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Voting for the Police and Crime Commissioner on May 2nd

On Thursday 2nd May, Bawburgh, along with the rest of Norfolk, will take to the polls to vote for their Police and Crime Commissioner.

Police and Crime Commissioners oversee policing within their police force area and hold the chief constable to account. PCCs aim to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service. They serve for four years.

In previous elections, the PCCs were elected by a form of proportional representation, called Supplementary Vote but this was changed in 2022 to a first past the post system, so the candidate with the highest total of votes wins.

In the same legislation, the government introduced the need to bring a form of photo ID to the polling station when you vote. For a full list of what ID is acceptable, see Page 2, but this includes:

- A driving licence
- A passport
- A Blue Badge
- Older Person's Bus Pass
- A PASS card
- Voter Authority Certificate



The ID needs to be an original document and not a photocopy.

This election there are four candidates for Police and Crime Commissioner in Norfolk:

- John Crofts, Liberal Democrats
- Giles Orpen-Smellie, Conservative
- Martin Schmierer, Green
- Sarah Taylor, Labour

The polling Station for Bawburgh is the Village Hall and for this type of election, it is open between 7am and 10pm.

Across the country there will also be elections for directly elected mayors, some council seats and other PCCs.

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PCC Candidates

To find out more about the PCC candidates, you can visit the website:

<https://www.choosemypcc.org.uk/area/norfolk>

This has a photo and a written statement from each candidate.

They are:

- John Crofts, Liberal Democrats
- Giles Orpen-Smellie, Conservative
- Martin Schmierer, Green
- Sarah Taylor, Labour

What ID do you need to vote?

- a valid passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- a driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence)
- a biometric immigration document
- an identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- a Blue Badge
- a national identity card issued by an EEA state
- an Older Person's Bus Pass
- a Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- an Oyster 60+ Card
- a Freedom Pass

There are also some additional IDs accepted which were issued by Northern Island or Scotland.

For an even fuller list visit:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/elections/voter-id>

May Church Services

5th	10am	Holy Communion, Easton
12th	10am	All Age Service with Communion, Colton
19th	10am	Holy Communion Pentecost, Marlingford.
26th	10am	Holy Communion, Bawburgh
2nd June	11am	Bawburgh, St Walstan's Day Service, followed by a procession and prayers at the Well.

The service is followed by a lunch at the Village Hall (1:00pm) All are welcome.

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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King's Head in award final



The King's Head have made the finals of 'Best Destination Pub' in the Muddy Stiletto Awards.

Unfortunately, the closing date for voting has passed but we wish the pub good luck in the awards.

50 / 50 Club Winners

In April, the 50 / 50 Club winners were:

- Sandy Luff
- Jan Watton
- Trevor Hedge
- Lesley Ely
- Gwyneth Boswell

Well done to all involved.

Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 4th May from 10:30am.

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Puzzle Page: 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.

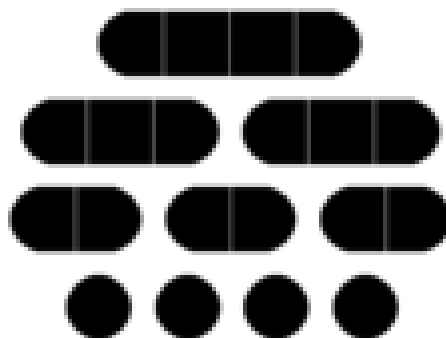
Occasionally, some squares contain predetermined ship or water segments as a clue to help you get started with the puzzle. The goal is to work out where all the ships are.

This is a medium version.

The solution is on page 5.

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Changes for the History Group

Since 2017, we have been organising the History Group and, true to its name, focussing on historical subjects.

Now we would like to offer talks on a much wider range of topics – but still including historical ones. We are hoping this change will attract more of you to the meetings.

So we are changing the name to Talks for Everyone.

The only other change is that, starting in May, the Entrance Fee will increase, from £2 to £3. We have to do this as professional speakers have increased their charges.

Several Bawburgh residents have given very successful talks over the past years, so if you have a special interest and would like to give a talk, please let us know.

Mary, Jenny and Lin



Peter Markham discusses Bees and Beekeeping at the last History Group.

