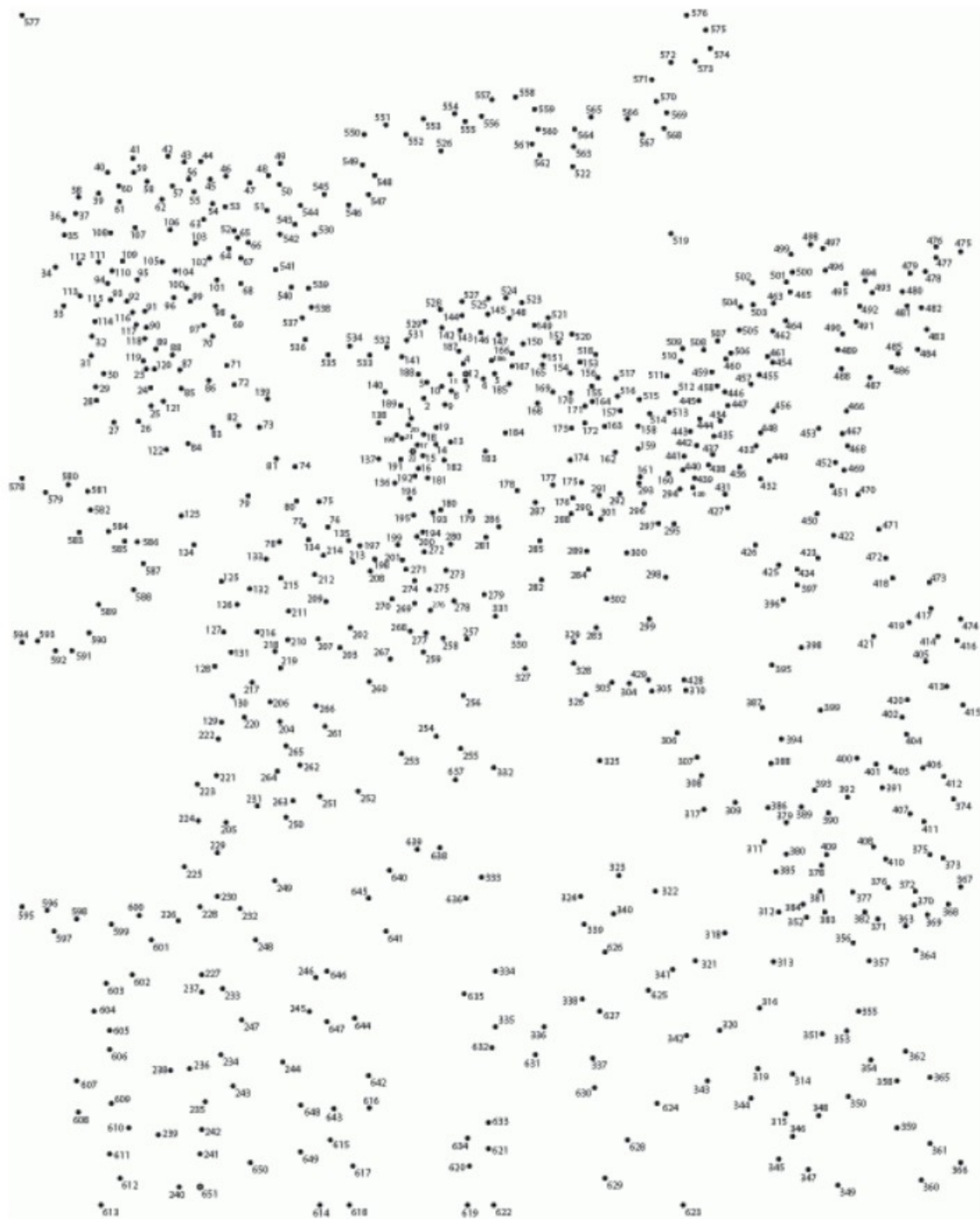


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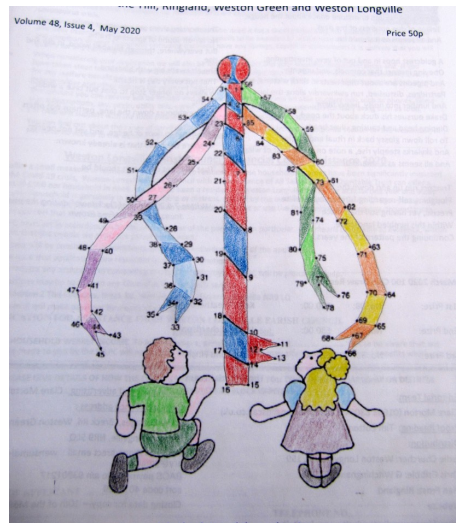
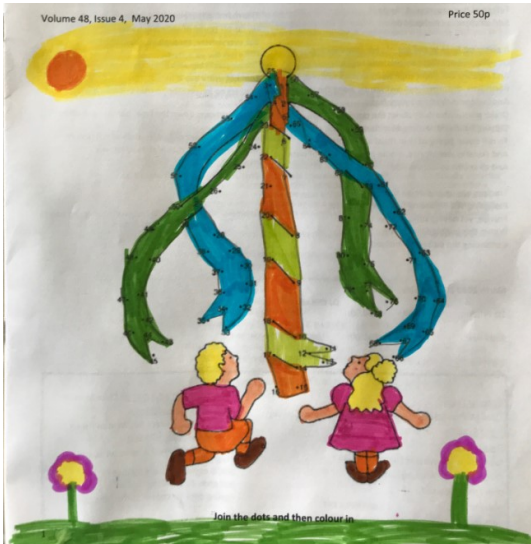
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The PC must act in accordance with the best interest of the parish and in particular, that means being able to evidence, within reason, that the people we assist are genuinely in need.

Each case will be considered in confidence and on the individual merit of the application.

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If you require any assistance in completing the application, any of the PC will be pleased to help.

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Diary from the Coop

Dear Readers,

So how is self isolation and social distancing going?

We too are now self-isolating in our large chicken compound, fortunately not from the horrendous virus but more from the fact that we are now banned from our free-ranging journeys.

Unfortunately we all got a little bit too adventurous and escaped through the main gate, along the lane and were caught on the highway to Norwich.

Fortunately no harm was done, so we were then confined to the back garden whilst preventative wire was placed at what our Owners considered all possible escape routes.

But, chicken-brained we are not!

Within in a day we had squirmed from the back garden to the front, confronted acres of what is laughingly (well to us anyway) called Chicken Wire , surmounted this obstacle and made good our escape again, this time heading for Kings Lynn as we heard that the future King, his wife and their three adorable children were isolating in that vicinity.

Well, being rather ardent Royalists and realising the two youngest were celebrating birthdays, the parents a wedding anniversary , we decided a visit from our little band would go down a storm. Besides which Look East and the EDP could do with a Scoop and who better to provide it than us!

Alas and alack the best laid plans of mice and men AND Chickens do sometimes go astray and at the very moment we had turned onto the main road, who should come along behind us than the lady of the house who was on her way to do her weekly shop kitted out in mask and gloves . We froze, she screamed agitatedly, we clucked hysterically at this bizarre apparition, she