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ON THE COVER Cruella De Bear

Conratulations to this year's winner of the People's Choice. Georgina is new to the village and a first time bear maker! A source tells us she is already plotting what she will do next year. We can't wait to see.

Many thanks to all the wonderful village Bear Builders. What a fantastic result with a total of 59 Bears made. Congratulations to the People's Choice winners and to all who took time to see the trail.

This issue will be a bit thin compared to our last ones. Holiday season is upon us and one of our team is temporarily departing due to a family illness. September may also be similar, but hopefully we'll be back to normal for October.

Many events and clubs are starting to reopen. While there are no official COVID guidelines in place, most are

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Great Ellingham Teddy Bear Festival BACS Sort Code 20-62-68 Account Number 23919129 asking people to remain vigilant, wear masks where appropriate and stay alert to the rising number of cases.

Please note the new time for the Car Boot Sale at the Rec this month (see page 2).

The volume of positive feedback about the Festival this year has been a joy to read. If you would like to get involved with the Festival next year, please reach out to us at: hello@teddyfestival.com. If we're lucky enough to have a "normal" year, we will need more people to help.

Next month, we will report in on our 6-month trial of the Pump.

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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Around the Village

| 7th | Car Boot Sale, Rec Centre at 9am | |
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| 13th | Astro Talk, Rec Centre at 7:15pm | |
| 18th | Chit Chat, Rec Centre at 10am | |
| | Parish Council Meeting at 7:30pm | |
| | Urgent Matters Only | |
| 27th | Observatory Open Night from 7:30pm | |
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Monthly BINGO sessions will resume Thursday 30th September (hopefully)! Sessions will be back at the normal times: DOORS OPEN 6.45 pm EYES DOWN 7.30 pm

Jean, Richard and the team would like to welcome you all back, the 'regulars' and new players alike.



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Chit Chat Group Gt Ellingham Rec Centre / Wednesdays 10-12 noon

After much discussion and deliberation I am very excited to report that Chit Chat is aiming to open again on **Wednesday**, **August 18th at 10am**. We will be taking very gentle steps and advising folk to bring masks, however I am confident that all should be OK. The room we meet in is large and providing the weather is good, the doors will be open. If we have a really sunny day, we can put some chairs and tables outside for those who would prefer to sit out in the open. I will try and ring members who live in other towns and villages, but I would appreciate Great Ellingham folk please spreading the word to their 'Chit Chat' friends who live outside the village.

The last time we met was on March 18th 2020. It will be really nice to catch up with everyone's news. Over the past 16 months there have been many sad occasions, but I'm sure there are happy things too. We must always try and live for the present and look forward to future events. With this in mind I will be talking about trips. I do realise Covid is still 'hanging' over all of us, but I feel we must all remain positive and think of good times to come.

Ann Reeve

Breckand Astronomical Society

Friday, August 13th 7:15pm

"Extreme Universe" by Andy Jones Great Ellingham Rec Centre

Live Streamed on Google Meet here: meet.google.com/hin-ffwd-xxj

Followed by society's AGM

£2.50 adults / £1 children (cash) Tea/coffee & biscuits Observatory after AGM if clear

Safety measures: ventilation, spacing, half-time break

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Friday August 27th from 7:30pm

Public Open Night at the Observatory

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51 Petanque Club Update

The warm sunshine of June soon turned into a period of grey damp weather but that didn't curb the enthusiasm of our Club members and the turnout for friendly games on Wednesdays, Saturdays and other ad hoc times has been great. The changes in weather make things even more interesting as the game can be very different on a damp terrain compared to one that is bone dry!

On Sunday 11th July we held a Bastille Day competition and social day. Well done to Barry Wilkinson who only joined the club this season and who came top of the social members! Graham Beales was the top player of the full members.

The Norfolk County Petanque league has reached the halfway point, with the Ellingham Oaks in 3rd position in Division 2, and The Millers sitting proudly on top of the table in Division 3.

On Sunday 18th July, the club hosted the 2nd regional qualifying round to see which twelve triples would be representing Anglia in the Inter-Regional Finals being played at Melton Mowbray on 4/5th September. 51PC were represented by Tony & Cheryl Morgan, Jake Beales & Graham Beales. At the 1st round at Bury St Edmunds, Cheryl, Tony & Jake won 3 Out of 5, putting them 8th out of 16 teams.

Jake was unable to play in the 2nd round so captain & coach Graham joined Cheryl & Tony on a sun-drenched terrain hoping to consolidate their position. Starting at 9.30am and finishing just gone 6.30pm, they also won 3 out of 5 games, and finished 5th overall. The top 8 qualifiers will form the team playing in Division 1 at the finals.

Don't forget, this is an all year round activity and new members are always welcome!



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We finished the Term on a high note, with all sections taking part in outdoor/adventurous activities at Eaton Vale Scout & Guide Activity Centre the past few weeks.