Talks for Everyone

Entrance, including tea or coffee: £3

Tuesday, 14th May

7:30pm in the Village Hall

Giles Emery: Operation WALBEA*: Archaeological Investigations, home of the 'Bloody Hundredth' B-17 Bomb Group

Local archaeologist Giles Emery will tell us about a recent dig at Thorpe Abbots WWII Airbase.

The Group was awarded two Distinguished Unit Citations as well as the French Croix de Guerre with Palm. The story of the 100th is now part of a 2024 TV drama series, 'Masters of the Air'. Operation WALBEA* was created to investigate the US military presence in East Anglia during the Second World War through the everyday objects left behind. Run by the Centre of East Anglian Studies at the University of East Anglia, it brings together researchers, student diggers, local history societies and veterans to shed light onto the lives lived by US service personnel in East Anglia during the war.

(*WALBEA: What the Americans Left Behind in East Anglia)

Tuesday, 11th June

7:30pm in the Village Hall

Mary Fewster: Crime and Punishment in Norfolk
Our popular regular speaker, Mary Fewster, will talk about the history of Crime and Punishment in Norfolk since the Middle Ages.

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Doin' Diff'rent : The Ghost of Bawburgh Hangings

This is part of an article that I discovered it in the Norwich Library archives. It was published in The Norwich Mercury, a newspaper that no longer exists. The date at the top is 25.12.1897.

If you would like to read it in its entirety, I can send you a copy.

With thanks to Carol and Lindsey Stephens for retyping from the faded original.

Jenny Press

"It was my lot in early childhood to spend one afternoon in the week in the company of three ladies, in the cottage home of one of them, in the village of Bawburgh. Unmindful of the child in the chimney corner, many were the stories of bye-gone days they told each other as they crouched round the cottage fire. The gossip of the day had, for them no such interests. It was with evident pleasure that they recalled the past, and lived these brief snatches of the old life over again. And to their young companion, who had been duly admonished that "little boys should be seen, but not heard," how wonderful were the tales to which he listened. Local events were the topics of their stories, as, for instance, when, loosened by a sudden thaw great blocks of ice, after eddying round the mill pool went drifting down the river, they were reminded of those old fashioned winters, when the snow lay so deep in the lanes, that hedges were not to be seen, and how the degenerate present suffered in



comparison with the wonderful past. But they acknowledged that, in some respects, times were improved, once labourer's weekly wage would not purchase two stones of flour, when swede turnips were a staple article of food, and sheep stealing, though the penalty was severe, was not uncommon. Some from the village had been transported for sheep stealing, so that to these old ladies Van Dieman's Land and Botany Bay were names as familiar as household words, and it was solemnly declared that in the churchyard, was the grave of one of these criminals, upon which the grass would never grow. On the following Sunday I stole round to the spot, but could only find the foundations of St Walstan's ruined chapel, and that, of course, was holy ground.

But most strongly impressed upon my memory is one afternoon, when, the farther side of that small room, half hidden in shadows, while the firelight played upon their withered features and gave to their crouched forms a weird effect, one of the party started some ghostly gossip. And then, not to be outdone by each other in their knowledge

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Doin' Diff'rent : The Ghost of Bawburgh Hangings

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of local legend, tale followed tale, until it seemed to my childish imagination that the spirit visitants of our small village, were more numerous than the regular inhabitants, all of whom I knew by sight and name. No wonder, a few of those weird stories have been forgotten in the busy years that have come and gone since then. I remember that they told of the calves, coupled to each other with a chain of gold, and with eyes like fire, that, like leashed greyhounds, chase down Sandy Lane at midnight. And of the stranger who fired the barn in Ockwold (now Hockering) Lane, and who visits, now and again, the scene of her vengeance. I heard of the strange old man in ruffles and velvet, with quaint cut sleeves who appeared to a carter in the New Road Marl Pit, and left him speechless for a time, and of the carriage and horses waiting, at midnight, at the bridge foot, the sound of whose wheels never grates on mortal ears.

