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**PUMP**  
JULY 2021

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## ON THE COVER

### ReuniTED

ReuniTED was the 2020 Fan Favourite Bear winner.

During the Festival, please be aware of extra traffic on Church Street. If possible, park in other areas of the village and be sure to look out for traffic when walking along the roads. We want to keep everyone safe.

July is upon us and village activities are starting to pick up. From sports like Petanque and Cricket to our our annual Teddy Bear Festival it feels like there is light at the end of the very long tunnel.

The festival is going ahead in an abbreviated form. The Trail will take place from the 3rd until the 18th. We're looking forward to seeing all the creative Bears and hope you will stop in at St. James' for the Art Exhibition. We'll announce this year's fan favourite on the 20th. Find a brief history on the origins of the Festival written by the founder, Ann Reeve, on pages 16-17 along with a few bears from the past.

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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In this edition you'll find some information on our beloved Dark Skies status area. We're so lucky to have an observatory and the hope is to bring the village together to help keep the this status.

From Headteacher, Julie Dekker, "The children in Class 6 have been writing poems based on their experiences of the recent national lockdowns. They found that talking and writing about their feelings in this way helped them to process what the last year has been like for them all." Find those on page 24-25.

Next month - Down on the Allotment. What are you growing & cooking?

Our Mission is to be a self-funding, interesting and informative magazine that provides a vehicle for community connections by shining a light on local people, places and services.

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# GREAT ELLINGHAM TEDDY BEAR FESTIVAL

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**3RD TO 18TH JULY**



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BEAR WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON 20TH JULY  
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# Around the Village

2nd	Art Preview Party, St. James' at 7pm
3rd	Car Boot Sale, Rec Centre at 10am
3rd to 10th	Art Exhibition at St. James'
3rd to 18th	Teddy Bear Trail
11th	Car Treasure Hunt, Rec Centre at 2pm
10th to 12th	Flower Festival in Rockland All Saints
21st	Parish Council Meeting at 7:30pm

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Donations received at the church (there is a green lidded box in the porch) and the village shops are now being split according to need. A batch was sent during June to the N&N Chaplaincy. Thetford Food bank has re-opened for donations – tinned tomatoes, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, UHT/long life milk, long life juice & tinned fish. If you are in need of a referral, contact Citizens Advice on 0800 144 8848. For donation queries, contact Kathryn 456525 or [sunflowerjones@hotmail.com](mailto:sunflowerjones@hotmail.com). Please don't be embarrassed to ask for help.

# JULY



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# Chit Chat Group

## Gt Ellingham Rec Centre / Wednesdays 10-12 noon

I am still unable to give any date for the reopening of Chit Chat due to Government restrictions. Happily many members of the group meet up regularly for walks and chats in various gardens which is so nice and indeed very comforting to know that there still is a network of folk around who care about each other.

Hazel, one of our most long serving members is in Oaklands Nursing Home. Scole, Nr Diss, due to a fall. If any of our members would like to get in touch with her then please do; she will be very pleased to hear from any of her friends.

I do keep abreast of coach trips with our coach company, however I really don't think that I am able to book any trips at the moment, so apologies to so many folk who enjoy our Chit Chat days out.

I will keep everyone updated on when Chit Chat will re-open as soon as I can do so.

Ann Reeve



Hooray!

It's July and we have our first visits of the year planned. This magazine may well have hit your door mat on the day of our first visit which is to Brick Kiln House in Shotesham - hope we see many of our members there - under Covid self distancing rules still but out nonetheless. Our second visit will be to Gabriels Garden which is an absolute delight; famous for her cut flowers and workshops.

If you're new to the area or have just discovered the joys of gardening why not join Greenfingers gardening club? We're a friendly group that meet in the evenings of the first Thursday of every month - at least we do in normal times!

During the summer months we enjoy visiting garden and nurseries but in the



colder months we meet indoors at The Crown and enjoy talks and joining in light hearted competitions! Membership is only £10 a year.

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## 51 Petanque Club Update

Summer has finally arrived and with the warm and sunny weather our Petanque players have enthusiastically taken to the terrain in June! We've been enjoying some great games, laughs and plenty of chatter during our Wednesday and Saturday morning sessions and have welcomed 8 new social members so far this season.

