

Summer edition



Our village looks loved and tidy

Outwell Parish Council
Magazine - Summer issue

You will no doubt have noticed that we have new railings alongside Well Creek.

You can't please everyone, but the majority of people have been supportive and are happy that it all looks tidy and a little more loved than it did before.

The old railings weren't repaired for years, and really made our lovely village look uncared for, so we have done our best to rectify that and it took a fair amount of time and a lot of work with the county council. If everyone who has an opinion would like to volunteer and work with us for the good of the village, then please step forward as there is still plenty to do.

Aside from the community orchard and memorial garden (page 4 & 5), we are still working to get safe crossings across at least one of the two busy main roads that run through the village.

With more homes, more people and therefore more cars, we need to make sure that people are safe crossing the A1122 (Downham Road)



Neat and tidy; the new railings make such a difference.

and the A1101 (Littleport Road).

The volume of traffic means that we need a traffic-light controlled crossing on the A1122. A zebra-type wouldn't really be safe enough for either pedestrians or drivers.

The cost is huge. Really, really huge and there is no way the parish council can fund such a project as we don't have anything like the money.

What we can do, and have, done is work with the county council to come up with something that would work for us and highways.

As of this month, our A1122 crossing is in the top three list of priorities in the county. That doesn't mean a new crossing is imminent, but the county council agrees we need at least

one, and has also agreed to fund it.

The grey area is the timeframe - being in the top three is great, but we can't celebrate until work actually starts. And then we need to push for the other one across the A1101 to finish the job.

With the coming changes to local government and the loss of an entire tier of council, things are not completely clear in terms of grants, both in terms of availability and administration.

We will continue to look for pots of money made available that could be used for the village's benefit. Things do take time, but as a council, we are trying to ensure Outwell doesn't get left behind in any way.

To contact the magazine email: opcmagoutwell@gmail.com

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Some are delivered in certain areas, depending on volunteer availability.

The magazine is published by Outwell Parish Council.

We reserve the right to edit submissions.

Prettiest dog for Scruffts

An Outwell dog is heading for the big arena after qualifying to take part in a prestigious competition next year.

Zuri the rescue dog is a mixed breed from Kenya who had a rocky start to life but is now rubbing paws with the very best.

She will be going to Birmingham's NEC arena next year for the semi-finals of Scruffts - the special section of the world-famous dog show with a similar name, saved specially for non-pedigree pooches.

"She was found in a bush, starving and emaciated, injured and suffering from a life-threatening condition of African tick fever and thoroughly neglected," says Wendy Parks who adopted Zuri with her husband Phil.

"We are so proud that our little rescued street dog can hold her own

against other crossbreeds (all beautiful may I add) and, indeed, pedigree dogs.

Zuri is a Bajsenji crossed with breeds unknown, and can often be seen in the village on her daily walks 'strutting her stuff like the warrior queen she is,' said Wendy.

She won her place in the semi-finals by taking the title of 'prettiest crossbreed' in a qualifying event held at Newark Showground in Lincolnshire.

Next she will take part in the semi-finals of Scruffts which is part of the Crufts event each year. There will be a total of 24 semi-finalists who will all be vying



for the honours of top spot in the competition next March. If she wins then Zuri will take her place in the final which is also at Crufts next year.

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Plans for a beautiful site

We are excited to show you the plan for the Old Rec community orchard and memorial garden

The project to transform the Old Rec on Robbs Chase is steaming ahead, even if it doesn't look like it at the moment!

We are mid-applications for grant funding to help fund the bits of the project that need outside help with, and we are also waiting to start connection for water to the site.

This spring has taught us one thing - we definitely need an on-site supply of water. We would never have guessed that once we planted the trees in March, it wouldn't rain again until May.

You may have noticed the IBC unit in the community orchard - we have had to water the young trees as there was nothing from the sky.

We have also been liaising with a company which has worked on similar projects and the plan on

the opposite page is what we are aiming for.

