



New Oasis

**Kelsale-cum-Carlton's
Parish Newsletter**



**Primroses in the Simpson's Fromus Valley,
Kelsale, Suffolk Flora Preservation Trust
(see p16)**

Spring 2015

Website: www.kelsalecarltonpc.org.uk



Senior Citizens' Christmas Party 2014 (above see p9)



Last month's evening of film at the Village Hall (see p 9)

From the Parish Council Chairman

The Open Public Meeting on the District Council Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation in Kelsale Village Hall on 17th February was a credit to the village, with nearly 100 residents attending and actively participating! We went through the Local Plan documents and looked at the sites that had been recommended for development, and agreed on those that should be developed in the future and on those sites that should definitely not be built on.

As a result we have recommended a small expansion of the village envelope (or physical limits boundary as it is now called) along Main Road up to Rosemary Lane, but have come down against any new sites along Carlton Road and Rosemary Lane, as these are narrow, have blind bends and are already very busy with a lot of traffic using them. It was also suggested that, rather than more four and five bedroomed detached houses, a variety of different types of houses are needed in the future. These should include single storey homes to allow older residents to move into more suitable accommodation within the village, and also affordable homes to enable young people to stay in the village when they leave home. We hope this reflects the feelings of the majority.

The Kelsale Village Centre improvement plan is now proceeding apace and you should see work starting this month. The first stage will be to remove some of the tress and scrub around the car park. This will not be excessive as several residents commented that they like the rural nature of the car park as it is and it should definitely not look like a town centre car park! The second stage in March will be to replace the fencing, as it is starting to rot and has already fallen down in several places. In April, we will put in an application for a grant for the third stage which is to resurface the car park, but again we will not be tarmac it but spray tarring and laying pea shingle in several layers to improve the surface and increase the number of car parking spaces. We hope you will like the results.

Next month should also see the first Feed In Tariff payment for the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) for the Community Energy scheme so there will be something to celebrate!

*Keith Dickerson,
Chairman Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council*

From the Editor

As this edition reaches you the signs of spring are all around, so it's appropriate that our theme focuses on wildlife and landscape. We're very lucky in this village to see the turtle dove so often when it is disappearing in many places, and Sam Lee from the RSPB tells us about a major national initiative and how we can all help, while Charles Cuthbert provides an update on sightings of turtle doves in the village.

Paul Parry outlines the importance of 'wild-life corridors' and Carolyn Taylor describes the approach to getting children at the school interested in wildlife.

Eileen Cuthbert and Kayleigh Button report on what's been happening in the village hall, and on future plans. It's great to see so much going on there – and so many villagers turning up to events – but there's always room for more. If you've not been to the hall, or not for a while, do come along and see what's on offer.

It's an important couple of months for the village. Unless you've been hibernating you may have noticed there's a General Election in May. What has received less publicity is the fact that on the same day (7 May, in case you haven't been told how many days there are to go) there are also elections for the parish council – assuming we can get enough candidates to require one. There will certainly be one vacancy this year, and possibly more, so we need more people to come forward. All are welcome to stand, but I hope my fellow councillors won't mind if I said that it would be good to see some younger people on the council: Nick Denny has been the youngest councillor for far too long! See page 7 for more details.

Finally, some exciting news about *Power4KcC*, our community owned energy co-op. We have been shortlisted for the Greener Suffolk renewable energy award, which will be presented by Chris Packham of *Springwatch* fame, at Snape Maltings on 15 April. It sounds like a mini-Oscars presentation, so the directors are already fretting about what to wear... More seriously, a number of shareholders have been asking when the Inaugural General Meeting will take place, and I can now confirm that it will be on Thursday 14th May in the village hall at 7pm. We'll get more publicity round to shareholders, but we really hope to see as many of you as possible. As with the parish council, we need more people to take part in running the co-op – whether as directors or in some other capacity, so please come along and join in.

Geoff Fordham, Editor

Notice Board

Police Numbers 101 (urgent but not life-threatening), 15p day or night calls.