leaped from the car, bundled us all into the boot and driving hell for leather reached home before we could say 'lay me an egg' . But there was no need, such was our disgust at being kidnapped as we were off on our biggest adventure yet, that our laying mechanisms went into free fall and by the time we arrived home, every single one of us had laid an egg with the shock.

Goodness knows what they tasted like but I understand that UEA have expressed an interest in carrying out research on the results of unexpected trauma in Chickens and that the local agricultural college at Easton have put in a very attractive bid for any chicks we may produce.

But, I digress, Readers times are hard, our thoughts are with you, we want you all to STAY SAFE and difficult and boring as it may sometimes be, follow the mantra, stay safe, protect the NHS and save lives. We applaud all those of you who work so tirelessly in our hospitals, care homes and GP surgeries, all the paramedics, the key workers in supermarkets, those undertaking domiciliary care work, our Postmen and women, the delivery drivers and the dustmen.

So, from us Chickens, take care.

Until next time,

Hetty the Hen





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Tales from a Small Vineyard

(With apologies to Bill Bryson for plagiarising his title ...and in the forlorn hope you might enjoy this as much as I enjoy his writings!)

Babu's vineyard in Rectory Road is Weston Longville's premier (well, OK, only!) vineyard and winery. With the help of friends and neighbours it was planted in 2009/10 and the winery established in 2013. Since then it has blossomed from a hobby into a small artisan business, growing grapes from some 800 vines and making award winning wines. Last year we won one of only 3 gold medals awarded in the East Anglian Vineyards Association's competition as well as the Association's trophy for "Best White Wine in East Anglia". But enough of the trumpet blowing introduction! If you look on our website www.babusvineyard.co.uk you can read more about us and see what wines we produce. These exceptional artisan white and rosé wines are now available at the vineyard gate, with special rates for those who helped with the harvesting. Just give us a call on 01603 880142 and a socially distanced sale of summer drinking pleasure can be arranged!