We now have a total of 46 club members, with 50% of them living in Great Ellingham and over 90% living within a 10 minute drive.

Our two Samueljacks Norfolk Petanque League teams have got off to a great start once matches were able to start on Thursday 20th May. The Ellingham Oaks, playing in Division 2, have played 3 games so far, winning both their home matches (5-0 & 4-1) but losing away (1-4), putting them in 3rd place. The Millers, playing in Division 3, have won all 4 of their matches so far, 1 at home and 3 away, putting them top of their league.

July is set to be a busy month for the Club. League matches will continue on Thursday evenings and some members will be taking part in the Anglia Petanque Association Regional Qualifiers. An Intra Club competition and social day will take place to mark Bastille Day and we'll be running a Club singles competition during July & August. We're keeping our fingers crossed for plenty more sunshine to add to the enjoyment!

**Great Ellingham Recreation Centre**

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# COUNCILnews

Hello everyone in Great Ellingham. The Parish Council needs your help. The Breckland Astronomical Society will be able to use the observatory on the Rec. again soon, so it's important we all check our outside lights to ensure they are pointing downward and only coming on when needed - keeping lights on all night does nothing for security and just wastes your money - a PIR controlled switch is much more effective, as it turns on the light when someone or something moves within its zone.

Also, as you know, we have a number of major housing developments happening at the moment. Whilst the PC always gets Breckland to include a "Dark Sky Policy" clause in the planning conditions, which limits the type of external lighting they are allowed to install, they may or may not comply, which means we have to go into battle with them. Our weight of argument is much reduced if existing villagers are not complying already.

We will be carrying out a survey of night lighting in the village shortly, so please check your outside lighting and adjust it if needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

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GREAT ELLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
[www.greatellinghamparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://www.greatellinghamparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)  
NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 21ST JULY 2021 @ 7:30

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LITTLE ELLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
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# dark skies

places where the darkness of the night sky is relatively free of interference from artificial light.



## Make friends, not enemies.

Your neighbours probably don't even realise their lighting is bothersome.

Stay positive and don't argue. Be tactful and understanding about your neighbour's right to light their property.

Suggest alternatives to their current fixture. Ask them to move the light, shield it, or add a motion sensor so it's activated only when needed. Offer to help get this done.

Be informative. Talking to your neighbour is an great opportunity to be an advocate for good lighting. There are many reasons to use dark sky friendly lighting.

It's useful to know the local costs of electricity and the local lighting control rules.

Don't dismiss their need to feel safe. Remember that home is a place where everyone wants to feel relaxed and safe.

Remember everyone wants the same thing: a chance to relax in his or her own environment.

Work together to create an atmosphere that benefits the community.

Find more at:  
[www.darksky.org/our-work/lighting](http://www.darksky.org/our-work/lighting)

# Lighting Check

The inappropriate or excessive use of artificial light – known as light pollution – can have serious environmental consequences for humans, wildlife, and our climate.

## Examples of Acceptable / Unacceptable Lighting Fixtures



## Resources

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[www.lightpollutionmap.info](http://www.lightpollutionmap.info)

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Once upon a time on a cold winter's evening in February 2004 a PCC meeting was being held at Peggy Maynard's house in Church Street Great Ellingham. A discussion arose regarding the revival of St James Church during the interregnum period – what could be done to celebrate St James Weekend and to let the local people know that the church was most certainly ALIVE?

I had been to the Scarecrow weeks (the one at Old Buckenham) with my grandson Felix – however he had been quite afraid of the Scarecrows – and I thought how much nicer to have Teddies. Susie Gent had mentioned about Teddies in Towers and abseiling and as I sat at the meeting the idea formed in my head – yes, why not – Gt Ellingham, 'let's have Teddies instead of scarecrows-yes, let's have a Teddy Trail and a Teddy Bear Week!' I put it to the meeting – everyone looked at me with blanked amusement and silence. After a few seconds-which felt like an eternity, Mike May said 'What a lovely idea – 'A teddy is a sign of comfort and friendship'. Thereafter all the PCC members agreed and the next day I started making plans!

