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Stocks Hill housing development: latest



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The Chairman of the Parish Council, Peter Markham, has written to the Bawburgh News to update the village on the proposed development of 35 houses on Stocks Hill.

On December 4th, the South Norfolk District Council (SNDC) Meeting was held and one item was the South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan (SNVCHAP). The proceedings are available on YouTube. To see the video, visit:

[youtube.com/watch?v=cltB1Fqodgl](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cltB1Fqodgl)

(see minutes 39-64). Kathryn Cross, one of our PC advisors from the Council, spoke on our behalf (see minutes 53 onwards).

On the 11th December the Consultation (from early 2023) was reopened because South Norfolk are now below their target of 1200 houses in the SNVCHAP, due to withdrawals of land and objections.



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Housing development update.

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This means they need to either adjust numbers of houses or add new sites to gain an extra (minimum) of 50 houses. The latest document is South Norfolk Local Plan; South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan: Regulation 18 Consultation on Alternative Sites and Focused Changes, Dec 2023.

Bawburgh has managed to achieve a high profile. You submitted the highest number of objections in March but so far SNDC has ignored most of our objections. To counter one of our main objections (that the site was at a house density far in excess of anywhere in the village) SN/developer/owner have not reduced the numbers but increased the site from 1.4 hectares to 1.9 hectares!

The new Consultation will close on 5th February 2024. The data will then go to the Inspectorate again in spring-summer 2024 and with Planning Applications beginning in 2025.

The Bawburgh Parish Council are recommending that you write again to the SNDC expressing your views. The Inspectorate will see your last objections and the new ones. If enough people object, we hope that South Norfolk will have to consider the Villagers' views and the letters will go forward to the Inspectorate in 2024.

The key issues would seem to be that it is a (very) "greenfield" site (the land is grade 3 agricultural land; graded 1-5, where 1 is best); in the lovely Yare Valley with wonderful open vistas. Mr Gove has several times said that greenfield sites will not be sacrificed to fulfil local housing needs. Bawburgh and the site is totally within the Southern Bypass Protection Zone which should be an important issue, but is currently being ignored by the SNDC. The site overlooks a Conservation Area that includes a now rare and beautiful unspoilt Norfolk Village, comprising ancient buildings, a historical bridge and mill. The latter facts are not definitive in this case but part of the history and ambiance of the village. We also have water meadows and rural walks thanks to the

generosity of local landowners. SN have misrepresented our "Services and Community Facilities" to the Inspectorate by saying that Bawburgh "has a range of facilities including the primary school, village hall, and public house". It does not have a "range" but only those three facilities.

We have no regular bus service, but traffic speed and rat-running are also major issues. We have no shop, nor do we have a safe access by cycling and walking to shops, medical facilities or buses. Perhaps the proposed site entrance will not really be in a safe place on Stocks Hill.

The new site would add to the traffic burden but remember a currently over-subscribed school is not really an issue. Flooding down Stocks Hill, when there is a torrent of rain, is not an issue for the site (water from the new site would run eastward). Nutrient Neutrality (ie contamination of waterways by nitrates and phosphates eg from animals and detergents) is not an issue because Bawburgh's waste water is pumped to Whittlingham for treatment. However the current capacity of sewers to cope might be an issue, particularly when adding all those new houses.

Perhaps a key issue, which SNDC are ignoring, is that of the wishes of those in the neighbourhood, us Villagers. Both the Prime Minister and Mr Gove in recent months have announced that the wishes of the neighbourhood should be taken into account with Planning matters. South Norfolk Council motto is "Working with you, working for you." Perhaps they need reminding of this.

So make up your mind and pick your arguments and complain if you feel that way inclined. It could make all the difference, every letter will count and SN already know the village is not happy.

Crocus (the Developer) have asked to come to the PC meeting of January 18th 2024 to present their ideas. You can ask your questions directly to them. Why not put the date in your Diary?

Peter Markham

David Stephens

31st December 1953 – 11th October 2023

David, who has sadly died of cancer just short of his 70th birthday, was our next-door neighbour for all of the 33 years we have lived in Bawburgh, and our children were regular playmates of his daughters, Emmaly and Claire. David himself was born in Loddon but moved to Glebe House, where we now live, when he was aged 2. In 1974, he bought the house and land from his father, sold Glebe House, and built The Gables next door, where he continued to live with his then wife, Elaine, and their children.