If all goes well I will write a monthly article about what's happening in the vineyard during the season. If space and interest allow I will also, from time to time, serialise the fascinating history of vine growing and wine making in England. As a taster the first episode will take us from the earliest evidence up to the time of the Roman withdrawal in the 4th century and the start of the Dark Ages. It's a gripping tale of invasion, plague, religion and, somewhat topically, climate change!

But back to the present. So what has been happening in the vineyard the last couple of months?

We started off replacing and repairing all the damaged posts and wires that form the trellis work on which the vines grow and we also managed to get almost all the winter pruning done. Winter pruning is where all the old growth is cut away leaving only a couple of stems coming from the head of the vine. These are tied down to the lowest wire (the fruiting wire) of the trellis. It is from these stems that new growth will emerge to produce the leaves, then the flowers and finally the grapes for the next harvest.

We completed the winter pruning and tied down the selected stems. The very warm weather in early May got the vines off to a great start; the buds swelled and "burst" earlier than normal and the new leaves emerged. These are very delicate and extremely vulnerable to frost damage. We once lost over 75% of the potential crop in a matter of a couple of hours to a short, but severe, pre-dawn May frost. For a few days from the night of 11/12 May this year it was fingers crossed as ground frost formed shortly before dawn most mornings. However, our new leaves, being higher above ground on the fruiting wire, survived but over 100 English vineyards reported frost damage, some as much as 100%, so we were fortunate.

The new stems continued to grow but frustratingly vines are not naturally of an upright habit and need tucking in to the support wires than run the length of all the rows. This became necessary in the latter half of May when the new buds, that will form the flowers that will turn into grapes, could be seen. A promising start... so far so good!



Peter Ross

Weston Longville Parish Council

The Parish Council managed to meet on Monday 11th May, with a little help from Zoom and Weston Longville's technically fluent clerk. Whilst we weren't there in person, this was not to say that there was any lack of communication as debate and discussion raged on for almost 3 hours.

Top of the agenda was our roads and traffic levels. Despite the pandemic, planning still continues with the Council representing our interests regarding both the Western Link of the Northern Distributor Route and the dualling of the A47, more specifically the junction with Wood Lane. Considerable effort is being made to prevent a future increase in traffic through the Parish due to the planned road developments. Focus is also on how to reduce traffic speeds through the village and the possibility of restricting Dark Lane to non vehicular traffic.

The Parish Council considered various planning applications including Dairy Farm Cottages on Morton Lane and Atlas works on the A1067.

In the current conditions it is difficult to include parishioners in our online deliberations. However it is hoped that the Parish Council will be able to hold its next meeting in July in the Hall for All. This of course will be determined by government guidelines at the time.

Justin Cohu.

Parson Woodforde's Diary

Extracts chosen by Katharine Solomon



In late June 1786 Parson Woodforde, Niece Nancy and Nephew Bill set out on a journey to Somerset where all their family lived.

On 23rd June, Woodforde, Nancy and Bill left Weston and arrived in Norwich for the 7:00 PM "heavy coach". They arrived in London at 3:00 PM the next day at the 'Swan and two necks' and travelled to their inn the 'Belle Savage' (sic) on Ludgate Hill. Perhaps the 20 hour coach journey had made them all irritable. "Nancy and her brother walked out in the Evening by themselves, giving me the Slip and did not return till Supper time, at which I was much displeased and gave it to them smartly, and to make it still worse soon as supper was removed and having ordered a bottle of wine, they left me without drinking a drop and went to Bed leaving me by myself."

On 25th June 1786, harmony seems to have been restored. The three visited Kensington Gardens. "We met the Prince of Wales's carriage with him in it, as we walked back to Charing Cross. On 26th June we they went to the Circus in Saint George's Fields and there saw "Wonderful Feats of Horsemanship." On 27th June, Woodforde took Nancy to the Royal Mews, where they saw the King's State Coach (Nancy sat in it), and the King's cream coloured horses. That evening they went to the theatre in the Haymarket and saw a play and a farce "performed incomparably well"

On the 28th of June, they spent the day shopping for presents to take to Somerset and at 7:00 PM that evening set off in the Bath coach "called the Baloon Coach on account of its travelling so fast, making it a point to be before the Mail Coach."

