



# New Oasis

Kelsale-cum-Carlton's  
Parish Newsletter



*Elephant Hawk Moth*

## Summer Edition 2019

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### *From the Editor*

As editor of this Oasis I obviously owe an apology to all readers for not being able to produce the usual mid-summer copy of this magazine on time. Happily this was not due to any calamity or crisis, but simply pressure of work in my office, which (as always) coincided with routine staff (and my own) summer holidays.

It was unfortunate that the summer edition wasn't issued then as there were several important things to write about. First of all we needed to offer sincere thanks to Carolyn Taylor on her retirement after fourteen years looking after our Primary School. She managed the considerable change of scale during her stewardship from 52 children to 165 with confidence and skill such that demand for places now outstrips availability. But, in terms of parking and drop-off, as well as pressure on class room space, this means the school has become a victim of its own success. Carolyn will be greatly missed. You can read about her enjoyment on page 9 below.

Secondly we have to report that we still don't have a permanent clerk in place following the resignation of Liz Flight after a year of her very able support. Steps are underway to select and appoint a new clerk in the next few months. In the meantime the clerk's duties are being shared amongst councillors.

*John Pulham Editor*

### *Benches - Would you like to sponsor one?*



The time has come to restore, renovate or even replace some of our benches around the village. Of course, they do not last for ever. And often they are a lasting memorial to a departed loved one. Would **YOU** like to be associated with a new bench - or the restoration of an existing one.

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## More Chain Saw sculptures

We're planning on creating some more stunning sculptures but this time to adorn the green on Carlton Road. See later article....

## Wildlife in our gardens

Our front cover shows an Elephant Hawk Moth, as photographed by Rob White using his UV camera at his home in Denny's Lane. Impressive. But possibly more impressive still - if you manage to spot one - is the caterpillar of this moth - a truly awesome beast. Here is a pic downloaded from the 'net. This monster can measure up to three inches long, and, despite the fierce-looking "horn", they are harmless, of course!!!



*An early stage –*

But I'm told they don't make very good pets!

## Bridge Street re-surfacing

The residents of Bridge Street have been treated to a brand new surface outside their front doors.



Let's hope the clean and tidy new surface remains undisturbed for a while. Certainly it gives a much quieter running surface.

## A Painted Lady

Here on Page 3 (!) we have a delicious picture of a painted lady. A bit short on eroticism but nonetheless an extremely tasty lady:-



Thanks Charles!

## Selected Planning Matters

**Land adjoining Kelvin, Rosemary Lane.** A neighbour had contacted the Parish Council expressing concerns largely deriving from mounds that would be created on the boundary of the development site, because these would have implications for water run-off, biodiversity and privacy. The Parish Council agreed to write in sympathy to East Suffolk Council.

**Felieu, Carlton Road.** The Parish Council approved the application for an extension.

**Tiggins Meadow:** The Parish Council did not oppose the application for a storage unit provided it would never be converted to residential

## Village Hall 100 Club

The latest winners of the 100 club are announced below. Congratulations to all.



### 100 Club Winners:

	<b>1st Prize</b>	<b>2nd Prize</b>	<b>3rd Prize</b>
<b>May</b>	E Masterton-Smith	Maggie Strutt	Lesley Brett
<b>June</b>	Jenny Brideson	Rob Potter	David May
<b>July</b>	Alan Boyde	Ian Galloway	Kath Williams

To join contact David Granville-George on 01728 604594 or email at [davegg2000@gmail.com](mailto:davegg2000@gmail.com). There is still time to join the 100 club for the rest of the year.

## Rendham Road

The Parish Council remains very concerned about the amount of inappropriate traffic using Rendham Road to cut through to the B1119 Framlingham Road. A survey has revealed that, when coming from Rendham/Framlingham it is nearly always quicker to use the B1119. Travelling in the opposite direction is a little less predictable because of having to cross the A12. But here is a picture of a recent disaster on the Rendham Road, when a local car swerved to avoid an on-coming vehicle. The road simply is not wide enough to support serious traffic. And we are able to report thanks to vigorous efforts by local resident Ken Hannah that appropriate signs **HAVE NOW BEEN ERECTED!!!** Maybe not all in quite the best positions but Well done Ken.