999 (emergency); Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Doctors' Surgery (01728) 602022; NHS: 111 (non-emergency 24 hour number)

Village Hall Bookings: Mobile 07582869206 also John Harvey, 604397

Citizen's Advice (CAB) 01728 832193 www.leistoncab.org

Welfare Trust: the Welfare Trust exists to help you in an emergency – contact Mrs. S. May (01728) 602113 – all requests are treated in complete confidence.

East Suffolk Foodbank www.eastsuffolk.foodbank.org.uk – if you need help contact your care professional.

Climate/energy saving Helpline 0800 02 88 938

Suffolk Libraries Customer Service Helpline: 01473 263838, email help@suffolklibraries.co.uk or visit the website: www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/community-services/mobile-libraries.

GreenerSax (Transition group for Saxmundham and surrounding villages: greenersax@btinternet.com Nigel Hiley 07979 510142): and Facebook: GreenerSax.

Dates for your Diary

Kelsale Market: for home-grown, home-made produce, preserves, eggs, honey and craft: **first Wednesday** of the month, 9-11am, in or (in good weather) outside the Committee Room. Tony Cox 602786/ Rachael Fordham 652978.

R&R (Relax and Reminisce) NEW: Third Friday of the month, 2-4pm Village Hall Committee Room – please call to confirm your place. Vicky Hutchinson, Dementia Development Community Officer on 07841 460379 or 01473 353055

Mobile Library service: Every four weeks on Friday mornings 9.20-9.45 by Kelsale Guildhall: ie 13 March, 10 April, 8 May, 5 June, 3 and 31 July.

21 March: Village Jumble Sale - 10-12 noon, Village Hall (see p8 for details); **Sax Library 2pm:** talk by Stuart Evans on 'Artisan Furniture' model homes for working folk (£2 includes refreshments).

26 March: Sax Library: 10.30 Norfolk-born **Ralph Jackman**, author of **Actium's Wake** (£1).

11 April: Tea Dance 2-4.30pm Village Hall

26 September: Autumn Fair and Produce Show Village Hall

Crafty Ladies: Fortnightly ie 16 and 30 March 13 April. 2.30-5pm (NB new time) in Village Hall Committee Room. Costs £20 for 8 sessions, or £3 for a single session. Any (not messy) craft welcome.

Alde Valley Family History Group Leiston Community Centre King George's Avenue at 7.30pm on the 3rd Monday of the month. **16 March:** Registration Through the Ages, Ipswich Registrar (see p11); **20 April:** Annual General Meeting, and then Maggie Strutt will show DVDs of her research trip to South America. **18 May:** The History of Leiston Abbey, Sheila Harrison; **15 June:** The Hoxne Treasure, Stephen Govier. Contact Angela Skelcher on 01728 830949 or a_skelcher@hotmail.com.

Local History Society: United Reform Church Hall, Chapel Road, Saxmundham

Meetings the second Thursday of the month, to start at 7.30 pm. **12 March** Philip Ryder-Davies, The Suffolk Horse Society; **9 April** Rick Osborn, Mills and Milling in the Middle Ages; **14 May** Janet Barnes, Yoxford Yesterday; **11 June** Trip to Hollesley to see the Suffolk Punches. Contact Janet Barnes on 01728 602776.

Church dates: see **Contact** monthly magazine for details of all Church services, Solos on Sunday lunches, family craft activities etc. **Kelsale Methodist Church:** weekly services begin at 11am.

Advance Notice: an opportunity to be entertained in Rendham Village Hall, where there are plans for a series of varied entertainments. There could be an appetiser in March, so look out for further details.

Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council & other councillors

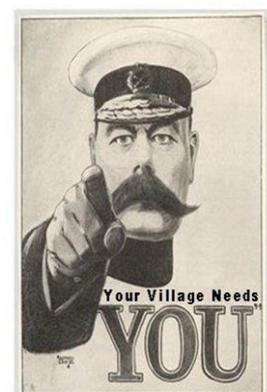
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Parish Council Elections

The present Parish Council Term of Office ends this May. NOBODY cares more about your community than you and your local council do!

If you think you could play a part in representing the interests of Kelsale-cum-Carlton and improve the quality of life and the local environment, then get involved through the Parish Council.



Planning, Highways, Traffic, Community Safety, Housing, Footpaths, Street Lighting, Recreation Ground, and a great deal more.