On 29th June, they arrived in Bath at 10:00 AM, and stayed at the Castle Inn. Woodforde took Nancy on a sight-seeing walk around Bath, which she had never visited before. On 30th of June the three left Bath by Post Chaise to travel into rural Somerset. When they reached Ansford (near Castle Cary) they dropped Bill off and he went to stay with his father. Woodforde and Nancy went on to Cole near Bruton, to stay with his favourite sister Jane Pounsett, her husband and there 11 year old daughter Jenny.

For more information, visit www.parsonwoodforde.org.uk

In 1786, George III was on the throne, having started his reign in 1760. At this point he was 48. His son, also George, the Prince of Wales, was 24 and had already made a good start into his scandalous life. He fell in love with an unsuitable woman, Maria Fitzherbert who was a twice widowed Roman Catholic 6 years older than him, and even then was well on the way to having spent nearly all of the fortune he had inherited at the age of 21 (equivalent to nearly £7 million pounds today), and also getting through his annual allowance of £6 million equivalent, a quite impressive feat ! He was chronically in debt just a year later, in 1787.

The King's State Coach or Gold State Coach (not to be confused with the Gold Coach, a different vehicle !) was quite new when the Woodfordes went to see it, having been built in 1760. The coach weighs four tons and is 24 feet (7.3 m) long and 12 feet (3.7 m) high and is estimated to have cost the equivalent of £1.5 million in today's money. It is still in use today for special occasions, pulled by 8 horses. It is still kept at the Royal Mews and on show to the public although sadly, these days, you may not sit in it !



George III



Prince of Wales—George IV



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Is your pet invading someone's home ?

Many cat owners with cat flaps will have experienced the potentially unwanted presence of other cats in their homes. Mostly the intruder is unwelcome by all the household inhabitants as they can terrorise your cats, spray urine on surfaces and bring in diseases, fleas and ticks. Un-neutered males of both dogs and cats are the worst offenders for travelling and fighting so most animal organisations recommend that you neuter both males and females—dogs and cats—unless you specifically wish to breed from them. Of course, sometimes the intruder is tolerable and may lead to the acquisition of a new friend.

So are cat owners legally responsible for what their cats do ? Unlike for dog owners, a cat owner is not legally responsible for what their cat does outside, even if it starts to beat up your own cat. If you know whose cat it is, then you should have a quiet word with the cat's owner and ask them to keep it inside more and to have it neutered if this has not already been done. If you are having problems with stray or feral cats then you can contact either:

Cat Action Trust 01279 757184 Website: www.catactiontrust.org.uk e-mail: info@catactiontrust.org.uk

or Cats Protection 08702 099 099 Website: www.cats.org.uk e-mail: helpline@cats.org.uk

Whilst it is not a legal requirement to have your cat microchipped it is a good idea. You can then buy cat flaps for around £50 that only let your pets in, based on their chip.

What about dogs ?

All dogs must be microchipped.

Dog Owners are responsible for what their pet does. There is no blanket law requiring dogs to be kept on a lead in all public spaces, however there are a series of orders that mean you have to leash your dog in certain places in your local area, for example children's play areas, sports pitches, roads, parks, and beaches.

Dogs must not be allowed to be 'dangerously out of control', which means injuring someone or making someone fear they may be injured. This applies to any breed or type of dog and in any public space or on someone else's property.

Owners (or the person in charge of the dog at the time) who allow their pets to hurt a person face punishments of up to three years in prison for injury, or 14 years for death, an unlimited fine, disqualification from owning pets, and having their dog destroyed. It is also an offence to allow a dog to injure a registered assistance dog. Even in a case where no injury is caused, owners can still go to prison for six months, be fined up to £5,000, be banned from owning pets and have their dog destroyed.

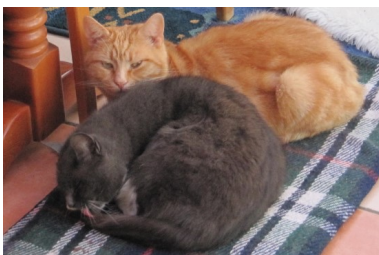
Dogs should not be allowed to 'worry' livestock. This means owners must prevent dogs from attacking livestock, chasing livestock, or not being on a lead or under close control in a field containing sheep.