David was a very private person, but allowed me to interview him for the Bawburgh News in 2010. He told me of his work as a qualified

electrician and technician, specialising in the fire alarm industry, and conducting investigations for the Ministry of Defence among others. He also worked regularly for the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, where his professional expertise was invaluable.

David was a kind and friendly neighbour and would always come to our rescue with any electrical crises. When I asked him what was his proudest memory, he said it was the births of Emmaly and Claire, to whom we send our sincere condolences.

Gwyneth Boswell

History Group

**There will be no meeting in January.
Come and join us for our first meeting
of 2024.**

**Entrance, including tea or coffee, is still
only £2!**

Tuesday, 13th February

7:30p.m. in the Village Hall

**Roger Thompson: 'What would Nanny
do?'**

From about 1880 to 1940 the pre-school offspring of upper-class families in England were consigned to women often of the craftsmen or farming classes to be trained in good manners and proper behaviour. Since mothers were busy



having more babies and organising a hectic social life, they were often quite remote, goddess figures. Winston Churchill admired his mama from afar, but he loved Nanny Everest. The best nannies were omniscient and had answers to all kinds of crises. This talk will discuss various remarkable women who served the Keppel family over three generations.

Mary, Jenny and Lin

January Church Services

7th	10am	1st Sunday of Epiphany Holy Communion, Easton
14th	10am	2nd Sunday of Epiphany All Age Service with Communion, Colton
21st	10am	3rd Sunday of Epiphany Holy Communion, Marlingford
28th	10am	Candlemas Holy Communion, Bawburgh

Communion at home can be arranged for those who because of illness or frailty are unable to come to the Sunday service.

If you have any queries about services, baptisms and funerals, you can contact Laura on 01603 744551 or by email at:

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50 / 50 Club Winners

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- Keith Richards
- Pete Wright
- Janet Baker
- Keith Oldrey.

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Puzzle Pages: Battleships

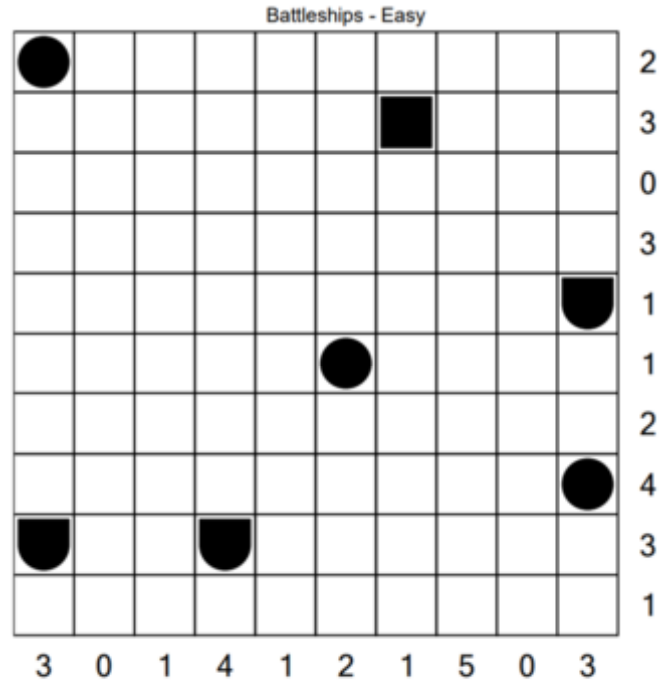
Battleships is a logic puzzle based on the Battleships guessing game. In a square grid of 10 x 10 small squares there is an armada of battleships. There is one battleship with 4 squares, two cruisers with 3 squares, three destroyers with 2 squares and four submarines with 1 square. Each ship occupies a number of connected spaces on the game board, arranged either horizontally or vertically. The boats are placed so that no boat touches another boat, even diagonally.

The numbers at the bottom and right of the grid indicate how many spaces are occupied by ships in the corresponding rows and columns.

