- 2 Duke of Norfolk
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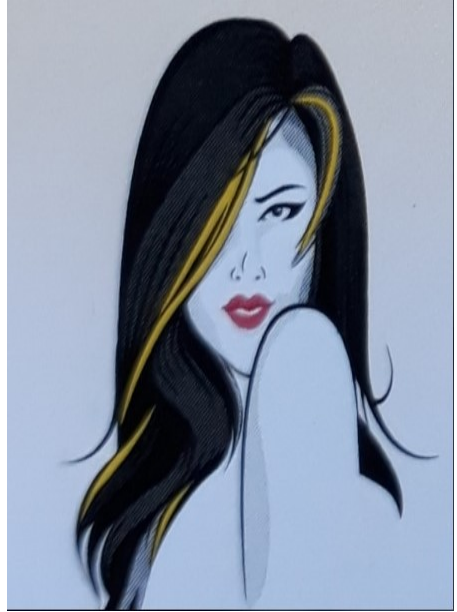
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## ***Pets Corner—Lily the Borzoi***

We came across Lily, then aged 9 ½, through a Borzoi friends Facebook page, having been told that she was in a rescue that wasn't right for sighthounds. We had previously had two greyhounds as pets so understood sighthounds.

When we first met Lily, she was overweight, and totally treat oriented, and pulled quite a lot on the lead. We were taken to a large room to enable us to

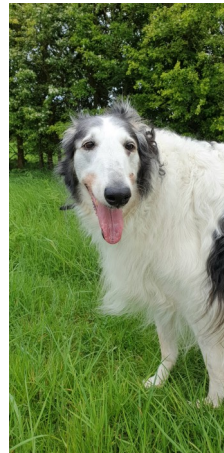


get to know her a little and for her to feel comfortable with us. She came to me and stood looking right into my eyes. We decided to adopt her and took her home a couple of weeks later.

The next day we thought we would take her to the local park - Lily had other ideas – she was just so scared we couldn't get her in the car. With advice from friends, we removed the back seats of our Berlingo and with lots of treats and encouragement eventually she was in, through the side door. We just went for five minutes and straight back home. We did the same the next day for longer, but still straight back home. The next day we went to the park, and she obviously decided she could trust us not to send her back as she got back in the car quite happily. From then on, the car was her 'happy' place.

Unfortunately, Lily was very poorly for the first three months of her time with us, requiring two operations. However, she finally recovered from this and started to really enjoy life with us. As a breed Borzois can be quite aloof, preferring their own space, and Lily was like this to start with, but she gradually started spending more and more time with us, wherever we were in the house. She enjoyed our holidays to the west coast of Pembrokeshire, loving the freedom of the big empty beach where we stayed.

Lily coped very well with our move to Clenchwarton, particularly so bearing in mind we had to stay in temporary accommodation for six weeks before finally moving to our house in this village. Over the past two years Lily has become quite a familiar sight with Andy and me, walking up and down Black Horse Road. We have all enjoyed our walks along the River Great Ouse flood defences, The West Lynn Millennium boardwalk, Kings Lynn 'The Walk's, Snettisham Beach, Sandringham estate, Dersingham Bog, and many other places. A Borzoi's natural life span is between 10 – 12 years. Lily obviously enjoyed her life as she was 12 years and 11 months old when she sadly passed away in early April this year. We miss her very much – there is a large 'Lily shaped hole' in our lives at the moment. She was only with us for 3 ½ years but filled our hearts with love and was a big presence in our home.



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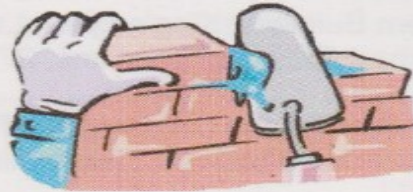


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Ospreys are migratory birds, present in the UK in the summer and currently nest in parts of Scotland, Cumbria, the East Midlands and Wales. It is not unusual, on migration, to see a travelling osprey over any large body of water, with the Norfolk Broads often playing host to several on route to Scotland. Individuals often stay longer at Ranworth, even spending the best part of the summer at the site. In 2022 a pair was present for most of the summer, so during the following winter, having taken advice, the wonderful staff and volunteers constructed a roosting platform in the trees alongside the broad. This spring the male has returned and along with displaying and calling, he has begun showing interest in the strategically placed artificial nest site. Adam Pimble, who is the Nature Conservation Operations Manager, explains the rising excitement felt by their staff and visitors alike. 'Whilst osprey often drop in to Ranworth as they move through on migration during the spring, this male bird is certainly showing signs that he would be happy to stay if a mate arrives'. If he stays, and luck brings his mate back too, this could be the first breeding pair of osprey in the Broads for nearly 250 years. You would normally expect the female to arrive around four weeks after the male, so the next few weeks are going to be nail biting waiting to see if she arrives.

Sadly there is no guarantee, as habitat destruction, pollution and continuing persecution makes migration a perilous affair. With some luck and lots of hope, who knows, we may be celebrating another conservation success story for Norfolk. Lorna Parker, the Ranworth Broad Senior Visitor Centre Co-ordinator, said "It has been really inspiring seeing the osprey at the new nesting platform this spring. They are stunning birds to watch hunting, spectacularly plunging feet first into water to catch fish".

There has been a rush of visitors heading to the reserve to catch sight of this special visitor. Whilst a sighting cannot be guaranteed, he can be spotted most days. As well as getting good views of the osprey from the visitors centre, there are also boat trips into the Broad that can give visitors even closer views of the new osprey platform.

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