Even if your dog does not bite livestock, chasing or barking at them can cause pregnant animals to abort their young through stress.

There is no law or any health and safety regulations that ban dogs from being in premises where food and drink is served or sold; however they must not enter areas where food is prepared, handled or stored, for example the kitchen. It's up to the owner of establishments that serve food and drink whether they'd like to welcome dogs.

If your dog causes a road incident that causes injury, illness or death then claims can be brought against dog owners who are proven liable.

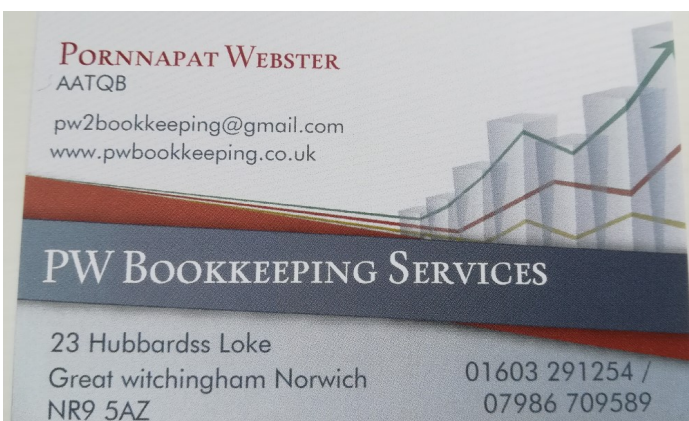
Over the past few years, I have gained a stray ginger tom cat—Sebby—who was much loved by my then cat Tamil, had my home invaded by a stray cat —Soots—who beat the living daylight out of any other cat and who was rehomed to Ruth, and most recently had a midnight canine visitor to the garden, coming from we know not where but captured on my wild-life camera.



Clare



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From the hedgerow

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In England and Wales, other than in the 12 Inner London Boroughs and the City of London, the "right of way" refers to paths on which the public have a legally protected right to pass and re-pass. The law in England and Wales differs from Scots law in that rights of way exist only where they are so designated (or are able to be designated if not already), whereas in Scotland any route that meets certain conditions is defined as a right of way.

Almost every type of highway except motorways allow pedestrians on them but whether you would really want to walk is another matter entirely ! Interestingly, in law, bicycles are defined as carriages.

At the top of the food tree is the **motorway**. Pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders aren't allowed on motorways or slip roads except in an emergency.

Other grades of road, designated A, B, C, and U. The classification letter a road gets has nothing to do with the width or quality of the physical road, and both A or B roads can range from dual carriageways to single track roads with passing places. 'A' roads are typically radial roads which leave one significant population centre towards another—initially they started from London. Some are designated as Trunk Routes which means they come under the jurisdiction of Highways England rather than the County Council.

B roads are numbered distributor roads, which have lower traffic densities than the main trunk roads, or A roads. Roads and lanes with yet lower traffic densities are designated as unclassified roads, commonly using C, D or U prefixes but, while these are numbered, in general the number does not appear on road signs.

Maintained Unsurfaced Roads. These may also be called a **green lane**. These are unmetalled, and may be so infrequently used that there is no wearing of the surface, allowing vegetation to colonise freely, hence "green". Many green lanes are ancient routes that have existed for millennia, such as hollow ways, drover's roads, ridge-ways and even ancient trackways. Under modern public rights-of-way (PROW) law, the expression "green lane" has no legal meaning. An unclassified county road (UCR) is also an obsolete expression and is no indication of a right of way, although they may be maintained and repaired at public expense by local highway authorities. The surfaces of these routes can vary from broken tarmac and gravel to only grass, often having the appearance of by-ways. As both of these routes are maintained at public expense, along with the rest of the highway network, it is presumed that these routes are open to all traffic.

There are then 3 main types of public rights of way (PROW)

A **public bridleway** is a way over which the general public have the right to travel on foot and to travel on horseback or leading a horse, with or without a right to drive animals of any description along the way. Normally (unless otherwise according to Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 s56(1)(b)) there are no other rights.

Note that although Section 30 of the Countryside Act 1968 permits the riding of bicycles on public bridleways, the act says that it "shall not create any obligation to facilitate the use of the bridleway by cyclists". Thus, the right to

cycle exists even though it may be difficult to exercise on occasion. Cyclists using a bridleway are obliged to give way to other users on foot or horseback.