Beavers have been canoeing and tried out the 'Cave Bus'. We also invested 6 new Beavers into the Colony and 6 adult Leaders too - one of whom I invested as a Beaver 14 years ago!. They also did a litterpick around the village, paying close attention to the Rec Centre car park area and St. James's church. The Beavers also completed the Blue Peter Green Badge, to become climate heroes - as part of this they made their Recycl(T)ed for the village Teddy Bear Festival.

Cubs had an activity day at Eaton Vale, taking part in canoeing, archery and crate-stacking and 3 Cubs were invested into the pack on canoes. The Cubs also made a bear for the Teddy Bear Festival.

Scouts enjoyed canoeing at Eaton Vale and a variety of outdoor activities at the Scout Hut, including fire building and outdoor cooking. Two new Scouts and a new Leader have been invested into the Troop.

Explorers have spent a lot of time on the water, with a canoeing session at Eaton VAle and two kayaking/ canoeing sessions at Two Mile Bottom. 5 new Explorers have been invested into the Unit, but we have said goodbye to 1 as he turns 18 over the summer.

We look forward to 2021/2022.

We have spaces in the 3 older sections and a short waiting list for the Beaver Colony.



Age 6-8 Tuesdays 17:30-18:30

Age 8-10 Mondays 18:00-19:30

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Age 10 ½ - 14 Fridays, 19:30-21:00

EXPLORERS

Age 14 – 17 Thursdays 19:30-21:00





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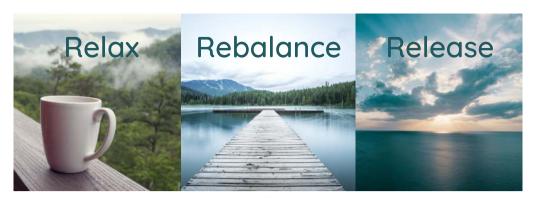


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1st - The Swans @ 78 points
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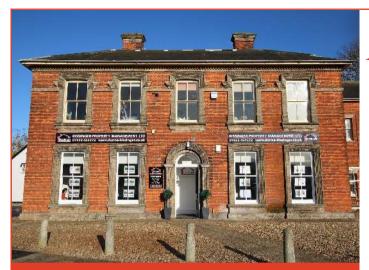
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CHURCH NEWS

Great Ellingham Methodist Church

You are welcome to join us for any of the services and be most welcome. We hope to be able to resume the Coffee Mornings in the Spring.

Sunday services for August

| August 1st | 2.30pm | Rev A. Richardson |
|-------------|--------|-------------------|
| August 8th | 2.30pm | Mr A Warby |
| August 15th | 2.30pm | Mrs E Warby |

My Ted

He may live most of his life these days in a quiet eorner and gather dust but, sure as night follows day, when he does come into sight, he takes me back to my ehildhood and family love and kindness, of days of joy and frivelity and for that, he is a cornerstone of who I am, and for that, I give thanks to Ted.

Food 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 July to the N&N Chaplaincy. Thetford Food bank has re-opened for selected 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. Please don't be embarrassed to ask for help.

St James, Great Ellingham

During June and July, we have had art work from class 6 at Great Ellingham Primary School displayed in the church. The pictures by year six have now been returned, but a small number of year five pictures still remain. Do drop by and have a look at their talents! We hope to feature more work from the children during the year. The start of July saw the teddy festival art exhibition move into the church. Many people attended the preview evening, enjoying a lovely burst of evening sunshine and plenty of conversation. The exhibition featured a wide range of pieces, several from artists within the village. It was great to see this back in church, along with visitors – a small step towards normality!

On 11th July we held our café style service, with a teddy theme. As part of the service, we had a talk about the festival and an activity about what our bears, or the festival, mean to us. Charles wrote a poem entitled, My Ted (page 16).

During August there will be a service in St James on Sunday 8th, 10.30am. This will be the only service in Great Ellingham during the month. Please see the service list or website for details of other services across the benefice.

The Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle Ride/Walk/Drive is back! Dust off your bicycles or boots and raise some money for your church by raising sponsorship to visit as many churches as possible. The date is Saturday 11th September. Sponsor forms are available in church and, as per last year, we will provide a 'snack stop' for visitors during the day. Any funds are gratefully received.

With the closure of Chequers Lane, please beware of additional traffic using Church Street - take extra care when accessing the car park or walking along the boundary walls.

It has been decided that there will only be one morning service in one church in the benefice each Sunday. Other services are being planned for the afternoon and evening.

| 1st | 10.30 | Rockland St Peter | Family Service |
|------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 8th | 10.30 | St James, Great Ellingham | (Cafe) Church |
| 15th | 10.30 | Rockland All Saints | Holy Communion |
| | 18.00 | St Peter, Little Ellingham | Prayer and Praise |
| 22nd | 10.30 | St Peter, Little Ellingham | Morning Prayer |
| 29th | 10.30 | Shropham | Holy Communion BCP |

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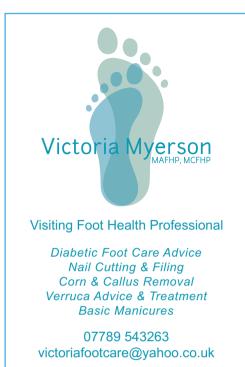
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