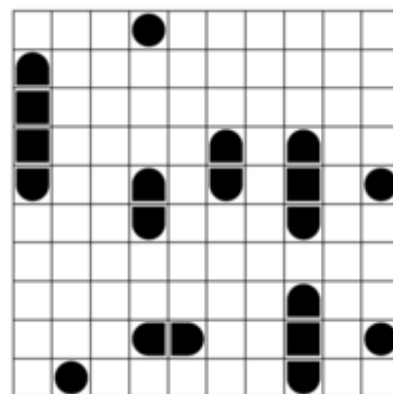
The mention of Hart's Lane made my ears tingle and my heart pit-pat, for I must take the milk tin up the lane to the Hill Farm that evening, so that it might be ready for the morning's meal, and they were talking of a fierce-looking weir wolf that snarls at lonely travellers, and of an airy form in "dazzling" white, seen by Billy – as it hovered in the top of the fir tree at the stackyard corner. But this story was not assented to by all the trio, for one remarked that it did not take much to "dazzle" Billy's eyes when he was going home after a visit to The Cock. But when they spoke of Bawburgh Hall – what tales, of clanging doors and the rustling sound of silken dress; and of old Squire Norton, and his doings both in the flesh and out. Nor was

Tuck's House forgotten, with its lady visitant whose appearances have been responsible for a frequent change of tenants; while the story of the haunted cottages, near Windmill Hill, lost nothing in the telling. Not that much was said of that lady in white, except to repeat the names of some, whose veracity could not be questioned, who had seen her, or had heard her wailing cry.

Needs to say that when those aged story-tellers parted, they had stirred to his depths, the romantic nature of a sensitive child. And for him, those phantom stories were realities, and often, when his aged friend, and her cronies, had passed away, as he sat by that cottage fire, he would picture their ancient forms, and recall, with vivid clearness, the stories of that winter's afternoon. And in the years that followed, whilst contact with men and books did much to make me ashamed in broad daylight of my belief in the existence of a "Borderland," no sooner did twilight come, than that belief proved itself to be as strong as ever."

Jenny Press

**Puzzle Page:
Solution**



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Bawburgh Cooks

For many years, Helen Liddle has contributed recipes to Bawburgh News. Now, because of other commitments, Helen is handing the 'wooden spoon' over to me. My role will be 'admin' only, as co-ordinator for a team of 'Bawburgh Cooks' offering a variety of recipes, appealing to all tastes – hopefully a recipe every month.

When I met Sahil and Hannah Bhardwaj (Bawburgh Voices, October 2023) both expressed a keen interest in cooking. So here is:

Sahil's Butter Chicken

Serves 2

Ingredients

4 skinless boneless chicken thighs (about 500 g)

For the marinade -

1/2 a lemon juiced
2 tsp ground cumin
1tsp caraway seeds
2 tsp paprika
1-2 tsp hot chilli powder
200g natural yogurt

For the curry -

2 tbsp vegetable oil
Knob of butter
1 large onion - chopped
3 garlic cloves - crushed
1 green chilli, deseeded and finely chopped (optional for extra heat)
Thumb-sized piece of ginger - grated
1 tsp garam masala
3 tbsp tomato purée
300ml chicken stock, or add a chicken stock cube

Method

In a medium bowl, mix all the marinade ingredients with some seasoning. Chop the chicken into bite-sized pieces and toss with the marinade. Cover and chill in the fridge for 1 hr or overnight for more flavour.

In a large saucepan, heat the oil gently on a low heat. Add chopped onion, caraway seeds, garlic, 1tsp chilli powder and ginger. Fry gently on a medium heat until soft.

Add the spices with the tomato purée, cook for a further 2 mins until fragrant, then add the stock and marinated chicken. If using a stock cube also

add 300ml of water.

Cook for 20 mins, then add any remaining marinade left in the bowl.

Simmer for 10 mins, then take off the heat (or test the chicken).

Serve with rice, naan bread or roti, chutney, and fresh coriander if you like it.

Next month: Hannah's Courgette Burgers.

If you'd like to join the team and contribute one, or more, of your favourite recipes please get in touch. Mary Wilkinson, mary01@clara.co.uk

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John Innes

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Wild about Bawburgh: Hummingbird Hawk Moth

We are at the time of the year when everything suddenly springs to life. It is wonderful to see everything turning green, all the wildflowers appearing, birds building nests, and insects appearing after the mainly dormant period of winter.

