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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

New Email Address:

Please note the Parish Council has a new email address. Please direct any communications to clerk.frettenhampc@gmail.com. We have also appointed a new Clerk; Anne Tandy.

Volunteer Needed:

The Council are looking for a volunteer to help with some data analysis. If you have knowledge or experience with this and have some time available, please get in touch with the Clerk, as above.

Changes to the Council:

We welcome a new member to the Council; Michael Palmer. We currently have 2 vacancies and hope to co-opt these vacancies in the coming months.

Cantilever Bus Shelter School Road:

The Parish Council are pleased to report that the bus shelter has now been installed and hope it will be a welcome relief from the elements as we move into the colder months.

Frettenham Against Speeding Traffic (FAST):

The working party continue to explore possible solutions for this problem. Data obtained from the SAM2 device as it moves around the village is fed back to Norfolk Police regularly.

Defibrillator Unit:

Just to remind residents old and new that there is a defibrillator unit attached to the school wall and outside the Rose & Crown Public House.

Frettenham Mobile Post Office Service:

This service takes place on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30. The Post Office van parks in the Village Hall car park; a wide range of services is available. Customers can still collect benefits in cash using the everyday banking services or Post Office card account.

The Monthly Parish Council Meeting takes place at the Village Hall on the second Friday of the month at 7:00p.m. Residents of the village are always welcome; meeting minutes are posted on the Village notice board at the end of Post Office Road during the week following the meeting.

BECK FARM DIARY

Thanks to the wet weather, my neighbour asked me to help him on a couple of days. Harvesting has been possible only on a few dry days since crops ripened, making it important to keep the combine going on these days. To this end, I drove my tractor and trailer, and then Ian's, ten journeys back and forth, from a field near the NDR, back to his barn at Langmere. A couple of hours and another day saw this field cleared, with low enough moisture in the grain to store safely; and Ian was able to bale the straw the following morning, before the next rain came.

The first week of August was spent hoeing and pulling seedy beet from another neighbour's sugar beet crop. Hard work, but slightly easier this year because the ground is wet; and there are only five fields to do—the majority having been treated to remove these earlier in the growing season.

The environmental crops at Beck Farm are doing well with clover, a good crop for pollinators, now flourishing, and the later varieties of flowers appearing. All enjoying the rain! It is nice to see the amount of butterflies in these fields, especially on the sunny days.

Many people take holidays in August — I took a holiday for the first time in August! I stayed in a small village near my son's house, about 8 miles from York. Although I had no harvest to gather at home, my thoughts were with the farmers who were still trying to finish. On our journey to Yorkshire, we saw many fields of wheat and several of barley ready to be cut, but obviously too wet. Last Sunday the noise of combining could be heard near us till late into the evening. It then rained all day Monday here. After 2 dry days a combine has started nearby.

In exactly the same way as I helped Ian, two tractors and trailers are now hurrying between that field and a farm, at the end of the village!

Philip.

Before our children were at school we went on holiday a few times during September. It often felt like the season changed while we were away. At the start of the holiday we would be in shorts with meals outside. By the end jumpers were on and maybe lunch could be outside.

How do you feel about Autumn? It is a season of beauty, with the famous mists and mellow fruitfulness of Keat's poem, To Autumn. Some of us enjoy the cool after the heat of summer. Others relish the new start as schools go back and the academic year begins. I am torn. I like the energy of the new year (churches tend to work on a school calendar!) and I love the contrast on a sunny autumn day as the morning mists are melted away by the warming sun.

Yet I miss summer! I love the warmth and freedom of the outdoor that July and August bring. I enjoy family life, and having the children around over the long holidays is fun. We get to go away and that time off is a blessing. I would enjoy autumn a lot more if there was another summer at its end. But the Lord did not create things that way. When God made the world he set the seasons in place to show us his glory.

Part of the joy of a beautiful, mist-shrouded Autumn morning is that we know that cold bleakness of January and February is coming. We enjoy the lingering warmth all the more for knowing there might not be many more days like this. Autumn reminds us of how much we value light and warmth. She also reminds us of how glorious death can be.

Strangely, the picture we have in our minds of Autumn, the picture drawn in primary schools and held in our hearts, is of the flame-coloured glory of turning leaves. As the trees die back for winter, and the leaves shrivel to their skeletal end, they burn with oranges, yellows, reds in a glorious display of beauty.

If winter reminds us of the bleak and stark grimness of death, and spring sings of the victory of life, so autumn most strangely points us to a glorious dying. The God who made the seasons is the same God who became one of us in the man Jesus Christ. The Creator Lord knew that one day he must give his life for his people. The eternal God became one of us so that he could take on his shoulders the weight of our selfishness, callousness and indifference to the pain of others. He carried these sins down to death as he died in our place.