The central seating area will have raised beds and the planting scheme will be more drought-tolerant than we initially considered.

The memorial garden will be encased within a beautiful pergola and roses can be planted along its length to remember a loved one. We are also hoping to have plaques fixed to the pergola with the details of the deceased. At this stage, nothing is fixed in stone so we are looking at costs, value for money and longevity.

We could go for cheap options on everything, but that would leave big items needing constant maintenance or renewal in under 20 years. Now while it won't affect us, it will be a problem we don't want to pass

on. So we are looking to source decent materials which have a good lifespan and also look nice.

We want the memorial garden to be a lovely spot for residents to sit in beautiful surroundings, in the quiet of the garden and enjoy the blooming roses. It is the most important element in our plans and we want to get it right so it can be respectful and part of the wider community orchard.

The compass theme will run through the central area and pathways will be wheelchair-friendly. We also need to sort the gates and level out the road, so there is still a long way to go, but we will get there and hope to leave something the village is proud of and is much-used and loved by all residents in the area.

J. R. STOTT

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Sat	11:00 - 13:30

Another top Sunday gig

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Join us for another fantastic afternoon of live jazz with top UK trumpeter Bruce Adams and trombone star Gordon Campbell (BBC Big Band, John Wilson Orchestra), joined by a stellar rhythm section: Liam Dunachie (piano), Jeremy Brown (bass), and Matt Fishwick (drums).

Bruce Adams and Gordon Campbell will be entertaining Sunday, September 28.

Find us at Christchurch Community Centre, Upwell Road, Christchurch, Wisbech PE14 9LL.

Music is from 12:30 to 2:45pm – arrive by 12:15 for drinks and snacks.

Tickets cost £15 on the door and under 16s are free.

The non-profit club offers a variety of refreshments and is licensed. A raffle helps proceeds



for future events. The club has a new website at www.upwelljazzclub.co.uk and it includes the full details of every gig along with videos, local jazz events and more.

It has been running for around 25 years and was founded by Nigel Smith and now holds sessions four times a year.

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Great start for youth club

We're thrilled to share that Upwell and Outwell Youth Club has had an amazing start!

Meeting every Wednesday from 6pm to 7.30pm at the Upwell British Legion, our club is open to children aged 8–16 and provides a fun, safe space to hang out, make friends, and enjoy a variety of activities.

The response from the local community has been incredible, and we're so pleased to see such enthusiasm and support.

In fact, demand has been so high that we're currently at full capacity. Whilst we're

unable to take on any more children at the moment, we do have a waiting list in place and are doing our best to welcome new members as spaces become available. We're delighted by the level of interest — it really shows how much a youth club like this is needed and valued.

We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped make this possible. We've been fortunate to receive generous donations from local individuals and businesses, as well as vital grant funding from The Blunt Trust,

The Tidmas Trust, Upwell Parish Council, Outwell Parish Council, and Cllr Colin Rose's Community Fund. Your support has played a key role in helping us open our doors, and we are incredibly grateful.

To help us keep running smoothly and sustainably, we are currently looking for volunteers. There's no weekly commitment required — even if you can offer your time just once a month, it would make a real difference. Whether it's helping with activities, setting up, or simply being an extra pair of hands, your support would be



very welcome.

Thank you again to everyone who has supported us so far. We're excited for the future and look forward to many more fantastic Wednesdays ahead!

If you are interested in volunteering or have a child you wish to place on our waiting list please contact sarah.fairbrother@wga.co.uk

LIMETREE

Old sluice can still be seen

Historian Bill Smith takes a closer look at the sluice where Rev Hardwicke lost his life

The sluice was originally constructed in c1775 and became a major part of the regulations governing the installation of sluices of this type.

The Sluice Bridge has recently been removed (April 2024) and a new footpath links the two major roads, A1101 and A1122 courtesy of Oakley Build and Design Norfolk.