Kelsale-cum-Carlton needs a democratically elected Parish Council. For further information please contact the Parish Clerk, Joanne Jones on 01394 459400 for a nomination paper.

Stand for election – represent your community – become a Councillor on 7th May – Your village needs you!

Village Hall Events

Happy 'Almost Spring' everyone! Now that it's getting lighter and it finally feels like it's time to come out of hibernation, I thought I would take the opportunity to let you know about some events that are happening at the village hall over the coming months.

Jumble Sale

We're holding a jumble sale on the 21st March from 10am till noon. Donations can be made at the following times and places:

- Coffee morning in the committee room on Wednesday 18th and Friday 20th March, between 10am and 11am
- At the main village hall on Friday 20th between 6pm and 7.30pm
- Sue Granville George's house by calling 01728 604594 or
- To me at 23 East View, Low Road after 5pm – or call me on 07783842890 for alternative arrangements.

Tea Dance

There is also a tea dance 11th April for 2pm to 4.30pm. Tickets are £5 and available from Eileen 01728 604898, John 01728 604397, Mike 01728 603995 or Kayleigh 01728 561141 or 07793842890 (if there is no answer please leave a message). Any cake donations will be gratefully received.

A Produce Show!

Finally, for all those green fingered growers out there, during the **Autumn Fair (26th September, pencil it in those diaries)** there will be Kelsale cum Carlton's very own **produce show**. We will be looking for your bendy beans, plumpest pumpkins, rude root veg and any fruit or veg that doesn't particularly look like it's meant to.

More events will be announced in the coming months. In the meantime, if you would like further information or have any suggestions for what you would like to see happening in the village, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email,

chocolatebutton3@yahoo.co.uk, 07783842890 or 01728 561141. We hope to see you soon at these events.

*Kayleigh Button
Village Hall Management Committee*

Reporting on the recent Film Evening

It was a really good event and there were roughly 100 people in the audience. When I add up the money there should be more than £500 to put in the village hall accounts and we will look at getting the damp seen to, which is getting out of hand in the Committee Room.

More important than that, though, was that people came from miles around to return to Kelsale where they had been brought up. The films of Sax Carnival brought back memories to many in the audience with names of boys and girls being called out as friends and relatives (and even the people themselves who, at 60 or so, were in the Hall) recognised the faces on the screen.

It was a lovely atmosphere and we hope to bring Jim Cecil and some more film to the village hall a year from now.

Eileen Cuthbert

Christmas Cheer

It was interesting to see the New Oasis picture in the previous edition of Christmas festivities in the 1950's. The Christmas party we hold for the village's Senior Citizens has changed somewhat over the years. Today the guests are greeted with sherry, wine or juice, followed by soup, turkey lunch, Christmas pudding, cheese and biscuits and then tea or coffee. We have Bingo, entertainment and a draw.

Each year we try and raise funds and are grateful to all to have given us donations: they are greatly appreciated. The 2014 party was held on 6 December (see picture on inside front cover) and we hope all guests enjoyed themselves.

Thanks to all the helpers for decorating the hall and making the day go well, especially Julie, Jean and Graham in the kitchen. Thanks to Archie Finbow who each year supplies us with sprouts, Dick Cook for raising £314 from his golf competition and the Welfare Trust for their donation.

Ellen Denny

Discover your mobile library

Did you know that the Suffolk Libraries mobile library visits your area regularly, giving access to hundreds of thousands of books, including large print, audiobooks and children's books? You can also hire CDs and



DVDs for a small charge. If the items you want are not on the van you can reserve them from the library catalogue free of charge and have them delivered on the van at a later date.

The staff are very friendly and helpful, and will offer a warm welcome to anyone who visits. The steps convert into a lift for those with limited mobility. This is a valuable service to rural and isolated communities who have lost many of their other local services, and can also be an opportunity to meet up with other people and catch up with the local goings on. Come along to visit us and help to keep this service running for YOUR community – all are welcome! The library stops in Kelsale every four weeks on Friday mornings 9.20-9.45 by Kelsale Guildhall: ie 13 March, 10 April, 8 May, 5 June, 3 and 31 July. To find out about other mobile library stops, ring Suffolk Libraries Customer Service Helpline on 01473 263838, email help@suffolklibraries.co.uk or visit the website: suffolklibraries.co.uk/community-services/mobile-libraries.

