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Welcome to this edition of the Felsham and Gedding Village News.

Welcome to the March edition of the Gedding Village News!

As we transition from winter's embrace to the gentle stirrings of spring, our village begins to awaken with vibrant life. The first daffodils are peeking through the soil, heralding the season of renewal.

March brings a tapestry of celebrations and observances:

- **St. David's Day** (March 1st): Honouring the patron saint of Wales, it's a time to don daffodils and leeks in tribute.
- World Wildlife Day (March 3rd): A global occasion to appreciate and protect the diverse flora and fauna that enrich our planet.
- International Women's Day (March 8th): Celebrating the achievements of women worldwide and advocating for gender equality.
- **St. Patrick's Day** (March 17th): A festive day commemorating the patron saint of Ireland, marked by parades and the wearing of green.
- Mother's Day (March 30th): A special day to honour and cherish the mothers and maternal figures in our lives.

In this month's Wellness Page, we continue our journey through nature's teachings, drawing inspiration from the majestic lions of Africa. Their balance of strength and rest offers profound lessons for our own well-being.

As the days grow longer and the air fills with the promise of spring, we encourage you to immerse yourself in the beauty surrounding us. Whether it's a leisurely stroll through the blooming countryside or participating in village events, let's embrace the season together.

Warm wishes,

Corina Zanner-Entwistle

Recipe – Vegan Garlic Lemon Pasta with Spinach and Cherry Tomatoes

Here's a quick, seasonal vegan recipe that's perfect for March—a time when fresh greens and bright flavors come into season. Enjoy this Vegan Garlic Lemon Pasta with Spinach and Cherry Tomatoes!

This dish is light, flavourful, and highlights the fresh, early spring produce typical for March. It comes together in about 20 minutes, making it a perfect weekday meal that's both satisfying and nutritious. Enjoy your meal!

Instructions

1. Cook the Pasta:

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook the pasta according to the package directions until al dente. Reserve about 1/2 cup of the pasta water, then drain.

2. Sauté Aromatics:

While the pasta cooks, heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the

minced garlic and sauté for about 1 minute until fragrant (be careful not to burn it).

3. Add Tomatoes:

Add the halved cherry tomatoes to the skillet with a pinch of salt. Cook for 3–4 minutes until the tomatoes begin to soften and release their juices.

4. Incorporate Lemon:

Stir in the lemon zest and juice. This brightens up the dish and pairs perfectly with the tomatoes.

5. Wilt the Spinach:

Add the fresh spinach to the skillet. Toss until it wilts, which should take about 1–2 minutes.

6. Combine with Pasta:

Add the cooked pasta to the skillet. Toss everything together, adding reserved pasta water a little at a time to create a light, silky sauce. Season with salt and pepper, and add red pepper flakes if you like a little heat.

7. Finish and Serve:

If desired, sprinkle chopped fresh basil and nutritional yeast or vegan Parmesan over the top. Serve immediately and enjoy!

Ingredients

- Pasta: 8 oz of your favourite pasta (spaghetti, penne, or linguine work well)
- Olive Oil: 2 tablespoons
- Garlic: 4 cloves, minced
- Cherry Tomatoes: 1 pint, halved
- **Spinach:** 3 cups fresh baby spinach (or mixed greens)
- Lemon: Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- Salt & Pepper: To taste

Optional Extras: A pinch of red pepper flakes for heat, fresh basil leaves (chopped), and a sprinkle of nutritional yeast or vegan Parmesan for a cheesy flavour

8. Monthly Puzzles

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12: Pretended

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6: Froth on beer 18: Just fingers

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Sudoku

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University Schedule

It is Paul's first year at University. Help him figure out what tutor he has along with the room number and period.

- 1: The course in room 21 is held 2 periods after the course in room 31.
- 2: The 3rd period lesson is taught by Miss Rayne
- 3: Of Miss Rayne's class and Mr Foster's class, one is in room 17 and the other is held during first period.
- 4: The 2nd period class is either the class in room 17 or Mr Puddle's class

		Room 31	Room 15	Room 17	Room 21	Mr Foster	Mr Gloucester	Miss Rayne	Mr Puddle
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Period	2nd								
iod	3rd								
	4th								
	Mr Foster								
Tutor	Mr Gloucester								
Ö	Miss Rayne								
	Mr Puddle								

