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## COVER ART

Congratulations to the 2022 People's Choice Bear, Ninjago! It was a close TIE for runner-up winners - Tea for Two and Wee Bearie Winkie.

Your favourite sponsor bear was Teddy Bear Picnic on a Skyscraper by Saints and Collins.

**What an absolutely wonderful Teddy Bear Festival. It's been 3 long years since the last full festival and the team deserves a round of applause. 84 bear registrations! Well done to all who participated.**

The Parish council still has a vacancy. If you're interested see the back cover to find out more. It's a great way to get involved in local decision making.

Flies have been a hot topic on the Village Facebook Group. If you would like to make a complaint, you can do this by going to the website at <https://www.breckland.gov.uk/reporttheissue>. There have been numerous complaints and a

representative has been out in the village. You can contact her directly at [jayne.tawana@breckland.gov.uk](mailto:jayne.tawana@breckland.gov.uk) or 07795 294800. She left fly strips with several households and will be collecting them for examination.

A BIG Thank You to the Chit Chat group for supporting the Pump and for the kind donation.

We are still looking for someone to take over the design of the Pump. Our current designer/editor would like to give up her role in the spring. If a new person cannot be found, we will have to consider the reality, the Pump will not continue. Enquiries for more info can be made to [ellinghampump@gmail.com](mailto:ellinghampump@gmail.com).

If you would like to make a donation to support the publication and distribution of the Ellingham Pump, you can make a direct BACS deposit to:

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# THANKS

Congratulations to all the bear builders this year on putting together an amazing range of bears, all different shapes, sizes and styles. 84 in total - a great achievement. There have been many positive comments from visitors. The festival wouldn't happen without the teddy team itself - organising, printing, sticking, moving tables, putting up gazebos, delivering and collecting. A huge thank you to all involved.

**(There's not as many people as you think  
and there is always room for a few more!)**

There are also a number of supporters called upon - the Village Shop, the Baptist Church, St James' Church, the Crown, Rookery Farm, Jean, Iain, Pete, Pat & Beryl. And, of course, our amazing sponsors.



# Around the Villages

- 6th Car Boot Sale  
GE Rec Centre, 9:00 am
- 12th Astrophotography  
GE Rec Centre, 7:30 pm
- 17th GE Parish Council Meeting  
GE Rec Centre, 7:30pm
- 26th Open Evening at the Observatory  
Observatory, 8:30 to 11pm

## Tuesdays

St. James' Social Club  
First Tuesday of Each Month  
St. James' Church, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

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## Wednesdays, Chit Chat

GE Rec Centre, 10 am to 12 noon

## Wednesdays, Needlework Club

Methodist Church, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

## Thursdays, Mardle £1.50

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# AUGUST



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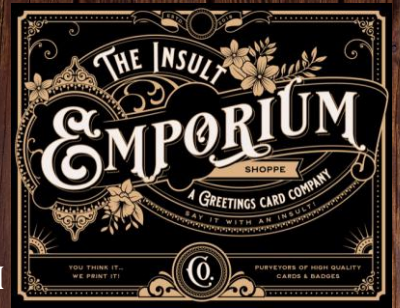
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Our trip to Sheringham on August 11th is proving to be popular. Most of the group will be going to the afternoon performance of 'Wait Until Dark' at the Little Theatre. We have a few spare seats so please ring if you would like to join us.

It is delightful to have children visit the group therefore during the coming school holidays we hope parents and grandparents will feel comfortable to call in on a Wednesday morning. We just ask for £1 a session to cover tea/coffee and promise cold drinks and biscuits for the children. We have once again started to sell plants when available, bric a bric, cards, books and other goodies, plus our weekly raffle.

Anyone feeling lonely? Please call in and say hello. Either for a 10 minute break or for the morning. The hardest part of joining any group is by crossing the threshold, however we at Chit Chat assure anyone new that they will be made very welcome.



If you're interested in joining in the fun please contact:

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We are halfway through the Summer Season and have had a busy June and July. All three of our league teams are placed well with The Millers and The Oaks being 2nd and 3rd respectively in Division 2 and our new team, The Acorns being 3rd in Division 3.

On 10th July the club celebrated Bastille Day with an in-house pairs competition won by Ed Andrews and Chris Watering. A good time was had by all, despite the very hot weather!

On 17th July the club hosted the Anglia Region Over 55's pairs completion. The reigning champions, Tony and Cheryl Morgan were beaten in the semi-final on their home terrain. The winners were Phil Border and Marion Halsey from Bardwell, who run the specialist Petanque shop there. On the social side we're very busy, especially on Wednesday mornings where over 20 people usually come and enjoy a couple of friendly games. We now have 53 members which is higher than pre pandemic numbers. New members are always very welcome at any time of the year so do come and give it a go if you're looking to make new friends and enjoy a bit of friendly competition!