Originally called a Penn sluice, it was constructed near the Wisbech Canal and Old Nene intersection opposite St. Andrew's Chapel in the late 18th century. The fully intact stonework is still in position and is just visible now the material used to fill it has subsided. Canal transportation ceased in 1922.

The sluice when operational was unguarded and has been the scene

of some tragedies over the years.

An Outwell clergyman the Rev. William Hardwicke who took up residence at the Rectory in 1813 fell into the sluice and drowned on his way home from a party at Beaupré Hall one dark evening in 1838. It was reported in the Star of the East newspaper that he was discovered in a "perpendicular position and he had not been robbed". The only thing missing was his hat; probably indicating he had entered the sluice head first.

An act of parliament was quickly passed making handrails mandatory over sluice and lock footbridges across the country.

There is a large commemorative tablet for the Rev Hardwicke embedded in the floor in St Clement's Church's east wing.



Courtesy Lilian Ream

The parish council hopes that the remains of the sluice can be preserved as part of the village's heritage.



The Crown

Traditional pub at the heart of the village



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Take a Tiger bus to town

The new hourly service was launched last month between Wisbech and Chatteris

Outwell, adj Strawberry House	06:34	07:34	08:34	09:34	10:34	11:34	12:34	13:34	14:34	15:34	16:34	17:34	18:34	19:34	20:34
Outwell, adj Bloom & Wake garage	06:35	07:35	08:35	09:35	10:35	11:35	12:35	13:35	14:35	15:35	16:35	17:35	18:35	19:35	20:35
Outwell, opp Isle Road	06:37	07:37	08:37	09:37	10:37	11:37	12:37	13:37	14:37	15:37	16:37	17:37	18:37	19:37	20:37
Outwell, opp The Crown	06:37	07:37	08:37	09:37	10:37	11:37	12:37	13:37	14:37	15:37	16:37	17:37	18:37	19:37	20:37
Outwell, opp Pius Drove	06:39	07:39	08:39	09:39	10:39	11:39	12:39	13:39	14:39	15:39	16:39	17:39	18:39	19:39	20:39
Upwell, adj Church Bridge	06:40	07:40	08:40	09:40	10:40	11:40	12:40	13:40	14:40	15:40	16:40	17:40	18:40	19:40	20:40
Upwell, adj New Bridge Road	06:41	07:41	08:41	09:41	10:41	11:41	12:41	13:41	14:41	15:41	16:41	17:41	18:41	19:41	20:41
Upwell, adj School	06:42	07:42	08:42	09:42	10:42	11:42	12:42	13:42	14:42	15:42	16:42	17:42	18:42	19:42	20:42
Upwell, adj Baptist Road	06:44	07:44	08:44	09:44	10:44	11:44	12:44	13:44	14:44	15:44	16:44	17:44	18:44	19:44	20:44

Above: Village pick up points heading to Chatteris - takes about an hour - Monday to Saturday.

Launched in May, there is a new bus service available in Outwell which means you can travel to Chatteris or Wisbech every hour.

The Tiger 7 service (see timetable above) is operated by Stagecoach and uses existing and new bus stops in the village.

Run via the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority, it only serves

Cambridgeshire, and our zone is for the Wisbech to Chatteris service only. Check the full timetable and map online.

The Tiger also offers an 'on demand' system where you can pre-book a journey from anywhere within the zone Outwell falls in (Wisbech to Chatteris route, map online) and it's £2 a journey for adults or free

with a bus pass. They must be booked as the drivers cannot take a fare, and it runs from Monday to Saturday 6:30am to 7pm. For more information and to book call 01480 595440 between 6am and 7:30pm weekdays.

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Major work for parish church

Investigations continue into the problems with the roof timbers and wood carvings in the church roof.

Once the full report is available, the Parochial Church Council will be applying for permission for an extensive survey of all the roof timbers which will allow for a full costing of all the required work.

There is no doubt that a major works project will be necessary. This will also involve discussions regarding how the building can be best used in the future. Community consultation will be a key part of this process.