Room Number	Period	Tutors



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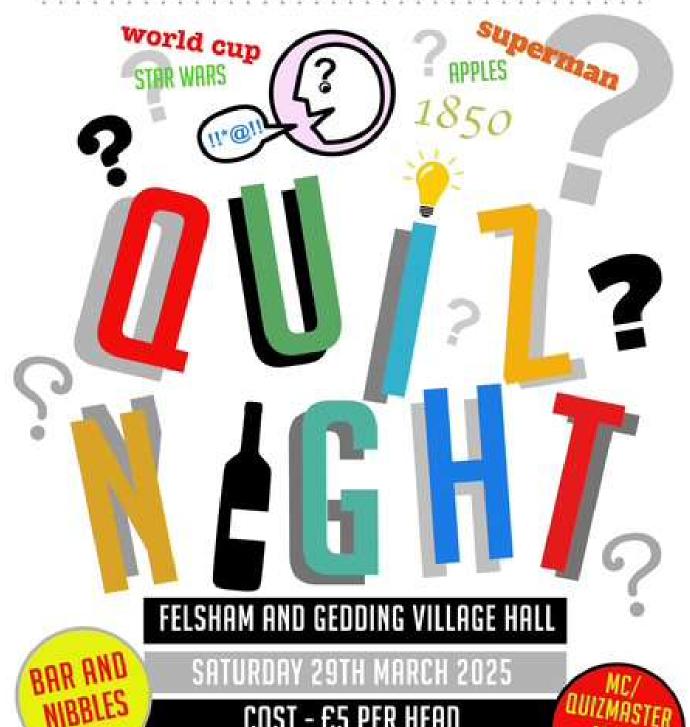
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Shrove Tuesday 4th March, 2:30 to 5:30 pm Felsham Village Hall

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You are invited to join the Village Hall Fund Raising event in aid of our great Community Store. Delicious pancakes for your delight, please show your support and enjoy this fun social event.

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH – Movie Night in the Village Hall, 7:30 pm Conclave 2024 – Murder, mystery and espionage, with an impressive group of actors. A fascinating glimpse into the secretive world of the Vatican.

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH – Quiz Night in the Village Hall

Put the date in your diary and get your team ready. You love the Pub Quiz nights, just transfer your team to a Saturday night from the Pub Quiz on Thursday 27th.

The hall opens at 7pm and quiz commences at 7:30 pm. There's a max of 6 people per team, singles and couples will be allocated to a team, everyone welcome.



6 bottles of wine for the winning team.

Tickets available from the Village Store & Andrew Conquest on 01449 737619

Whist Drive continues every third Friday each month, 7:15 for a 7:30 pm start.

Carpet Bowls & Table Tennis - Alternating Wednesday evenings

Village Friends Lunch Club - Details available in our Diocese update.

Six Bells, Felsham:- Please see the regular events in the months calendar.

What else can we expect from the month of March and beyond?

- By Saturday 29th March, Sunrise will be 05:39 & Sunset 18:26
- British Summer Time, clocks go forward 1 hour Saturday night
- On Sunday 30th March, Sunrise will be 06:36 & Sunset 19:28
- Thursday 8th May 2025 VE Day, Victory in Europe 80 years ago. Please keep the date, possible plans in the village.
- Lavenham Village, Farmers Market Sunday 23rd March, 2025.
- Lavenham Church on the 8th March Voodoo Room Celebrating these amazing artists with a night of Hendrix, Clapton & Cream. 01256 416384 – Doors open at 18:45 pm.
- Lavenham Guildhall, will have free entry on Saturday March 15th and Sunday March 16th, as well as Wednesday March 19th & Sunday March 23rd.
- Ickworth Estate is offering free entry for one adult and up to four children from Saturday 15th March until Sunday 23rd March.
- Sutton Hoo is the final Suffolk attraction taking part in this offer of free entry from Saturday 15th March until Sunday 23rd March.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3	Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day), pancakes at VH from 2.30-5.30pm	Curry night	Pie night for national pie week
10	11	Curry night	BROWN BIN
17	18	Curry night	Build A Burger Night
24	25	Curry night	Quiz night BROWN BIN