He would break the power of death over us, rising from the tomb in the spring, with life bursting forth as a picture of Jesus' ultimate victory and his gift of eternal life to us. Yet it is in his death that we find our life and hope. It is as he breathed his last on a Roman cross outside Jerusalem that God ended our misery and shame. He carried our guilt and took our punishment so that we can walk free. That terrible death is where we see the glory of God.

Just as the trees look most glorious as they die back, just as we most notice them in autumn, so too with God. We see most truly who he is as he loves us even to death. As he dies Jesus displays his glory. His glory is not his power but his kindness. The God who sits on the throne of heaven is a God who loved you enough to die for you. That is what the trees are singing to you this autumn. Hear their song and let it's magic move you to know how deeply your Maker loves you.

John Hindley



Sunday, 4pm at The River Rooms

Broadgrace church meets on Sundays at 4pm at The River Rooms in Coltishall. You can also join the meeting online using *Zoom* (details are on our website).

Children are a very welcome part of our Sunday meetings and we provide supper for them when the adults are having a cup of tea and biscuits.

To find out more about us, contact John Hindley or see our website:

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FROM THE VILLAGE ARCHIVE

Frettenham's Changing Landmarks



Frettenham Mill

Prior to the current mill on Mill Road there was a post mill also known as a smock mill, shown left. There are records of the mill in 1797 when William Gedge was the farmer and miller, and it was later owned by Mr Fields. It was replaced by the current tower mill in 1870. This was one of the last tower mills to be built in Norfolk. The mill has had its sails removed and the mill stone was also removed and forms the base of our village sign. The mill is now a private residence.



Hewitt's Garage (Now Frettenham service station)

The garage was originally owned by Mr Ralph Hewitt who also ran a haulage business. It was later taken over by his son Derek who was also a speedway rider at the Firs stadium. The garage not only sold fuel but also charged accumulators for villagers. These were used to power radios (no wi-fi, electricity or replaceable batteries then).



The Village Shop

The Village post office was originally near to Well Green. This preceded the shop and Post Office at the other end of Post Office Rd which has now been converted into a private residence.

Well Green

'Well Green' was derived from the well that supplied water to the villagers. The well was filled in in the 1950s/60s. Later the green had a red telephone box which was replaced with an open booth—before the days of private telephone lines and mobile phones, both now long gone.



Frettenham School

Frettenham School was originally a National School built in 1832 and extended as a Board School in 1875. The picture (right) shows the school as it was and also Jasmine Cottages that became the pre-school. In the 1940s the head teacher was Mrs Cryer, aided by Mrs Summers and the caretaker was Mrs Rivett.



Jasmine cottage was originally a private property and was at one time home to Lou Buck the local gamekeeper. Later it was converted to a playschool with the help of the local villagers.

If anyone has any information or pictures about Frettenham in years long gone, or has tales of Frettenham life as it was I would love to hear from you.

Geoff Woods 14 Post Office Rd, 737711.

FILMS AT FRETtenham VILLAGE HALL

Doors open at 6.45pm, film starts at 7.30pm
Entry £5 this includes 5 raffle tickets. Licensed bar available.
Everyone welcome, pay on the door.
Details from Alison 01603 737504

Friday 29th September 2023

What's love got to do with it

How do you find lasting love in today's world? For documentary-maker and dating app addict Zoe (Lily James), swiping right has only delivered an endless stream of Mr. Wrongs, to the dismay of her eccentric mother Cath (Emma Thompson). For Zoe's childhood friend and neighbour Kaz (Shazad Latif), the answer is to follow his parents' example and opt for an arranged (or "assisted") marriage to a bright and beautiful bride from Pakistan. As Zoe films his hopeful journey from London to Lahore to marry a stranger chosen by his parents, she begins to wonder if she might have something to learn from a profoundly different approach to finding love.

Friday 27th October 2023

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

Adapted from her own novel by Rachel Joyce. Learning that his old friend and colleague Queenie has terminal cancer, Harold (Jim Broadbent) sets out to post her a letter of condolence, but impulsively decides to visit her in person instead, walking from his home in Devon to Berwick-upon-Tweed, and leaving his wife Maureen (Penelope Wilton) hurt and confused at home.

Friday 24th November 2023

Allelujah

Based on the play by Alan Bennett, Allelujah is a warm and deeply moving story about old age. When the geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure, the hospital decides to fight back by galvanising the local community: they invite a news crew to film their preparations for a concert in honour of the hospital's most distinguished nurse. What could go wrong?
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27th October

24th November
22nd December

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WHAT'S ON IN THE VILLAGE

Day	Time	Event
Every Wednesday	10:00am-12:00pm	Frettenham Funsters
Every Wednesday	10:30-11:30am	Mobile Post Office
1st Friday of month	7:30pm	Gardening Club
2nd Friday of month	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting
3rd Tuesday of month	7:30pm	Village Hall Meeting
Last Friday of month	6:45pm (7:30 start)	Film at Frettenham

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See page 9 for more details, visit the Norfolk Libraries website, or call 01603 222303.



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