Fund raising will be a key factor in moving the project forward, if you would like to be involved or would like more information do contact The Friends of St Clement's at info@stclementsoutwell.org.uk

For those readers who may not be

aware, the parish church is home to a set of unique medieval sculptures featuring the apostles depicted with demon-like characters, all ornately carved.

The wall post carvings were 'rediscovered' in 2012 during work by a Cambridge University historian, Dr Claire Daunt. A cherry-picker allowed a closer look and revealed the demonic characters apparently overcoming each of the apostles. But when seen close-up it appears that the larger, demonic figure, is weighed down by the roof, but is not part of the structure.

Some of the angel carvings in the roof have red wings and are clearly visible from the ground. There are also stone gargoyles to add to the treasures of the building.

The oldest part of the church dates from the 13th Century, but it



was built at various times between around 1350 and 1500.

The Friends undertook a huge fundraising project to see £60,000 spent on completing repairs, conservation and restoration of the windows in 2021. They had been in a bad way.



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OUTFEST 2025



Crowds enjoy the entertainment on offer at Outfest 2025 on a sweltering Saturday.



OUTFEST 2025



Outwell Fire Crew look very cool during the hottest day of the year so far . . . meet The Men in Red!



Young dancers entertained the crowds, above, while the Red Arrows blasted through the skies. As darkness fell, the music kept coming.



Ice cream was very much on the menu at Outfest 2025 which was held on a sweltering longest day.

The bar was packed, everything served with ice (maybe not the beer) and the sunglasses were out in force.

Music from the word go, dancing, the Red Arrows and loads besides. Huge thanks to the team behind this wonderful event.



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We met a Tudor spinster

We have had a lot of dry, sunny weather during the last few months and most ornamental plants have thrived.

Vegetable patches might have suffered due mainly to a lack of rain and presumably farm crops have been struggling unless irrigated. I have delighted in the sight and perfume of Wisteria; irises roses have appreciated the sun, too.

The club has had several gatherings.

For our April meeting, Ray Almond, from Christchurch village, joined us as her alter ego Julian, a 16th century spinster (a spinner of wool not an unmarried woman) and brought her spinning wheel along too.

She captivated us by proceeding to dress as Julian, layering up from her underwear, simultaneously



describing life in Tudor times and spinning wool.

It was a novel and entertaining insight into Tudor Human History.

On Good Friday, we met for afternoon tea in Marion's garden. Fine weather, good company and lovely food, followed by a walk around Marion's beautiful garden, made it all very enjoyable. Many thanks to Marion for hosting and to those who helped her.

Our May meeting was a visit to Gooderstone Water Gardens.

This is a well maintained, tranquil garden set amongst a series of ponds. The birdlife is lovely too. A café serving light refreshments is a treat at the end of a visit.

The next general meeting, due to be held on June 9, will involve potting up plants for sale at Marion's Open Garden event which was on June 22. This is our main charity fund-raiser for the year so hopefully it generated a lot of support.

The Rose Competition also took place at the June meeting. I'll announce the winner in my next report.

Meanwhile, enjoy the summer. Should you want to join us or have any queries please phone our Chairman Gerry on 01945 773623.



Monday - Queen Mary Centre, Wisbech, 9am, 10:30am, 4pm, 5:30pm and 7pm. Call Tina 07798894639

Tuesday - Emneth Central Hall, 9:30am. Call Carrie 07876636833

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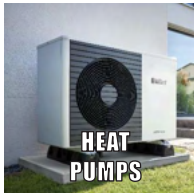
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Amazing First Responders

Did you know you could help save someone's life? Well, our April meeting was very inspiring as we met a dedicated team of amazing volunteers from our local Community First Responders team.

They primed us on preparing the What Three Words app to pinpoint our exact addresses. This alone can help save someone's life.