Fish and Chips Van, Thursdays 5.50-6.30pm @ VH



Fresh Fish from Lowestoft, Fridays at 10.45 in the VH Car Park

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	St. David's Day themed	Sunday Roast
7 BLACK BIN	8 F&GVH Social Club film evening – Conclave @ 7pm	Sunday Roast
14 CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY	15	Sunday Roast
21 Whist @7.30pm, Village Hall BLACK BIN	22	Sunday Roast
28	29 Quiz Night at the Village Hall, from 7pm	Mothers day roast
GREEN BIN		

Library Van will be in Gedding @10.10, then at Felsham VH @ 11.40



Events at the Felsham Six Bells



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Cockfield Benefice Services and Events

Dear Friends

As I write this article the sun is streaming through the window, but it is very cold outside. I've been listening to the radio and hearing about how the world's sea-ice has fallen to a record low. The decline of Arctic sea-ice in response to global warming is well established, but it has speeded up in recent years and is a worrying trend for parts of the world whose homes may be flooded more frequently, or even worse, may disappear altogether such as the island of Gardi Sugdubi off Panama's northern coast.

Climate justice is causing anger for many - and should be a source of concern for all. We need to find solutions to prevent the earth from continuing on this trajectory of warming. It angers me too, and I find as I grow older I become more angry, not less, at the injustices and unfairness that I see in this world (I am in danger of becoming a grumpy old woman).

And Jesus was known to become angry. He became very upset when he found the temple at Jerusalem being used as a marketplace, and his angry words boiled over into action as he drove the market sellers out. Without anger change and reform would not happen. Children might well still be working as chimney sweeps, and slavery would still be acceptable in this country if reformers hadn't been upset at the way in which fellow human beings were being treated.

Christians often feel guilty at the powerful emotions they can have, and find it hard to reconcile their feelings with the Christian gospel. But reconciliation is at the heart of the gospel, and Jesus teaches us that we have to look into our hearts and be honest about how we control our emotions. He is not saying that we should pretend not to be angry, but that we should deal with the emotion, before someone gets hurt.

As we move towards Lent, that season in the Church's year where we spend time reflecting on those parts of ourselves that we would rather not show to the world, I pray that we can let go of some of the anger that we feel in our hearts – and make forgiveness our priority. As I heard someone say once, 'a little bit of forgiveness goes an awfully long way.'

Yours in Christ Canon Sharon

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Cockfield Benefice Services and Events - March 2025

Sunday 2 March Sunday next before Lent	9.30am Holy Communion - Stanningfield 11am Holy Communion - Bradfield St George 6pm Six2seven - Felsham Village Hall
Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday	This year we will be gathering as a Deanery: 10am Communion and Ashing at Lavenham or 5pm Communion and Ashing at Elmswell
Saturday 8 March	7 for 7.30pm - 'Healing the hands of Malawi' talk at Bradfield St George Village Hall
Sunday 9 March Lent 1	10am Morning Prayer - Cockfield 11am Holy Communion - Bradfield St Clare 6pm Praise & Worship - Gt Whelnetham
Tuesday 11 March	11am Holy Communion - Felsham
Sunday 16 March Lent 2	9.30am Morning Prayer - Stanningfield 10am Praise God Together - Felsham 10.30am Holy Communion - Cockfield 4pm Evening Prayer - Bradfield St Clare
Thursday 20 March	2-4pm Village Friends at Felsham Village Hall
Saturday 22 March	2-4pm Knit'n'natter at Bradfield St Clare Village Hall
Sunday 23 March Lent 3	9.30am Holy Communion - Gt Whelnetham 10am Worshipping Together - Bradfield St George 10am Communion - Gedding
Saturday 29 March	10am-12.30pm Plant and Tool Sale at Gt Whelnetham Church.
Saturday 29 March	All children welcome accompanied by parent/carer(s), 3-5pm, Venue tbc
Sunday 30 March Mothering Sunday	10.30am Mothering Sunday Service - Cockfield

A service of Celtic-style Morning Prayer is <u>usually</u> held every Tuesday at Cockfield at 9am and at Stanningfield every Thursday at 9am.

Please note these services may be subject to change – for up-to-date service times see the benefice website at <u>www.cockfieldbenefice.com</u>



Bradfield Woods in March

Spring is on its way! The birds have started singing in earnest and shoots of bluebells and other spring plants are emerging in the woods. Spring is such a lovely time to visit the wood; it changes weekly and there's always something new to see.

By the time you receive this, coppicing will have finished for the winter, and work will have started to remove the timber from the coupe. You will see stacks of timber starting to build near the entrance of the wood.