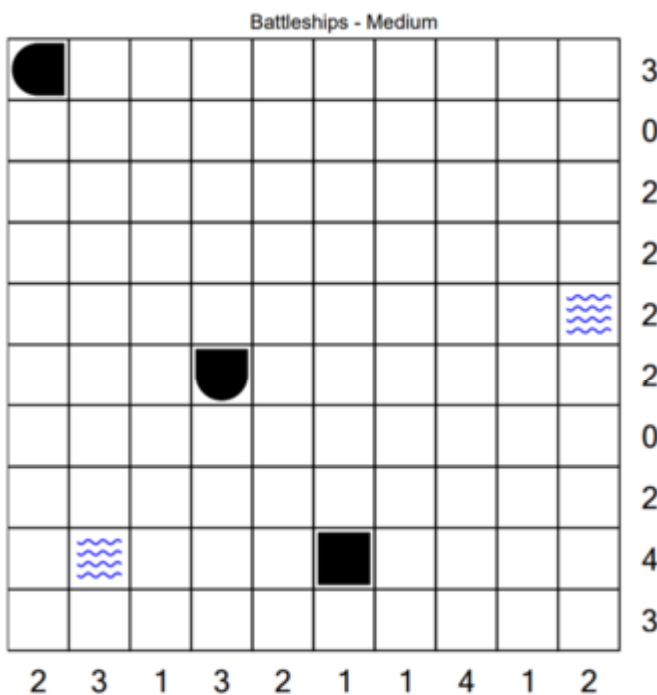
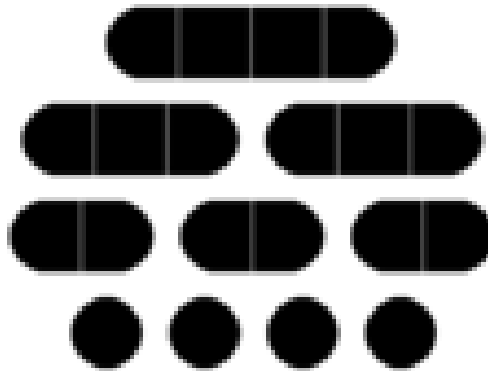
Occasionally, some squares contain predetermined ship or water segments as a clue to help you get started with the puzzle. The goal is to work out where all the ships are.

This there are three puzzles, An easy, medium and a hard version.

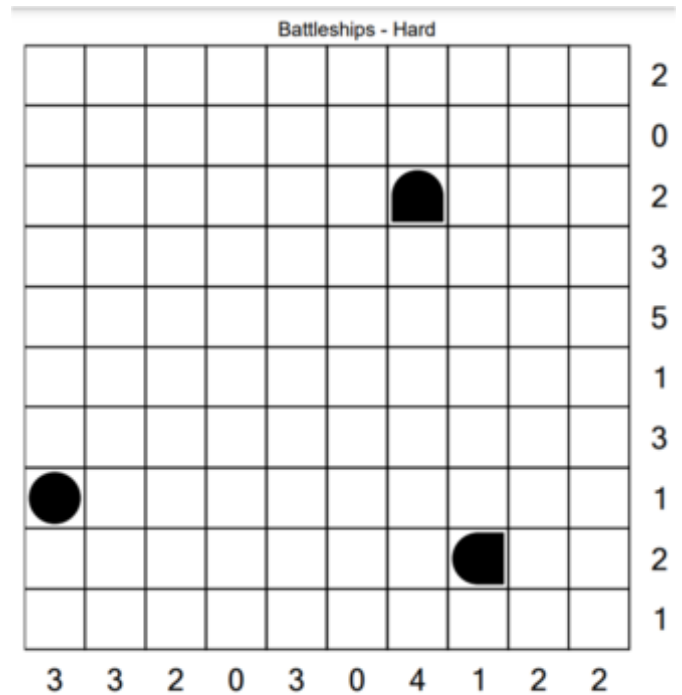
The solutions are on page 6.



<https://sudoku-puzzles.net/battleships-easy/22/>



<https://sudoku-puzzles.net/battleships-medium/752/>



<https://sudoku-puzzles.net/battleships-hard/85/>

Puzzle Pages: Sudoku

Sudoku, also known as "Number Place," is a logic-based placement puzzle that has gained huge popularity around the world. The classic version of this puzzle is presented in a 9x9 grid, subdivided into 3x3 "regions." Some cells within the grid are pre-filled with numbers, which are referred to as "givens." The objective is to fill the empty cells with numbers, adhering to specific rules.

Basic Rules

Grid Structure: The puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid, divided into 3x3 regions.

Givens: Some cells are pre-filled with numbers,

known as "givens," which cannot be changed.

Objective: The goal is to fill the empty cells with numbers 1 through 9.

Additional Rules

Row Constraint: Each row must contain all of the numbers 1 through 9, without repetition.