We should all be extremely proud of our Community First Responders. These are people from all walks of life who join together to provide an unfunded, voluntary service. Our evening gave us an insight into using defibrillators with a hands-on session and we also observed role play scenarios and discovered how truly motivated and professional our Community First Responders are.

"Truth is stranger than fiction," declared this month's speaker, ex-police detective and author, Gary Powell, and so our 1870 Old Bailey

trial re-enactment began.

Wading through a plethora of trial transcripts, witness statements and old newspaper cuttings, the WI turned Old Bailey jurors investigated the double murder of the Reverend Elias Huelin and his devoted housekeeper, Miss Ann Boss. This startling, horrible tragedy shocked the Victorian community of Chelsea. Our thanks to Gary for sharing his stories. A good read for anyone who has already ploughed through every available murder from Agatha Christie and Wilkie Collins, or who fancies themselves as a modern day Sherlock Holmes! The lure of a grisly murder surprisingly still never fails to entertain, especially when it's true!

The summer programme for our local Women's Institute group commenced with a private evening guided tour of the Wisbech museum, followed by our popular

Coffee Morning with a handbag and accessories sale which was open to the public. Our July meeting changed venue as we enjoyed a garden party, kindly hosted by one of our own members.

Welle WI meetings are normally held on the first Monday of each month at Upwell Village Hall. Please contact our president, Mrs Jan Roden on 01945 774565 for further details. We are a mixed group of all ages and life experiences and we look forward to welcoming you!

Our next scheduled meeting is on Monday, August 4, when we will be learning all about our local Alan Hudson Day Centre. This is followed by an invitation to a quilting demonstration on Monday, September 1, which transposes traditional techniques with amazing colour, creativity and originality.

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WI news continues

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We are looking forward to Wednesday, September 17, when we are heading out to the fabulous Blickling Hall, so come and book your coach place if you are tempted to join us! On Monday 6th October, our session 'A Policeman's Lot' is set to entertain us!

Throughout the year we aim to cover a variety of activities to please all interests. Members are actively involved in contributing ideas both at a local and national level, so there is something for everyone! So, if you're new to the village or whether you've lived here for ages, recently retired with spare time on your hands, or a new



mum seeking some headspace come and join us!

Tea on Tuesday fun

We all love a good natter, and whether it is about the weather, Wimbledon or the latest news on the economy it is always better discussed over a good cup of tea. No better place than Tea on Tuesday then!

I thought you may like a few little known facts all about tea – something to start an interesting discussion.

Here we go.....

In 2005, the British jewellery chain Boodles created a tea bag encrusted with 280 diamonds to commemorate the 75th anniversary of tea giant PG Tips.

The bag, filled with Darjeeling tea, was sold for £7,500 at a charity event, and the proceeds went to the

Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, which was chosen by workers at PG Tips.

Before the Ming Dynasty came to power in 1368 in China, tea leaves were compressed into bricks and used as a form of currency. The practice spread to Tibet, Mongolia, and even parts of Russia. It was eventually superseded by a standardised currency in the form of coins.

Tea on Tuesday is open to all ages and meets on alternate Tuesdays from 2pm until 3.30pm. If you are interested in knowing a little more please contact Jackie on 07584 735805 or email her at jackiescotten51@gmail.com

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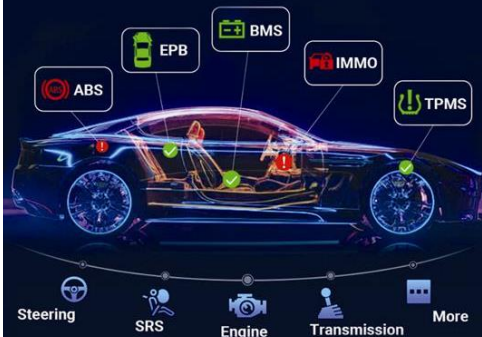
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Opal and sunflowers for school

It has been a very busy half term at Beaupré, as you will have seen if you follow our Facebook page Beaupre Community Primary School.