Fitness Class

Get Fit * Lose Weight * Tone up
Every Wednesday 6 - 6.45pm.

Kelsale Village Hall, downstairs. £4 per class.
Contact Mary Skelcher on 01728 660034 or 07804 398427

Street Lighting in the village

Over the past few years there has been a programme to bring Streetlights owned by Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council up to a standard acceptable to Suffolk County Council (SCC).

This programme of works is almost complete and therefore all such street-lighting will be taken over by SCC shortly. They will place notices on the relevant streetlights with contact details in order that they may be advised of any faults in future rather than the Parish Council.

This will result in a significant financial saving to the Parish Council and in addition they will form part of SCC's upgrade programme and are likely to be changed to LED to be more energy efficient sooner rather than later. For your information streetlights run by SCC are turned off at Midnight to be both energy efficient and to reduce light pollution.

*Cllr Edwina Galloway
Street Lighting*

Our very own defibrillator?

The parish council is exploring ways of installing a defibrillator in the centre of the village, possibly in the telephone box near the village hall. Obviously the device needs to be easily accessible and in a well-lit area, and the phone box would be ideal – though the defibrillator itself doesn't actually need a phone connection.

A defibrillator is a device designed to resuscitate someone who has suffered a heart attack, and is specially designed for people with no medical background. When applied to the victim, voice commands and screen messages guide the user step-by-step through the process and its intelligent technology will only allow it to shock a 'shockable' heart rhythm. The use of a defibrillator increases a patient's chances of survival significantly compared to conventional CPR.



Councillor Edwina Galloway, who is leading on the project, has already negotiated a sponsorship deal with the Co-op. As the box is close to a listed building a traditional red phone box may be thought preferable to the current model, and she is looking for local residents who might be willing to contribute to the additional costs – though the parish council is also seeking further grant options.

If all goes well Councillor Galloway hopes the defibrillator will be in place by the summer and we will report on progress in the next *New Oasis*.

Like to learn some Spanish, German, Italian or Russian?

The Library in Saxmundham is considering setting up 10-week classes, two hour sessions costing about £80. They will need at least seven learners to make a class viable. Contact Liz Gleave if you're interested on 01728 652440 or Liz.Gleave@suffolklibraries.co.uk.

Family History Group News

In 1538, Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII's Lord Chancellor, (he of TV's *Wolf Hall*) ordered all clergy to record every baptism, wedding and funeral that took place within their parish. Three centuries later, civil registration of births, marriages and deaths was begun, under the control of Superintendent Registrars.

Come and hear our local Registrars tell us about "Registration through the Ages" at the next meeting of the Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group. Judy Gant, Superintendent Registrar of Suffolk, and Kay Harries, a keen family historian and award-winning member of the Ipswich Registration team, will outline how changes to the regulations have affected the information contained in the register entry, as well the reasons for those changes, and will include some interesting examples.

The meeting will be on Monday 16 March 2015 at 7.30pm at Leiston Community Centre, King George's Avenue, Leiston, IP16 4JX. Visitors welcome. Admission £2-50: light refreshments included. Annual Subscription: £6 per person or £10 per household. Experienced family historians are at most meetings to help with research. Our research centre at the Council Chambers in Leiston is open free of charge to members and non-members from 10 - 12 noon on 1st and 3rd Weds of the month. We have local information including graveyard catalogues for Aldringham, Benhall, Saxmundham, Leiston, Eastbridge and Sutton; War Memorial information, parish registers, census returns, many data CDs, and Internet access. Experienced family history researchers will be present to help and give assistance if required. For more info, see our website:

<http://aldevalleyfamilyhistorygroup.onesuffolk.net/>

Maggie Strutt

Landscape and Wildlife at School

One of the things that attracted me to Kelsale CEVCP School was the fantastic grounds. It is so important for children to learn to appreciate and love their outdoor natural surroundings and where our food comes from.

The trees on site are not only beautiful but also varied and it is my hope that, by the time pupils leave Kelsale, they will have some knowledge of the names of these trees and their life cycle. The old oak tree has a girth of almost eight metres and is registered as an ancient tree with the Woodland Trust. We planted a native hedgerow along our western fence which attracts a good range of birdlife and insects.