Column Constraint: Each column must also contain all the numbers 1 through 9, with no repetition.

Region Constraint: Each of the 3x3 regions must contain all the numbers 1 through 9, without repetition.

Sudoku - Easy

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

<https://sudoku-puzzles.net/sudoku-easy/668/>

Sudoku - Medium

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

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Sudoku - Easy

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

Sudoku - Medium

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

Easy puzzle Solution

●	●							
			■	■	■			
		■	■					■
				●				■
■		■				■		●
■		■				■		●

3 0 1 4 1 2 1 5 0 3

Medium puzzle Solution

■	■							●
			■	■				
			■			■		●
				■		■		
●								●
					■	■	■	■
■	■	■						

2 3 1 3 2 1 1 4 1 2

Hard puzzle Solution

■	■							
			■			■		
■	■	■						●
						■		
■		●					■	■
■								
						■	■	
■								

3 3 2 0 3 0 4 1 2 2

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Wild about Bawburgh: Grass Snakes

This year Peter Markham uncovered a nest of grass snake eggs in his compost heap. These eggs duly hatched.

Grass snakes (taxonomically barred grass snakes) are common around Bawburgh, although nationally on the decline. They thrive near water and the marshy areas surrounding our village. They are often seen in our gardens, especially loving compost heaps which are natural generators of heat, in which to lay their eggs and in which, together with wild areas and wood piles, they can hibernate through the winter. One of the best times to see grass snakes is when they come out of hibernation, in March/April (weather dependant); at this time, they stay near the hibernaculum for a few days soaking up the spring sunshine, before moving away to find mates and to feed. Mating takes place in April/May. Females lay up to 40 eggs in June/July, over a 12-hour period. Young females lay fewer eggs. The grass snake is the only snake of the British Isles to lay eggs. The adder (also found in Norfolk) and the smooth snake (only found in south-west counties) deliver live babies. In late summer, August/September, about 10 weeks after being laid, the eggs hatch into pencil-sized versions of the adults.

Grass snakes can grow to a metre in length, the females being bigger than the males. Their colour and markings vary from olive-green to brown with

black bars spaced evenly down their flanks. The black markings on their bellies are unique to each individual. They have yellow and black collars. They are extremely good swimmers and like nothing more than swimming on a hot summer's day, as they look for their favourite food of toads, frogs, and newts. They will also eat small rodents, young water birds and small fish.

Grass snakes are nonvenomous and not aggressive. If cornered, however, they can put on an aggressive stance, inflating their bodies, hissing and striking with mouths closed. Sometimes they try a different tactic by feigning death, involving writhing on their backs, bodies flaccid, mouths open with tongues hanging out. If caught or provoked, they will discharge an evil smelling liquid from their vent. They have many predators, such as herons, weasels and stoats, even hedgehogs.

Grass snakes arrived in Britain from Europe via the connecting bridge of land which is now underwater, called Doggerland by geologists. Humans were also thought to have come to Britain over the same land bridge. Grass snakes are not found in Ireland due to Ireland losing its land link to Britain earlier than the European land link.



Grass Snake eggs

with thanks to Peter Markham

Lin Gibson

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Doin' Diff'rent

Many dramas must have unfolded during Bawburgh's long history; here is just one of them. These events happened at Lodge Farm, on New Road, the details come mainly from the attached newspaper article from the time.

Mary Adams had been employed for several years in the late 1700s by farmer Thomas Burgess of Bawburgh, but he had sacked her three weeks before the incident which I am going to tell you about.

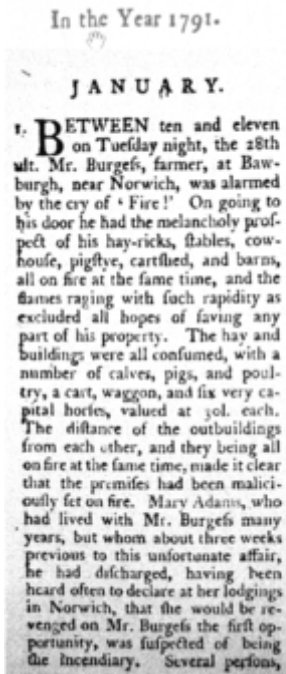
Late on a cold January night in 1791 Mr. Burgess was dragged from his bed by a shout of "FIRE". He hurried outside, and was confronted by the awful sight of his barns, stables, hay-ricks and pigsty's ablaze and too far gone to be saved. As well as the buildings, he lost several pigs, calves, six horses, a wagon and a cart, in all goods valued at £30, a great deal of money in those days. As the buildings were quite separate, it could not possibly have been an accident. Mary Adams had often been heard to boast that one day she would have her revenge on her employer Mr. Burgess, and so she was the obvious suspect.