Since the Easter break, we have welcomed the Fire Brigade and Ambulance Service to school, younger pupils enjoyed looking around the ambulance and got to use the water hose on the fire engine. Year 6 visited King's Lynn fire station, as part of a Crucial Crew event, to learn about safety around water, using the internet, consent and essential first aid.

The whole school commemorated VE Day by visiting St Clements Church, laying painted clay poppies that they had created at the memorial with 47 poppies laid in total as a mark of respect, to represent each name on the memorial. In school, classes took part in activities to celebrate the 80-year anniversary.

Year 6 will have had an exciting start to the term, with a residential visit to Shacklewell Hollow. A total of 18 Year 6 pupils will be attending the Fenland Adventure event where they will take part in a range of exciting outdoor learning opportunities, including: climbing, crate stacking, archery and team building. They are especially looking forward to the water slide!

As part of our sustainability plan, we have also launched the Beaupré Sunflower Grow, with all children taking home sunflower seeds, compost and posts to grow and nurture. The children also have sponsor forms to use this as a fundraising opportunity for our wonderful outdoor area. We are also joining in with this in school, and have planted glass sunflowers

in the green space at the front of school, if you are passing by you should see them growing over the next term and hopefully many bees and other local wildlife will benefit from them too!

More exciting news was given to the children and parents in May, Beaupré are launching our new Opal play programme, enlisting the help of parents/carers, governors and the local community by asking for donations of unwanted items that can be re-used in school by the children. Opal, which stands for Outdoor Play and Learning, is a school improvement programme focused on enriching children's playtime experiences.

It aims to create opportunities for children to engage in various forms of play, both naturally and through structured play activities. The programme emphasises that children learn not only in the classroom, but also through play, and it seeks to improve the quality of playtime to support their overall development.

If you have any of the items below that you no longer require and are willing to donate, please bring them to the school office, or contact us if you need items collecting.

- Traffic Cones, highway items – to mark out a course for scooters
- Mud kitchen items – old kitchenware, small tables, worksurfaces
- Big strong rope
- Outdoor speaker
- Pipes, guttering, sewage tunnels, planks and ramps
- Dressing up clothes (even old adult clothes, hats, bags, scarves)

- Suitcases (with wheels)
- Prams and pushchairs
- Ride on wheeled toys
- Cable drums
- Trowels. Forks, buckets
- Wheelbarrows
- Toy vehicles, animals, diggers
- Large building bricks, Lego, stickle bricks, Jenga
- Pine cones, shells, stones, pebbles
- Balls of all shapes and sizes, golf balls, tennis balls, beach balls, moonballs
- Paint brushes and art materials
- Plastic crates and sturdy wooden boxes (for building obstacle course)
- Camo nets

Our official Opal opening was on June 9, and will be sharing photos and news in the coming weeks on Facebook and our newsletter.

Johnathon is a pupil in Laurel Class. In 2024 he walked from his home in Upwell to the RNLI station in Hunstanton and raised over £3,000 for the RNLI.

Amazingly he has been walking again! Johnathon completed a 57.3 mile walk from Happisburgh to Hunstanton over the last weekend in May to raise more funds for this worthwhile cause. His total for his 2025 walk is over £4,000 so far. Well done Johnathon, this is such a great achievement.

Johnathon's Go Fund Me page is: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/johnathons-journey-for-the-rnli-2025>

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Club has a 37-year history

Age Concern Lunch Club has provided more than 700 meals so far this year!

It's great how memories pop up on social media and just today I was reminded that exactly seven years ago we celebrated the 30 th Anniversary of our club..... and we are still continuing to go from strength to strength!

So far this year the volunteers have cooked and served over 700 hot two course lunches and entertained with table quizzes and raffles whilst the members chatted with friends old and new.

We celebrated VE Day with a special lunch and entertainment, waved flags and enjoyed a good singalong.