We have planted several apple, pear and plum trees in the grounds. Pupils can watch them throughout the year and see the apples develop from the blossom in the spring. They enjoy eating the fruit from the trees in September. Last year pupils peeled and cored the Bramleys and Lucy, our school cook, stewed these and froze them to use them in making puddings through the winter.

The vegetable garden and poly tunnel produce a large array of vegetables, most of which are used in the kitchen and the surplus sold to staff and parents to buy seed and fertiliser for the next season. However, mange-tout and peas rarely make it beyond the garden as they are devoured there by the children. It always surprises us when children express their surprise when they pull a carrot or dig up a potato. Of course most pupils only see these washed and prepared as they are found in the supermarket. Strawberries are abundant in season and enjoyed by all.

We make our own compost, which is spread annually over the garden beds by the children. They enjoy finding the worms and taking them to the ever grateful chickens that live in the corner of the field. Teachers take pupils for learning walks in the grounds in different seasons so that they gain an understanding of the seasonal cycle of the trees and insects.

The grounds also provide opportunities for a range of sports and games. We have managed to maintain the swimming pool, making improvements to it over the years, where other schools have let theirs go. It really is an asset and our pupils become confident swimmers before they leave school. The Friends of the School have raised £10K through fund-raising at school and are currently seeking grants to add to this in order to completely refurbish the pool, changing sheds and surrounds. If anyone knows where a grant can be obtained – please let us know!

At Kelsale School we enjoy our grounds and hope that pupils come to appreciate all the flora and fauna. It is so easy to overlook the natural beauty around us. It is also our hope that pupils will take an interest in gardening, enjoying producing food themselves in the future.

*Carolyn Taylor
Head Teacher*

The Sound of Summer & Operation Turtle Dove

There are few birds which encapsulate such emotive images of warm sunny days in the English countryside as the turtle dove. Returning to breed in the UK from late April, to many the gentle purr of the male turtle dove is the evocative sound of summer. Yet, for all our cultural affection for the species, which we see as a symbol of love and commitment and even include in song lyrics such as in 'the twelve days of Christmas', we are at real risk of seeing them disappear from our countryside.

Turtle doves are experiencing such dramatic losses that numbers are halving every six years and they are now the UK's fastest declining bird. Reasons for their decline are complex and not completely understood, especially as turtle doves are a migratory species, which means they face threats right across their migratory route. But research shows that they are now having half the number of nesting attempts during a breeding season compared to 50 years ago and that this may be linked to a change in diet. In the 1960s turtle doves mainly ate the seeds of arable plants, but by the 1990s this had changed to a diet of mainly crops – possibly a result of arable plants themselves becoming scarcer. This change in diet has happened alongside the reduction in nesting attempts and whilst a number of factors will be effecting this fragile population, the reduction in nesting attempt alone is enough to explain the current rate of decline.

But there is still hope. Operation Turtle Dove is a partnership between RSPB, Pensthorpe Conservation Trust, Conservation Grade and Natural England. Together, we are working to secure the future of turtle doves by identifying the main factors of their decline and implementing urgent and practical solutions. As part of this project, dedicated advisers are working with farmers to establish more foraging habitat for turtle doves across their core breeding grounds. Suffolk supports almost 17% of the UK breeding population, so habitat here will be crucial for their long term survival.

We can all do our bit.

- Put some conservation power behind your pound: next time you do your weekly shop, buy products that are 'Fair to Nature'.
- Use your consumer power to tell our shops that you want products that have been produced from farms that are doing their bit for wildlife. Fair to Nature farmers have dedicated at least 5-10% of their farm towards habitat for wildlife. Find out more by visiting www.conservationgrade.org.
- If you are lucky enough to get turtle doves in your garden, ensure a variety of small seeds and clean water is available and keep feeding areas clean to prevent the spread of disease.
- Keep your eyes and ears alert for glimpses of this fantastic bird this summer. Records can be sent to turtledove@rspb.org.uk – and also Charles Cuthbert (see his article below).