The Hummingbird Hawk Moth has got to be one of the great sightings at this time of year. Carol Stephens near the Mill sent me a photo of one she saw in her garden in April. Carol's daughter Lindsey photo'd it, and I share this with you. Thanks Carol and Lindsey.

This beautiful moth is an immigrant species, flying in from Southern Europe and North Africa, and can be seen at any time from April to October, although there have been reports of sightings throughout the year. It is now a suspected resident in the UK, thanks to global warming. It is one of the few day-flying moths, flying especially, but not exclusively, on sunny days. It is attracted to brightly coloured flowers, such as honesty, valerian, verbena, lavender, aubretia and buddleia and feeds on their nectar using its particularly long proboscis. You can see why it is called hummingbird hawk moth as its similarity to hummingbirds is easy to see.

It has two sets of wings, the front brown and the hind orange. These wings beat at 70-80 times a second, and actually emit an audible hum. It is these fast-beating wings which allow the insect to hover in front of the flowers to enable it to sip their nectar. It has been reported as flying at 12 mph.

Hummingbird hawk moth caterpillars can be

found now in the UK from June to October, but most frequently in August, feeding on lady's bedstraw, hedge bedstraw and wild madder. The adults have also been seen laying eggs on red valerian. These caterpillars are thought to pupate in cocoons close to the ground, among the foliage of the foodplants or in leaf litter and then they contribute to the numbers of moths seen in autumn. Alternatively, they may overwinter as cocoons, the moths emerging in the spring. The moths themselves can overwinter in unheated outbuildings, and in crevices in walls and trees.

Do watch your gardens for this spectacular flying insect. Once seen never forgotten.

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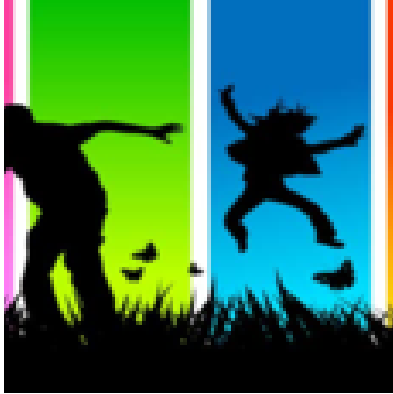
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The Garden Shed - May

Annuals - like sunflowers, zinnias, cosmos or tobacco plants can be planted out in the middle of May, especially if, by putting them in a sheltered place, you have hardened them off for at least a week, to acclimatise to your garden.

Biennials – such as wallflowers, honesty, foxgloves and forget-me-nots can be sown now for a lovely display next spring and summer. Sow the seed thinly in a seed tray and cover with vermiculite. They do not need heat to germinate but a sheltered spot will help. When the seedlings are large enough to handle, prick them out into pots or plugs and grow them on ready to plant out in early autumn where you want them to flower next May.

Herbaceous Perennials – such as delphiniums, agapanthus, iris, lupins, rudbeckia and phlox often need support against gusty wind and heavy rain. Support these plants before they need it. Place the supports (use rusting metal or stakes and twine etc) whilst the plants are still relatively short and the supports will quickly be hidden by the new growth and your plants protected against damage.

The difference:- Annuals grow, flower and set seed all in one growing season. Biennials grow fast from seed, and develop strong roots and foliage in one season, and then flower in the next. The great advantage of biennials over annuals in borders is that they are hardy enough to withstand a cold winter and quickly produce flowers in spring without us having to wait for the plant to grow first. Perennials – are usually hardy and last for more than 2 years.

Citrus plants – Having spent the winter in the greenhouse, they can be brought outside during May, but keep some fleece to hand to cover them if the temperature plummets. Oranges and lemons are very forgiving of hard pruning so rejuvenate the plants now by cutting back damaged, straggly or untidy branches.

Alliums - Unlike most bulbs, the foliage of alliums can be cut back immediately after flowering. In a border this will create space for planting tender annuals such as cosmos, zinnias, tithonia or sunflowers.

Lily Beetle - Check the leaves of lilies and fritillaries for lily beetle. These have a bright red casing on their upper side but are brown on the underside so although very visible when nibbling the leaves - which they do voraciously - they will drop off if they sense trouble and lie on their backs on the ground so are completely camouflaged. There is no known predator so the only control is to pick them off by hand and dispose of them.