A **public footpath** is a path on which the public have a legally protected right to travel on foot. The right of access on a public footpath normally only extends to walking (there may be other unrecorded rights as well), so there is usually no right to cycle or ride a horse on a public footpath.

Roads used as public paths (RUPP) was a classification from the 1968 Countryside Act whereby highways authorities were supposed to sub-categorise any remaining roads. This basically split anything left into footpaths, byways open to all traffic, or restricted byways.

A **byway open to all traffic** (or BOAT) is a highway over which the general public have a right to travel for vehicular and all other kinds of traffic, but which is used by the public mainly as footpaths and bridleways are used. It is not, however, an offence to use a motorised vehicle on such routes.

Restricted byways—The public's rights along a restricted byway are to travel on foot, or on horseback or leading a horse, or by any vehicle (e.g. bicycles, horse-drawn carriages) other than mechanically propelled vehicles (e.g. motorbikes or cars) unless vehicular rights pre-existed, then the act did not extinguish those rights.

A **permissive path**, permitted path or concessionary path is a path (which could be for walkers, riders, cyclists, or any combination) whose use is allowed by the landowner.



Above left—entrance to Dark Lane—a maintained, unsurfaced road— from Ringland Rd in 2010 and below—now, in 2020, having been used by vehicles.



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Since the Society sadly is still unable to meet, their roundup is replaced by some interesting round the world birds.

The Secretary Bird

The secretarybird or secretary bird (*Sagittarius serpentarius*) is a large, mostly ground-based bird of prey. Living in Africa, it is usually found in the open grasslands and savanna of the sub-Saharan region. The secretarybird is instantly recognisable as a very large bird with an eagle-like body on crane-like legs which give the bird a height of as much as 1.3 m (4 ft 3 in). It has a length of between 112 and 150 cm (44 and 59 in) and a wingspan of between 191 and 215 cm (75 and 85 in). The weight ranges from 3.74 to 4.27 kg (8.2 to 9.4 lb). The feet are large— average 31 cm (12 in) and the tail is 57–85 cm (22–33 in): both factor into making it both taller and longer than any other species of raptor. The neck is not especially long, and can only be lowered down to the intertarsal joint, so birds must stoop to reach down to the ground.

The origins of the secretary bird's name are much debated. One theory is that the feathers jutting out behind the bird's head reminded 19th-century Europeans of the quill pens that secretaries tucked behind their ears, while its grey and black body was reminiscent of their tailcoats.

The sexes are similar in appearance. Adults have a featherless red-orange face and predominantly grey plumage, a flattened dark crest and black flight feathers and thighs.

The secretarybird hunts and catches prey on the ground, they specialise in stomping their prey until it is killed or immobilised. This method of hunting is commonly applied to lizards or snakes. An adult male trained to strike at a rubber snake on a force plate was found to hit with a force equal to five times its own body weight, with a contact period of only 10–15 milliseconds.

Breeding can take place at any time of year, but tends to be late in the dry season. The nest is built at the top of a thorny tree, and a clutch of one to three eggs is laid. In years with plentiful food all three young can survive to fledging.

Although the secretarybird occurs over a very large range, the results of localised surveys suggest that the total population is experiencing a rapid decline, probably as a result of habitat degradation. The species is therefore classed as vulnerable by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. The secretarybird appears on the coats of arms of Sudan and South Africa.



From the Rector

How much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 11b-12

We have now been in lockdown for a long time and yet we are learning to adapt. VE Day celebrations at social distancing, conversations at 2 metres, distance dancing and music. Careful behaviour at supermarkets and hardware shops. Local shops giving us an awesome service that we shop more locally. Less use of the car more walking and cycling. Environmental recovery. Keeping an eye put for neighbours.

And doing to others as what you would have them do to you.

These words are what Jesus said to sum up all the Law (that's everything all those commandments through Moses)

When we live this way it is good, very good. It makes us fuller people we act out of love not fear. We are doing as we were created to do LOVE.

The NHS and all key workers do this every day, every moment and as we come through we will need to carry on acting and being kind for others. Financially we will need to help each other, support each other, care for those who are really at the edge and not coping.

We are in this for the long haul what we have begun we need to carry on doing, loving, caring, being kind, giving generously.