She and another woman were discovered hurrying along the road towards Norwich. Mary was captured and imprisoned in Norwich Castle

for three months whilst awaiting trial, she was then taken before Magistrates Robert Harvey and John Paterson esquire. Mary's companion told the magistrates that she had not known of the wicked intent of the prisoner and so when she saw the farm buildings on fire, she asked her what she was doing. Mary replied, "I am in my glory. Nor should I care if I were in the middle of the flames, with a shift of pitch on, as I have got my mind." Mary was found guilty of arson and hung for her crime at Norwich Castle on April 9th 1791.

The magistrate, John Patteson, of Steward and Patteson Brewers was a Norwich Alderman between 1781 and 1831. He also owned property in Bawburgh. The A to Z on Bawburgh Village Website tells me that a Mr. Woodbine owned Lodge Farm. Mr. William Clarke Woodbine was a member of the jury at Mary Adams trial; could these possibly be coincidence?

Jenny Press



therefore, went in pursuit of her, and overtook her in company with another woman, before she reached Norwich. They were both taken before John Paterson and Robert Harvey, esqrs. when it appeared, that the companion was induced to go to the premises of Mr. Burgess, not knowing of the wicked intent of the other prisoner. When she saw the place on fire, she asked the incendiary what she had been doing? She replied, 'Nothing that would hurt her;' adding, 'I am in my glory, nor should I care if I were in the middle of the flames with a shift of pitch on, as I have got my mind.'

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Poetry Corner

This month's poem was suggested by Helen Liddle. This is one of her favourite poems.

If you have a favourite you would like to share, send it through to:

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Silver

Walter de la Mare

Slowly, silently, now the moon
Walks the night in her silver shoon;
This way, and that, she peers, and sees
Silver fruit upon silver trees;
One by one the casements catch
Her beams beneath the silvery thatch;
Couched in his kennel, like a log,
With paws of silver sleeps the dog;
From their shadowy cote the white breasts peep
Of doves in a silver-feathered sleep;
A harvest mouse goes scampering by,
With silver claws and a silver eye;
And moveless fish in the water gleam,
By silver reeds in a silver stream.

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Coffee Morning and Lunch

There were rather fewer people than usual at the Christmas Coffee Morning and Lunch, with the takings being £71.00, but those in attendance had a good time and tucked happily into the splendid lunch, cooked all on her own by stalwart Sue Williams, with help from a few others and plenty of flowing sherry, wine and Baileys!

All present missed Keith and Beryl Oldrey, former regular attendees of the Coffee Mornings, who have just moved to live in a McCarthy & Stone flat in Market Harborough, near to their second daughter, Susie. We all wish them every happiness in their new home.

Three beautiful hampers had been created by Marie Firrell, Christine Hollidge and Rosemarie Robinson and they were won by Christopher Bayne, Jackie Noy from Hethersett and Marion Brace, all of whom were delighted!

The next Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 6th January in the Village Hall from 10:30am. Everyone is welcome.



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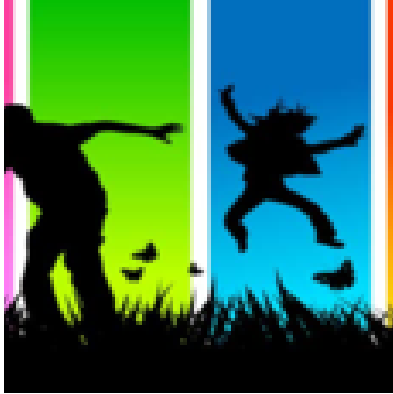
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Friday 26th January



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Social Evening

at Bawburgh Village Hall on
Friday 12th January 2024
from 6:30pm until at least 9:30pm



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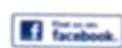
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The Garden Shed - January

Tulips – if you have not done so already, then plant them now! Plant as deeply in the ground as possible if they are intended to stay there permanently. If they are for pots, plant in an inch or two of topsoil, with good drainage.