*A recent accident in Rendham Road*

## Housemartins in Kelsale cum Carlton



Housebuilding Martins



Swifts flying

## Kelsale Village Hall



Your Management Committee has been busy quietly getting several major jobs completed around the Village Hall. The Parish Council have been instrumental in getting a Health and Safety check and Fire Safety Assessment completed with the help of Councillor Martin Lumb. New hazard warning signs are in place and the chair stacks have been sorted out and returned to their piles of 8 making it possible to gain access to the cleaning equipment which is available for users to clear up after their 'do' and for the chair stacks to be lifted up on the

trolley for ease of movement in and out of the store cupboard.

The guttering at the back of the Main Hall has been upgraded to improve rain water runoff from the huge roof area at the back of the building in order to reduce flooding problems which have dogged the users of the Social Club for years! In combination with the repainting of the wall at the side of the Ladies toilet should solve the problem at long last.

The next Committee event will be the annual autumn Quiz Night on Friday 18th October, with a start time of 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). As usual, teams will be 6 people per table and the charge of £7pp includes a delicious Ploughman's Supper. The Quiz Mistress is looking forward to confounding us once again with her knotty questions and to help the brain cells along you are welcome to BYO bottle of wine (we'll provide the glasses) or buy drinks from the Social Club to bring upstairs.



To ensure there is enough food for everyone (plus seconds) we need numbers. Please book your place in good time by calling Sue on 01728 604594 with the number in your group – don't worry if you have not got a group of 6, we can mix and match people to make up all tables of 6 on the night.

Eileen Cuthbert (for Kelsale Village Hall and Centre Management Committee)

## The Afternoon Club

Kelsale's Afternoon Club has been very successfully in existence for over 35 years, and is still going strong. But with a steadily ageing population it is always important to attract new members. It began in 1981 by two ladies, one from Kelsale - now aged 92 and the other from Carlton, who passed away in 2015 at 99 years of age.



We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in each month at 2:00pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall with a modest charge of £1.50 to include tea or coffee and biscuits. If a member has a birthday then cake is provided in that month. Some members come from Saxmundham and transport is arranged for them for a small fee. The Community bus is also used by some for door-to-door transport.

The club also organises varied and interesting monthly coach trips for which the cost is just £10 each. These would involve visits to local towns such as the attractive quay at Beccles ideal for a Springtime visit and meal. In June we visit a market garden and later in the year we go to Cherry Lane to see the festive Christmas decorations.

Interested? If so you should contact Pat or John Harvey on 01728 604397. The next away trip is a visit to Felixstowe on 27<sup>th</sup> August, then a visit to Lowestoft on 8<sup>th</sup> October.



## Defibrillator for Carlton



It's obvious, isn't it? You can't have enough defibrillators!

So your Parish Council is providing one, to be installed on the Green in Carlton Road. This was the product of an analysis of priorities for the coming year of activity in the parish. It was given the highest priority at the Council meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Another very high priority is the provision of footpath/pavements beside the main access road into Beaumont Cottages. At present children have to walk on the public highway to get to school because there is no footpath, which your Council consider is totally unacceptable. There is much to be done to achieve this, in discussion with Suffolk County Council and Flagship over land ownership, possible compulsory purchase and obtaining competitive quotes. But the matter will not be allowed to rest.

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### Framlingham - A village at War!

Your editor wasn't able to bring you the midsummer edition of this magazine in time to include details of forthcoming *Alde Valley Family History Group*'s talk on Framlingham at War. In the next issue we hope to bring you a summary of this fascinating talk.

### Chainsaw carving!

We have now raised enough money for another chainsaw carving, this one will be carved in the Kelsale recreation ground this summer and then transported to the Carlton Green play area.