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Tuesday

Boxercise — weekly 8.30 pm — HFA WL

Wednesday

Mixed Choir — weekly 7.30 – 9.30 pm Reepham Methodist Chapel Tel James Lilwall 01362 688499

Thursday

Bell ringing – weekly 7:30 pm – All Saints Weston Longville

Friday

Choir – 2.30 pm now and then Tel 01603 880962

Saturday

Weston Longville Village Cinema – 3rd Saturday in month – Hall for All 7.30pm £5.00

Gt Witchingham Village Hall

Monday

10:30-12:30: Art Group. For all abilities. £5.00 per session inc. refreshments.

7:00-8:00pm: Ballroom and Latin Dancing Beginners Class.

Tuesday

9:30-10:30am: Extend Exercise Class.

10:00-11:00am: Coffee Morning. All welcome. Donations for Coffee/Tea and Biscuits.

10:30-11:30am: Book Club. This is a *monthly* meeting. £2.50 per session.

3:30-4:30pm and 4:45-5:45pm: Street Dance. £3.50 per class. Contact Zoey 07538 975117

7:30-9:30pm: Bingo. *Fortnightly*. Eyes down at 8pm, £11.00 includes books and flyer. Bring your own refreshments.

Wednesday

1:30-2:30pm: Zumba Gold. Get fitter, smile and make new friends. £5 per class - Suitable for everyone. Contact Lucy Brooks 07825 717770

Thursday

2:00-4:00pm: Craft and Chatter. £3 per session inc. refreshments.

7:30-9:30pm: Wensum Valley Bird Watching Society. Third Thurs of month. See article for details.

Friday

9:30-10:15am: (*term time only*) Children's Music. Music group for 0-4 yr olds.

6:30-8:30pm: The Hive. Youth Group for School Yrs 6 and upwards (age 10+). See the programme for dates the group is running.

Saturday

9:30-10:15am and 10:30-11:30am Ballet Contact Zoey 07538 975117

Sunday

3:30-5:30pm Café Church. Second Sunday each month.

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All church services are cancelled for the immediate future however the churches remain open for private use.

Whilst our physical doors may be closed, you can visit us in our virtual church by logging onto <https://www.reepham-and-wensum-valley-team-churches.org.uk/whats-on/virtual-church>

There you will find videos of services, readings and pew notes.

Also at <https://www.reepham-and-wensum-valley-team-churches.org.uk/stop-press-page/>

Following the Government announcement on 10th May, the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, said: "We note from the Government's COVID-19 Recovery Strategy that churches could be open from July as part of the conditional and phased plan to begin lifting the lockdown. We look forward to the time when we are able to gather again in our church buildings.

"We are examining what steps we will need to take to do so safely and are actively planning ahead in preparation. We strongly support the Government's approach of continuing to suppress the transmission of the virus and accordingly, we recognise that at this time public worship cannot return in the interests of public health and safety."

What does church look like when its closed?

Church is more than the building – it's the people. The main word for church used in the New Testament is "ecclesia" which translates as "assembly" or gathering which needs people. Church is people

Well, we have had Zoom Café Church using Powerpoint, musicians, breakout rooms for discussions, shared short films and an opportunity to find out who needs help. We are also starting Zoom Coffee Socials, each Sunday from 11am where you can join us for coffee and a chat via your computer or by phoning in. Bring your own coffee, tea etc!

We have been sending out the Isolation Times to keep people up-to date as well as out weekly E-Newsletter. There is lots of information on our website including our recorded services on the Virtual Church page as well as our 'live' services via Zoom in the Virtual Chapel. Every Thursday evening at 6pm on Zoom we have Evening prayer with the third Thursday being Zoom Celtic prayer. We also send weekly email prayers.

In our communities, we have been joining in with Thursday night 8pm "Clap for Key Workers and NHS" on our doorsteps.

We have been supporting those who are bereaved and have small funerals. We made videos for school children each week with crafts and story time.

Here are the most up to date church guidelines as of 13th May.

Bishop Graham's New Guidelines for the use of Church Buildings:

For the One Named person (churchwarden or local vicar) in each Church to:-

- to pray the Daily Office and/or celebrate the Eucharist on behalf of the community they serve;
- to live stream or pre-record worship;
- to ring one bell to mark prayers being said or mark events (e.g. Clap for Carers, VE Day anniversary); or
- to check the fabric of the building.

So church is very much alive and kicking in fact more people are joining in with church, gathering virtually and looking at what prayer is. I'm happy to receive any questions, please do contact me.

God Bless, Helen