Grasses - Unlike herbaceous perennials, grasses are best divided once they have started to grow vigorously. Lift the clump and divide into fairly substantial sections - they grow slowly so do not cut them up into too small pieces. Replant them at

the same level they were in before and water in well. Keep watering them weekly until they are growing strongly. Some grasses seed themselves freely and form crowded clumps and these can be thinned and moved by lifting entire young plants and repositioning with more space around them.

The Pond - By the middle of May the water of any pond is likely to be warm enough to plant into, and to lift and divide any existing plants as well as plant deep water aquatics like water lilies.

Deadhead tulips - Deadhead them once they are past their best to stop the development of seed so that all the energy goes into forming new bulbs for next year's flowers. Do not cut back the stem or any of the foliage as this will all contribute to the growing bulbs as they slowly die back. Simply snap off the spent flower with the growing seed pod using your fingers.

Clematis - The best time to prune early-flowering clematis such as c. montana, armandii, alpina and macropetala, is immediately after they finish flowering; for most areas this will be at the end of May. Next year's flowers are formed on all the new growth made from this

period until late summer so if you prune them much later than mid to late June you will be removing potential flowers that would bloom next spring. Cut back freely, not worrying about individual stems or the position of the cut – just prune to maintain the size and spread. When you have finished, weed round the plant, water it well and mulch generously with garden compost or bark chippings.

Primroses - The best time to plant or move primroses is after they have finished flowering but whilst their leaves are still fresh and growing strongly. Lift a clump and gently pull them apart to make a number of smaller sections. These can then be planted to either spread the existing group or to create new areas. Water them in well. When the leaves start to fade and look shabby cut them back hard. New, fresh leaves will soon appear to replace them.

Compost - The secret of making compost reasonable quickly is to have a good mix of green and brown material and aerate it well by turning it often, just turning with a fork will do. Green material includes grass clippings, food scraps, coffee grounds and tea bags; and brown material includes dry leaves, newspaper, hay, sawdust, pine needles and dead plant clippings. The point of turning it is to get oxygen into the heap which in turn feeds the bacteria that eat the decomposing material and convert it into compost which will then enrich your soil.

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

Marion Malone



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101 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Wymondham Police Station: 01953 424242

N.H.S. Direct: 111

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Bawburgh School: 01603 742329

Road problem reporting:
www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/
roads/report-a-problem

Our Bus

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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

It returns from Wymondham at 12:18pm and gets back to the Kings Head for 12:55pm

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.

There are two return buses. The first leaves at 11:15am and gets back to the Kings Head at 11:33am.

The second bus leaves Longwater at 12:50pm and gets back to Bawburgh at 1:06pm.

Park & Ride – is managed by Konectbus.
www.konectbus.co.uk 0330 0539358.
510 serves Hospital and 511 the University ONLY from Costessey Park and Ride.

Thickthorn Timetable: first bus to City Centre (Bus Station) from 0635 Mon-Fri, 0700 Sat. 0915 Sun

Last bus from City Centre (Bus Station) to Thickthorn P&R 1930 Mon-Fri (later on Thursdays), 1845 Sat. 1720 Sun.

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Diary dates

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Thu	2nd		Polling Day
Fri	3rd	9:30am	Playgroup (Village Hall)
Sat	4th	10:30am	Coffee Morning (Village Hall)
Mon	6th		Bank Holiday
Tue	7th		🗑️ Grey bin collection
Fri	10th	9:30am	Playgroup (Village Hall)
Fri	10th	6:30pm	Social Evening (Village Hall)
Fri	10th		🗑️ Brown bin collection
Tue	14th	7:30pm	Talks for Everyone (Village Hall)
Tue	14th		🗑️ Green bin collection
Thu	16th		Mobile Library:
		9:35am	Stocks Hill
		10:00am	Church Street
Thu	16th	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Fri	17th	9:30am	Playgroup (Village Hall)
Tue	21st		🗑️ Grey bin collection
Fri	24th	9:30am	Playgroup (Village Hall)
Fri	24th	6:15pm	Youth Club (Village Hall)
Fri	24th		🗑️ Brown bin collection
Mon	27th		Bank Holiday
Tue	28th		🗑️ Green bin collection

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