Thus the FIRST Teddy Bear celebrations happened in July 2004 but the idea was born in February 2004.

Before The Teddy celebrations started I did much research into how the Scarecrow Weeks worked. Did you know these weeks happen all over the country at the same time each year? I 'phoned all different parts of the country getting ideas. Liz Neil was my confidante and

we set about forming a plan of our own.

I went to see Paul and Joan Sheffield and they agreed to organise an Art Exhibition in the Church. We would have a preview evening and the Exhibition would last until the Sunday.

Jenny and John Roberts agreed to organise a car rally and Jenny said that she would be making a Teddy Bear who would be called Florrie.

With this in mind (and only having the promise of 1 Teddy) I contacted the press and we then put out a plea to the villagers of Great Ellingham!

I made many, many phone calls and pleas (I think people ducked when they saw me in the supermarket) because we were obviously concerned that we needed quite a few Teddies for the plan to work. After this – the villagers rose to the occasion! 105

I am so pleased that the Festival brings so much pleasure to young and old.

*Ann Milner - now Ann Reeve  
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# VILLAGE PEOPLE

## Amelia Howe-Lirocchi

Since I was a kid, I have always loved funky and interesting clothes, and in May 2020 I finally learnt to make them myself. My friend **Kara**, also from the village, modelled my clothes for me, including the first shirt I made. I used old clothes that we found doing a lockdown deep clean and turned it into a funky and unique patchwork shirt, similar to my favourite dress as a little girl. I kept making clothes and improving at every stage.

In October, my parents got me an overlocker to keep seams neat and my clothes and costume creations kept on blooming. I made a recreation of **Beetlejuice's** iconic striped suit, an interpretation of Treasure Planet's **Captain Amelia** (which won the school's end of year 11 fancy dress competition), a suede jacket with red lining my friend **Millie** (who lives here too) modelled as part of our drama GCSES, a Pokemon inspired dress, a shirt for my wee cousins Jemima and Dexter, and a recycled denim jacket which my uncle has commissioned me to make. I am so proud of how far I've come in such a short space of time and am so grateful to share this with our village.

**What is your favourite smell?** I love the smell of fresh bedsheets, I have a fresh linen scented candle and it's amazing!

**What makes you laugh?** My best friend Erena. Once we start laughing we can't stop .

**Who inspires you?** Vivienne Westwood is such an inspiration to me for her punk clothing lines, but in terms of art I love the work of Mary Blair, she designed the facade for 'its a small world' and loads of original concept art for the original Disney films.

**Favourite band or album?** I love so many artists and bands but Animal Collective or Iron Maiden as a top 2!



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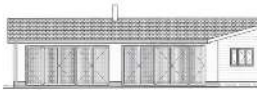
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Lockdown is stopping my entire life,  
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The pain is a flood hit by a sylvan.

When will I ever see a loved one again?  
The internet is the only light around  
I feel like I am locked up in a prison  
Coronavirus is a terrifying soul  
When will this pandemic end?  
The keyworkers support is amazing,  
I have a bucket full of love to send,  
The NHS should have people praising.

Thank you everyone for your great support,  
We hope everyone here is deep in thought.

By Laura & Millie

It's a brand new day; I have to be brave,  
Sadness and worry building in my soul,  
Support is needed and many lives are saved,  
Working really hard to conquer my goal.

Unwell people coming in all the time,  
A few weeks later they may be released,  
Clap for the NHS, oh how they shine,  
But we've had too many people deceased.

Days, weeks, then months, rainbows are starting to fade.  
It's been a slow year now. When will this end?  
Lockdown is over but Corona has still stayed.  
Arranging play dates with all of my friends.

Rules are being lifted, things aren't the same.  
Thank you keyworkers for keeping us sane.

By Kyra & Jasmine



Strive for Victory  
Death, pandemic, lockdown, sadness and fear,  
But tomorrow will be a better day,  
We have all been put in a weird gear,  
Our joy and pleasure has been sent away.

Death has been with us since the beginning,  
Thousands of lives have been ended by this,  
At times I feel Covid is winning,  
We will once more our beautiful bliss.