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We must begin by thanking the wonderful audience who attended 'Let's Sing Again' at St James's Church on 18th June. We thoroughly enjoyed singing for you again, and your responsiveness inspired us! We were particularly pleased to see a nice sprinkling of past members amongst you all (we are keeping your seats warm just in case...). Now, pens and planners at the ready for this is advance warning of our next concert:

## CHRISTMAS STARS

**Saturday December 10 th , 7.00 at St James's Church  
licenced bar, doors open at 6 pm.**

As usual, we will have our own galaxy of 'Christmas stars', including the Great Ellingham School Choir. The music will include a little 15 th Century song and others dating right up to the present day. Of course there will be some traditional carols accompanied by the organ for all to sing, plus a few 'golden oldies' you will know, (tempted to name a few choir members here too). The evening will be full of surprises and will be a good prelude to your own Christmas festivities. It will be great to do a full Christmas concert once more, and this is usually a sell out, so when you get the wink that tickets are going on sale, get in there quickly! Or, you could of course join us on stage! If you like the idea of joining a friendly 'hard work but fun with it' choir, 13 years old this year, please ring the number above for further details. No audition necessary, and we would particularly like sopranos and contraltos, though don't be put off if you are a tenor or a bass. Rehearsals start in September, and we recommend the surreal experience of singing carols when it is still summer!



NEW BEGINNINGS

For the last meeting before our holiday break in August, it was decided that we would have an outdoor meeting. The venue was to be Peter Beales Roses. However, with the unprecedented rise in the temperature, and following all the weather forecaster' advice it was decided to cancel this meeting. Traditionally there is no meeting in August, so heres' hoping everyone enjoys the break and look forward to meeting on the 20th of September. Happy Holidays everyone.



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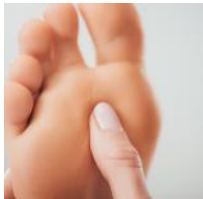
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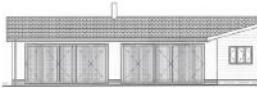


Local primary school children took part in our annual Goblin Kart Challenge. This STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) project involves the building of 4 battery operated go-carts, 2 in each school. The children work in teams to build the kart.

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# CHURCH NEWS



## Methodist Church

Sunday services for August:

August 7th	2.30pm	Rev E Bellamy
August 28th	2.30pm	Rev J Horton (HC)

Coffee Morning

Tuesday, August 4th 10-11. Call in for

Coffee and chat, you will be very welcome.

## St James, Great Ellingham

What a busy July hosting events for the teddy festival! The month started with the art exhibition - the church was full of a fantastic display of paintings, ceramics, bird carvings and photographs, including competition entries by young people and their pictures of village life. Well done to everyone. It was a lovely atmosphere. Thank you to Beryl and Pat for organising refreshments, and to everyone who baked cakes.

Over 9th & 10th July, Heather Etteridge presented a local history exhibition and Matt Hall showcased his metal detecting finds. This was a fascinating display – such a lot to read and discover about the village and surrounding areas. There were lots of visitors through the doors supporting this weekend; it's definitely something to repeat in the future!

Café church looked at the story of the Good Samaritan and had a nod towards reflection on the what the teddy festival brings to the village. After the service, Splat the rat proved popular with the children and everyone gathered outside for a picnic on the grass in the shade.

August is holiday season – our service pattern remains the same but there may be a slightly different format to normal. There are also two weddings during the month so wish Susannah and Stuart, and Caroline and Jonathan, the very best for their special days and future together.

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# St Peter, Little Ellingham

After a very busy June, the month of July has been much more sedate. We have focussed mainly on our opportunities to come together to worship. It has also given us the time to consider enhancements to the church building and plan for future events. We hope to progress these in due course.

Like the rest of Norfolk, the hot, dry weather has turned the churchyard into more like a desert. At least it gives the grass cutters a break. A taste of what is to come? The Church of England is encouraging churches to become more eco friendly but this often entails spending money we don't have. Like many churches, though, we cannot just do what we like. Most work to our church buildings has to be sanctioned by the diocese and overseen by an authorised architect; usually a laborious process incurring even more expense. Fitting solar panels to our south facing roof would not be allowed under current rules.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

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## Services for August

7	10.30am	Rockland St Peter	Family Service
	4.00pm	St James, Great Ellingham	Celtic Worship
14	10.30am	St Peter, Little Ellingham	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	St James, Great Ellingham	Cafe Church
21	10.30am	Rockland All Saints	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	St Peter, Little Ellingham	Prayer and Praise
28	10.30am	St James, Great Ellingham	Holy Communion



Thank you to everyone who continues to support the food bank donations. It is likely that over the coming weeks, demand for its services will increase. If you need support with food, please contact Citizens Advice who should be able to assist or provide a voucher to exchange at a food bank. If you are struggling to collect a box, please ask for help. Contact Kathryn 456525 or [sunflowerjones@hotmail.com](mailto:sunflowerjones@hotmail.com)



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## WINNERS

Jess Sayers, 11

Eddie Crowder, 8

Alyssa Barnes, 6



Special thank you to all the young people who participated in this year's Young Artist Competition and congratulations to the winners. Artists can pick up their submissions from Gail.

## JUNE / JULY SPEEDWATCH REPORT



From this month onwards the Speed Report will cover the two speed monitors owned and deployed by the Great Ellingham Parish Council.

The first part of the traffic speed analysis Report has been derived from the SID as positioned on the 30mph sign outside the entrance to Great Ellingham Recreation Ground on Watton Road, where it has been set up to monitor the traffic approaching Great Ellingham from Watton. This month a total of 52,522 vehicles passed and one in five vehicles is entering the village at a speed above 35mph.

The second part of the traffic speed analysis Report has been derived from the SAM as positioned on the 20mph School Warning sign near to Great Ellingham Primary School on Hingham Road, where it has been set up to monitor the traffic approaching Great Ellingham from Hingham. This month, 52,522 vehicles passed through and one in ten vehicles is entering the village at a speed above 35mph.

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