Our accounts were presented for approval at the AGM and thanks to several grants which help with our running costs we are able to continue to offer lunch at the price of £5 for a further year. The

committee were all re-elected and our chairman and honorary president, Miss Pearl Willcox, thanked the team for their hard work and commitment to the club.

We have outings planned for the next few months (so fingers crossed for good weather!) and the committee are starting to make plans for the autumn and another busy end to the year.

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Lobby for funds

More plans in the making to help improve village amenities

Well, we have the railings greatly improved, what's next?

Plans are afoot to connect the new bus stop on Isle Rd to the footway linking to Buck's Bridge, including much improved access over the old tramway to neighbouring residents.

As an extension of these works, steps are being taken to improve the area around the old sluice beside the new path through to Downham Road – though I suspect this element will take considerably longer to come to fruition.

An ambitious and active parish council have other projects in mind, and I will look to promote, assist and

facilitate as far as I am able.

Thoroughly enjoyed a recent visit to St Clement's Church for the VE Day commemoration; it's a wonderful asset in a great location in the village, and it would be great if we were able to expand and extend the variety of events there – thanks to those who have reached out on this to discuss.

As many will be aware, Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation are likely to be coming to Norfolk, and to this end I will be suggesting to all parish councils in the Marshland South Division (my patch) that we come together to discuss how we may best



prepare and likely take advantage of the changes.

We are 12 villages, and over 12,000 residents, and if we can come together as a unified voice, with common goals, then I feel that we will be better placed to lobby for a continued flow of funds to, and focus on, our communities from whatever form the administration take in the future.

County Councillor Chris Dawson



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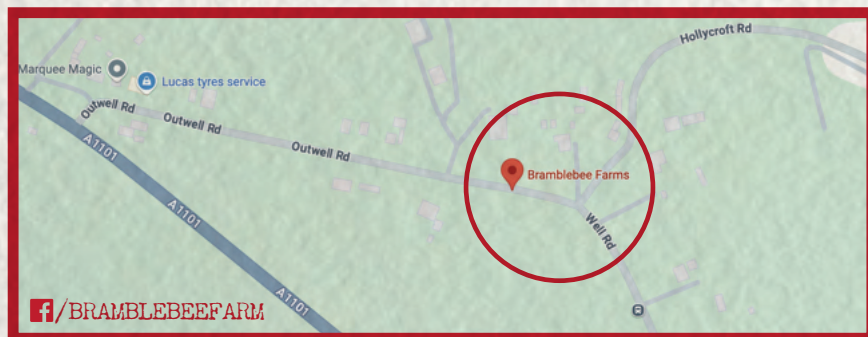
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King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council is encouraging residents to contact the

specially appointed Housing Standards Officer (Energy Efficiency) for advice and assistance (email: Jacob.Medlock@West-Norfolk.gov.uk; tel: 01553 616227).

We are aware that concerns about being 'scammed' or unclear communication sources may have deterred many residents from applying. Jacob Medlock is dedicated to helping eligible residents select and apply for the most appropriate scheme.

This initiative

is fully supported by Upwell and Outwell parish councils and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them and other villagers for their efforts in helping us distribute this information to our

communities.

Gill (Outwell) and Sue (Upwell). Volunteers from Fenland and West Norfolk Friends of the Earth, supported by King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council.

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Simon and I would like to thank our fabulous artisans, visitors, friends and family who helped to make another successful Blended Monkey Artisan Fayre happen!

Following on from the successes of last year's three Artisan Fayres, we are pleased to announce that our Spring Artisan Fayre fundraiser for Norfolk and Waveney Mind was another success!

Throughout the day, we received so many positive, lovely comments from our artisans and visitors who were amazed by the super high quality of our attending artists.

We're very grateful to those artists who demonstrated on the day, and it was wonderful to see how many visitors signed up for the three workshops too!

We are heart-warmed by the support and generosity shown by visitors and artists alike in buying

raffle tickets to win the wonderful, high-end prizes created and donated by each of our artisans (thank you guys!), as well as the purchases from our pop-up Fanoggins Bakery.