Greenhouse Vegetables – for greenhouse crops, sow Rocket, Mizuna, Little Gem and Tom Thumb lettuce and curly endive into seed trays or plugs and put them to germinate on a heated mat in the greenhouse. At the beginning of February transplant to larger pots (still in the greenhouse) and harvest from Mid March through to Mid May when they will be cleared to make room for tomatoes, peppers, basil and aubergines.

Winter pruning of fruit trees – get this finished by the end of the month. Find out a bit about your trees. Do they flower on new or old wood; do they grow new shoots in a post-flowering burst or



gradually over the season; do they need to achieve a certain maturity to create spurs that bear fruit or will they be produced in the first year of growth; do they heal well or do they bleed, like cherries and plums, and if so when does it produce least sap? Unless you can answer these questions - don't cut. Wait until you have learned more. You will never do harm by not pruning.

Apple and Pears - if you prune an apple tree hard each winter it will make a mass of new growth but no flowers – and therefore no fruit. If you wish to curtail growth leave the pruning to summer - July is ideal - when the foliage is fully grown and before the roots start to store food for winter. Do not prune plums, apricots, peaches or cherries (these should be pruned in late spring and only if absolutely necessary).

The idea is to produce trees with plenty of light and air reaching the centre. Start by removing any crossing or rubbing branches. Cut back any overlong or straggly branches to a bud to promote

vigorous multi-stemmed regrowth. Keep standing back and reviewing the shape so that it both looks handsome and retains a strong, open structure.

Pruning soft fruit - Cut back autumn fruiting raspberries to the ground, removing all of last year's canes. Cut away all crossing and inward growing growth from red currants and gooseberries to create an open goblet shape. Reduce remaining growth by a third to create a strong framework of branches. Take a few cuttings from the pruned material of gooseberries which will take a few months to show signs of growth, then pot into individual pots by midsummer for planting out next winter.

Trained fruit – cordons, espaliers, fans - You must be counter intuitive with these. Remember that the harder you cut, the stronger the regrowth - so cut back any weak growth in winter to encourage vigorous new shoots in spring. You must then prune again in July to restrict growth.

Mulching - be generous with it. Spread the mulch around all existing plants at least 2 inches thick and twice that is twice as good. The thicker the mulch, the better it will do its work. It is more effective to mulch half the garden every other year than all of it annually but inadequately.

Garden compost – It is important to turn your compost, even in the coldest weather. It adds oxygen which stimulates the bacteria to digest the material. If it's ready, sieve it and bag it up ready to add to potting compost for sowing in spring.

Onion Sets - If the ground is dry enough, plant 9" apart in rows with the tips sticking out of the soil. However if it is too wet, plant in plugs in compost in a greenhouse or cool windowsill. Harden them off for at least a week outside before planting when the soil is dry enough.

Chillies – are slow to germinate and need plenty of light and heat, either on a heated bench or on a windowsill above a radiator. Sow them in seed trays rather than plugs and then transplant them to plugs when they develop true leaves, potting them on again in March and then to their final



terracotta pots in May. Feed weekly so they grow big and bushy. Chillies need plenty of water but hate being waterlogged, so use free-draining compost and never water after 5pm to avoid the risk of them sitting overnight in soggy compost.

With thanks and acknowledgements to Monty Don. For more tips and advice visit his website www.montydon.com

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Our Bus

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The 806A leaves the Kings Head at 10:00am and goes to Wymondham, arriving at 10:37am

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Tuesday and Thursday

On a Tuesday and Thursday, the 808 leaves the Kings Head at 9:14am. It travels to Longwater and arrives at 9:32am in time to catch a connecting bus to Norwich City Centre.

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Mon	1st		New Year's Day
Tue	2nd		☒ Grey bin collection
Fri	5th	9:30am	Playgroup (Village Hall)
Sat	6th	10:30am	Coffee Morning (Village Hall)
Tue	9th		☒ Green bin collection
Fri	12th	9:30am	Playgroup (Village Hall)
Fri	12th	6:30pm	Social Evening (Village Hall)
Tue	16th		☒ Grey bin collection
Thu	18th	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Fri	19th	9:30am	Playgroup (Village Hall)
Fri	19th		☒ Brown bin collection
Tue	23rd		☒ Green bin collection
Thu	25th		Mobile Library:
		9:35am	Stocks Hill
		10:00am	Church Street
Fri	26th	9:30am	Playgroup (Village Hall)
Fri	26th	6:15pm	Youth Club (Village Hall)
Tue	30th		☒ Grey bin collection

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