We have also been busy planning events and courses for the year. There are some new courses and some of our old favourites, as well as holiday clubs, and family activities.

Research has shown us how important connection with nature is for wellbeing, so this year we have introduced Wild and Well sessions across the year, Warden and wildlife walks, as well as Women of the woods. Craft club will also be back in the summer, for those of you who might like to learn some new skills or practice familiar ones.

What's on in the woods in March:

- Sun 16 March Tankard carving course 10am 4pm
- Thurs 20 March Women of the Woods 6 8pm

To find out more and book your place, please go

to: www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/upcoming-events-bradfield-woods

Lessons from the Wild: What Nature Can Teach Us About Balance and Well-Being (Part 2)

In last month's issue, we explored the wisdom of elephants—their calm strength, deep sense of community, and the power of working together to navigate challenges. This month, we turn to another incredible animal: the lion. While lions are known for their power and dominance, one of their greatest strengths lies in something less obvious—their ability to rest and recharge.

If you've ever watched lions in the wild, you might have noticed they spend much of their time lounging in the shade, seemingly doing nothing. But this isn't laziness—it's strategy. After a successful hunt or territorial patrol, lions rest **intentionally**, conserving their energy for when they truly need it. They instinctively understand something we often forget—you can't be strong if you're running on empty.

Growing up in South Africa, I was lucky enough to see lions in the wild. What struck me most wasn't their power but their stillness—the way they knew when to act and when to pause. Modern life, even in a village setting, can be exhausting. Between work, family, and community commitments, we often push through tiredness, telling ourselves we'll rest later—but later never seems to come.

I've learned the hard way that waiting until you're completely drained isn't sustainable. Now, when I feel burnout creeping in, I step away for a quiet walk through the fields, pause with a cup of tea in the garden, or simply take a deep breath. Each time, I return with more clarity, proving that rest isn't a luxury—it's a necessity. Simple Ways to Protect Your Mental Health

- ✓ **Prioritize Sleep** A well-rested mind is better equipped to handle stress. A good night's sleep makes all the difference.
- ✓ **Step Away from Stress** Take a short walk, spend time in the garden, or simply sit outside and listen to the birds. Even a few minutes can reset your mind.
- ✓ **Listen to Your Body and Mind** Like lions know when to retreat and recharge, recognize when you need to rest. Taking a break today can prevent bigger struggles down the road.

Lions remind us that **taking care of our well-being starts with knowing when to rest**. Here in the village, we are lucky to be surrounded by nature's wisdom every day. When we take time to recharge—whether through rest, fresh air, or quiet moments—we feel more in control and better able to handle life's challenges.

So next time you feel overwhelmed, take a lesson from the king of the wild. Step back, recharge, and remember—rest is not a luxury; it's essential for your mental health.

Nature is always teaching us, if we take the time to listen.

Bus timetable

To/From Bury St. Edmunds			Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
	Outward	Felsham Six Bells			10.38				
		Gedding Bus Stop			10.41				
		Bury Bus Station			11.07				
379	Return	Bury Bus Station,			12.55				
		Stand 5							
		Gedding Bus Stop			13.19				
		Felsham Six Bells			13.22				

Puzzle answers

Quiz answers

Crossword:

Across:

1:Rage 5:Whit 8: Divan 9: Beep 11: Tale 12: Simulated 15: Cringe 16: Doting 17: Knocks

19: Campus 21: Permanent 24: Lair 25: Talk 26: Flies 27: Poem 28: Feta Down:

1: Ruby 2: Goes 3: Disuse 4: Hazard 6: Head 7: Twee 10: Picnicker 11: Testament 13: Briny 14: Snout 18: Simply 19: Convey 20: Clap 21: Pipe 22: Tame 23: Okra

Logic quiz "University Schedule" Mr Puddle Room 31 2nd Period Mr Foster Room 15 1st Period Miss Rayne Room 17 3rd Period Mr Gloucester Room 21 4th Period

Sudoku

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6	7	5	2	9	4	1	8	3
3	6	2	1	4	7	5	9	8
9	5	7	8	3	6	2	1	4
4	8	1	5	2	9	6	3	7



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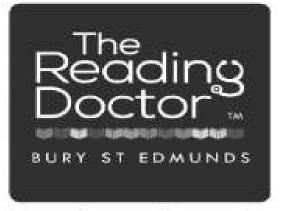


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