The majority of the money was raised from the very successful Fashion Show on 26th July held in conjunction with Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council and the Church of St Mary & St Peter, Kelsale. The profits were equally split, the Church using their half for their Flush Fund, the Parish Council using the other half for the wood carving, with further donations from residents we have enough for two days carving by Arnie Barton.



We will still have a piece of timber available to be carved in the future, and so more donations would be gratefully received, please call 01728 603475 for details.

I will post on "Nextdoor" when Arnie is working on site in Kelsale if you would like to go and watch him, it is worth the trip.

Claire Buttle

### A Swift update – on Kelsale's incredible Swifts!

Swifts are now departing the UK and will be on their long migration south to the Congo region in Africa, and for some as far as Mozambique, a journey of around 9,500 kilometres by Christmas! They have been here for less than four months but that is just long enough for them to raise their young and to thrill us with their high-speed flying displays, for me even better than the "Red Arrows"!



A flock of Swifts

Here in Kelsale cum Carlton the Swifts have been given a helping hand this year with more than 10 new purpose-built Swift nestboxes installed around the village, including four on the Village Hall thanks to funding from the Parish Council. A big thank you also to Phil Squirrel for his willing help with getting the boxes up in position high on the various buildings.

A survey in mid- July produced sightings of more than 30 Swifts in noisy screaming parties at dusk around the village centre. Based on current information I estimate that we have at least 15 nesting pairs of Swifts in 2019, perhaps 20, but we need more precise information about confirmed nests, most of which are located in roof space, normally under the roof tiles. If you think you know about a Swift nest I would be very pleased to hear from you, particularly from the Carlton area and any outlying parts of the parish!

Charles Cuthbert, August 2019

## Kelsale CEVCP School

It is with mixed emotions that I write this article, as it will be my last in the capacity as Headteacher at Kelsale CEVCP School, where I have spent the last 14 years. I cannot imagine not coming in to work each day, as this has been my life. I have employed all but two of the current staff and have seen many of the current pupils grow and develop from birth.



The school has trebled in size from just 52 pupils to the current 163, which meant an increase in staff and extensions to the building. Many of the staff came here straight from qualifying and it will be very new for them to work for someone else. They are a very close unit, and work well together, are supportive of each other, are amazingly talented and dedicated and care deeply for the pupils and their families. I feel very proud and privileged to have had such a fantastic team.

The building has also grown in the time I have been head. We added the 'library' soon after I started and have since had two major extension projects giving two additional classrooms. I am disappointed that Suffolk County Council have decided not to go ahead with building a seventh classroom, simply because other local schools are not quite full. This simply means there are no spaces at our school, so any new residents will have to look elsewhere for places for their children.

I cannot single out any particular highlights, as there have been so many. I love my job. Although it is very stressful and carries huge responsibility, it is extremely rewarding. I have experienced tears, laughter and elation. There is so much joy in seeing pupils' having 'light-bulb' moments when they learn, achieve or see something new. We have worked hard to ensure pupils have a good all round education and possibly more importantly develop life skills to prepare them for their future.

Looking forward, I'm not retiring completely, as I hope to work with headteachers in an advisory capacity; supporting new heads, carrying out performance management, developing leadership etc, using the skills I have developed along my journey and spreading my love of the work. It is a very lonely job, with little or no support, and all too often Headteachers lack the support to succeed, particularly initially.



The community has been an important part of my work too. I feel the school should be at the heart of the community and have taken steps to make this happen. It was fantastic to host the 'Senior Citizen Christmas Lunch' last year and I have

ensured that this event is in the diary for this year.

A lovely lady, Clare McMeekin, will be the new Head in September, and I am sure she will continue to work with the community, and will keep the school prominent in Kelsale life.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone for the support and friendship that you have shown me over the years. There is no doubt that I will miss what has been a huge part of my life for the last 14 years; the everyday ups and downs of headship and all of the adults and children who are part of my work. I wish you all the very best for the future. See you at the Bonfire!

*Carolyn Taylor former Headteacher*

## A Community Archive

Back in May 2018 we had an exhibition of photographs and documents in the Village Hall that have become part of the heritage of our villages. The earliest photographs dated back to the late 1800's and some of the documents nearly 200 years before that.