Once again we are in isolation,  
But we shall all stand up for each other,  
Relentlessly we protect our nation,  
With great sadness our faces we cover.

We strive for victory, it's our history,  
What the future holds is a mystery.

By Eden & Ruby

In this horrible time I sit alone,  
Will this end? Around me nothing, yet again.  
I want this to be over, I still moan,  
Stuck by myself in my boring, dull den.

What has this become? I feel death daily,  
On the verge of happiness I fall down.  
I miss my friends; I can't see them sadly,  
I write this poem, feeling like a clown.

Trapped in a space which I cannot control,  
Endless days spent at home, I am alone,  
I am spiralling into a deep hole  
In my negative brain, I dance alone.

Through this time I was alone, I just moped  
In this time I was lucky, I still hoped.

By Matthew

# H NEWS

## Great Ellingham Baptist Church

It has been a real joy to be able to meet outside for a few weeks for our Sunday meetings. It has been beautiful to hear the birds singing (sweeter than our singing!!) and feel the warmth of the sun as we gather to worship God. Feel free to join us any Sunday. Everyone welcome.



## Methodist Church

Sunday services for July:

11th	11am	Miss Anna Hall
18th	2.30pm	Mr T Hey
25th	6.30pm	Circuit Zoom Service

## St James, Great Ellingham

During July we look forward to welcoming the art exhibition for Great Ellingham Teddy Bear Festival. It will be open daily for visitors, while manned by volunteers. Therefore, please watch out for restricted opening as this is set up in advance – and for shorter opening hours during the day. Do pop by as I'm sure there will be some amazing talent on display, not to mention refreshments at the weekends.

The service on 3rd July will be at Little Ellingham to avoid a clash with the art exhibition. Our 'café church' service in June was to a select gathering – we started to look at some African traditions. We heard some amazing Kenyan choir singing and added a verse to one of our hymns in Swahili! Our next service, 11th July, will be on a teddy theme, reflecting on the origins of the festival and all that it brings to the village. Bring your teddy bear! Everyone is welcome to the service and is invited to bring a picnic for after the service, so we can enjoy a Teddy Bear's Picnic in the churchyard.

Please remember, masks are to be worn inside the church. Also note that Church St is busier than usual at the moment due to the closure of Chequers Lane. Therefore, please take extra care when accessing the car park or walking along the boundary walls. KD

## St Peter, Little Ellingham

We held our first regular act of worship this month which is a step forward. We shall continue with this for now with the occasional special when appropriate.

In June we sadly lost the oldest member of our congregation, Peggy Thomas, just 11 days short of her 100th birthday. Peggy had joined us from her home in Wales ten years ago and was an active member of our church including playing the organ and helping with any church events. Sadly the pandemic meant Peggy did not have the opportunity to continue with meeting the many friends she had made during her time here. Peggy's funeral was held in St Peter's church, followed by cremation. Her ashes will return to Wales to be buried with her husband. CT

Singing is restricted to six people and, except for those exempt, face masks are still required to be worn.

4th	10.30	St Peter, Little Ellingham Morning Service	
	10.30	Rockland St Peter	Family Service
11th	10.30	St James, Great Ellingham	(Cafe) Church
	10.30	Rockland St Peter	Holy Communion
18th	10.30	St James, Great Ellingham	Holy Communion
	15.00	Rockland All Saints	Pet Service
	18.00	St Peter, Little Ellingham	Prayer and Praise
25th	10.30	RSP or GE	Benefice Holy Communion



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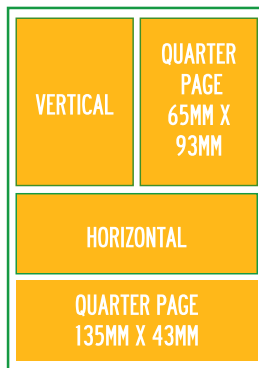
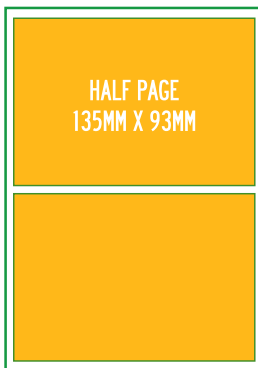
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