Simon and I want to say a VERY BIG thank you to our lovely, friendly front of house, DEE, who, once again, welcomed everyone with a warm smile and cheer. Despite being exhausted at the end of the day, she also stayed to help clear tables and clean up!

Hugs and thanks also to those artisans and our loyal followers, customers and students who helped to share the event on their social media platforms, put out posters and fliers, and assisted in creating our high-quality artisan fundraiser event.

All the event profits (stallholder fees, bakery proceeds and raffle



Foil embossing workshop

ticket sales) are going to a charity that Simon and I hold close to our hearts - and we've raised a total of £900 for Norfolk and Waveney Mind.

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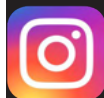
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A poster for Bonfire Night 2025. The background is a dark blue night sky filled with stars. On the left side, there are several large, vibrant fireworks exploding in shades of orange, yellow, and red. The text is on the right side, in a white serif font.

Outwell Village Hall

**Bonfire
night
2025
October 31**

A poster for Village Hall Regulars. The background is a light grey with a subtle, wavy pattern. The text is in a black serif font for the title and a red sans-serif font for the schedule.

**Village Hall
Regulars**

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Tuesday (alternate): bingo

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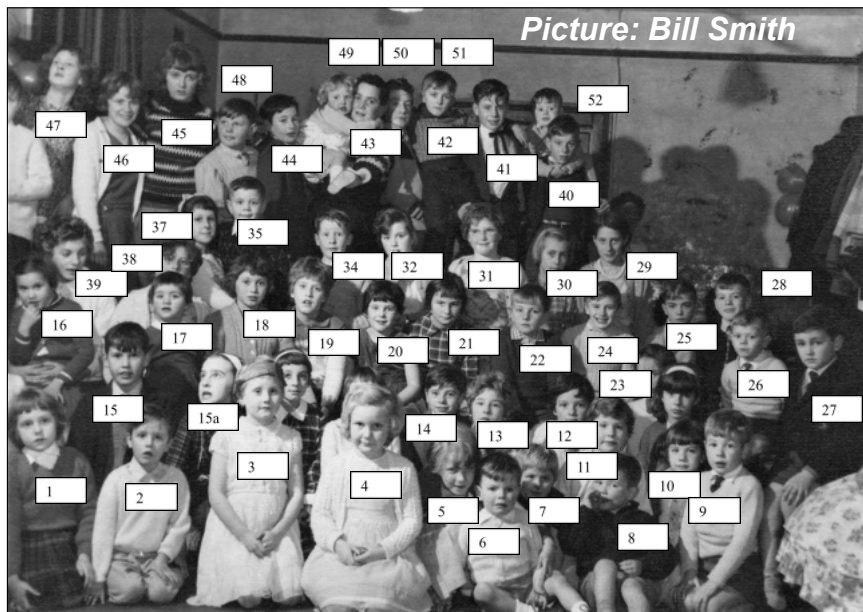
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A poster for a Christmas Craft Fair. The top half features a collection of Christmas-themed craft items on a teal background, including a white rocking horse, a small wooden house, snowflakes, and wrapped gifts. The bottom half has a solid orange background with text in a blue sans-serif font.

**Christmas Craft
Fair
November 30**



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Diary dates

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Not the ending Swifts hoped for

With the season now finished, it was a disappointing one for the club with both teams not hitting the projected targets set.

The first team needed a win from there final game to ensure promotion but were defeated and eventually finished 4th and really below the standards set.

The reserves again struggled

in Cambs 4B and much improvement and stability is required to move the side on.

The club would like to thank all sponsors and supporters for their commitment to us throughout a tough season. Please come back next season as I'm sure success will reappear at The Swifts.

Special mentions go to the management of Mark Secker, Lewie Rawson and Luke Saunders who have put their all into the club this season.

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