We owe it to past and future generations, now that we have the technical ability, to record as much as we can past and present. Today will be tomorrow's history. Village life is as much about people as it is buildings and we need to record that. Some families here in KcC go back generations and have a wealth of knowledge and feeling for this place many of us consider home.

This project started with a simple exhibition based around the wonderful book that Frank Rowe published in 1997 about our villages' history and it has grown from there. Today we have on file around 500 images and digital copies of some 50 or so historic documents and it is growing.

The most interesting images are often of people; when those images were taken they were not history - they were their 'today' and we need to keep adding during our todays so that future generations can look back with that same affection we hold for our 'old pics'.

In spite of the number of images we hold we are very short of pics of Carlton and the Main Road down to Curlew Green, Dorley's Corner and beyond, before the bypass was built. In addition it would be good to add images of people, the school, football teams and groups or organisations that are or were part of village life here in KcC. Adding them into our archive is a simple process, the image will be scanned or photographed and returned unharmed.

This project has the support and encouragement of the Parish Council and we expect in due course to put the archive onto the web where it will be accessible to all. If you have anything and I do mean anything that you feel may be of interest please contact me.

*chris burslem - chrisbkelsalepc@gmail.com*

## Alde Valley family History Group

### The Whistlecraft Family- A Poacher's Life.

Our June meeting was treated to a wonderfully entertaining evening by Pip Wright, a retired school teacher and author of a string of local history books.

Enticingly labelled as a 'tale of poaching, murder, heavy drinking and intrigue' Pip recounted the true story of the WHISTLECRAFTs, a notorious family from Rickinghall and Hinderclay, near Diss, who have now attained 'folk hero' status in the local community.

To enhance his talk, Pip Wright first asked the audience to imagine that they were spending the next hour or so in the company of the central character, Joe WHISTLECRAFT. He then donned a cloth cap, tucked a rifle under his arm and, assuming a broad Suffolk accent, delivered an absorbing account of Joe's life, in the first person.



Joe



Joe was one of three illegitimate children born to his mother before she married William Whistlecraft. He was convicted over a hundred times, mainly for poaching, and served his sentences in the prisons of Ipswich, Norwich, Pentonville, Wandsworth and Dartmoor. He died in 1960, but not before spending some of the happiest years of his life working for Major Wilson of Hinderclay Hall, a gentleman with whom he'd had a number of run-ins the past, but who then proposed to employ Joe on the premise that 'poachers make the best gamekeepers'.

Pip's spellbinding delivery was enhanced by the perfectly timed arrival of a summer storm over Snape Village Hall, just as we listened to the account of one particularly infamous night-time poaching sortie to Stubbings Wood. The atmospheric backdrop meant it was easy to imagine Joe and his younger brother struggling through flooded ploughed fields, their boots clogged with heavy clay soil, as they made their way towards the cover of the wood. On that occasion, their evening ended in disaster.

*Startled by a bright flashlight cutting through the darkness, Joe fired his rifle to put out the light but, instead, shot the gamekeeper Charles Cornwell causing fatal injuries. Subsequently tried for murder, Joe was acquitted thanks to the intervention of a skilled barrister, Mr. Gerald Howard who systematically dismantled the case for the prosecution.*

Joe was minded to send Mr. Howard a brace of pheasants by way of thanks, but then thought better of it!



Duck!!!!

## That famous Finger Post



Here are a couple of "before" and "after pics of that finger post at the junction of Hawthorn Road and East Green.

There is to be an "unveiling ceremony" on 7<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00am and all interested persons are welcome to attend. Thanks go to former Councillor Paul Parry (rescuing the sign after it had been hit by a hedge cutter); J T Pegg & Sons (full restoration and brilliant construction of a new "Kelsale" finger); Councillor Claire Buttle (black finger detailing);

and Archie Finbow (transport to site and erection) for all their help with this project

### **Advertising your Business in Kelsale Cum Carlton**

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