For more information visit: www.operationturtledove.org and follow @SaveTurtleDoves on twitter. I am your local Turtle Dove Conservation Adviser, so call/email me for habitat advice: Samantha.lee@rspb.org.uk or 07894 802267.

*Samantha Lee
RSPB*

Turtle Doves in Kelsale cum Carlton (update 2012-2015)

Soon after moving to Kelsale in 2012 I discovered to my delight that there were Turtle Doves in the area close to my home! As Samantha Lee says above, the beautiful 'purring' song of the Turtle Dove is to my ear one of the most wonderful sounds of a summer's day. Sadly, in just one generation, Turtle Doves have disappeared from most of their former range in Britain, yet here in Kelsale-cum-Carlton, this special bird still hangs on and we are fortunate indeed!



Last Spring I asked various people for information about our local Turtle Doves and a short article was published in New Oasis. Shortly afterwards, Sam, the RSPB's Turtle Dove Project Officer, visited the village and began working with a number of local land managers to raise awareness, give advice, and to explore various conservation measures, with the enthusiastic support of Kim Bayford from the Poacher's Pocket.

Sam's work is continuing and we hope that her efforts can help to conserve our local Turtle Doves as part of a national programme with farmers, land managers and other partners. Meanwhile, I agreed to summarise the results of my enquiries and personal observations of Turtle Doves in the parish, and these are set out below. May I thank everyone who gave helpful information about Turtle Doves during the last three seasons, and ask for any additional reports to add to my records. This year (2015) I will carry out a more systematic search for Turtle Doves

so that we can have a better understanding of their preferred sites and habitats, and any new records will be of real help in completing the picture.

The Turtle Dove is a summer visitor to Britain, arriving from Africa in April or May, and leaving in September. It is shy and more often heard than seen, thanks to its distinctive and deep 'purring' song that carries some distance, particularly in the early morning or the quiet of a summer afternoon or evening. This sounds like 'turrtrrrrrr turrtrrrrrr turrtrrrrrr', often repeated many times. If you hear or see one, please let me know (01728 604898 c.r.cuthbert@gmail.com)! The information we most need is: date; location/site; number of Turtle Doves; activity (feeding or song).

Summary of sightings

2012	<p><i>Town Farm, North Green: 1 in song on 08.08; 1 present again on 03.09 (CRC)</i></p> <p><i>Maple Farm, East Green: 1-3 pairs reported breeding at the farm (William Kendall)</i></p> <p><i>Rosemary Lane: 1 seen 03.09 (CRC)</i></p>
2103	<p><i>Maple Farm, East Green: 1 in song on several dates May-June (CRC)</i></p> <p><i>Curlew Green: 1, probably 2 in song on several dates May-June (CRC/ECC)</i></p> <p><i>Main Road to Poachers Pocket P.H., Rosemary Lane: 1 in song on various dates May (CRC)</i></p>
2014	<p><i>Town Farm, North Green: 1 seen 25.06 (CRC)</i></p> <p><i>Maple Farm, East Green: pair seen 05.05 (ECC); 1 in song early June (Malcolm Currie)</i></p> <p><i>Curlew Green/Dorleys Corner: 1, probably 2 in song on 15.05, 24.05, 31.05 (CRC/ECC/Pam Garratt)</i></p> <p><i>Main Road to Poachers Pocket and Mill Farm Campsite, Rosemary Lane: 1 or 2 seen and heard in song on many dates from 28.04-26.06 (CRC/ECC/Kim Bayford/Maggi Strutt).</i></p>
Other reports	<p><i>Kelsale residents have variously reported Turtle Dove sightings in the last five years, mainly from their gardens, and at various locations including Bridge Street, East Green, Curlew Green, Rosemary Lane and Carlton Road.</i></p> <p><i>These observers include Nick Denny, Robin Potter, Janet Barnes, Vic Barrington-Phillips, Pam Garratt and Jenny Bridson.</i></p>

My thanks to a number of people for their help with my surveys, in particular Eileen Cuthbert, Kim Bayford, Ray Ellis, Maggie Strutt and Jerry Bowdrey. I would also like to thank Samantha Lee of the RSPB for her excellent work in promoting and supporting Turtle Dove conservation in and around Kelsale, and finally to Geoff Fordham for his interest from the outset.

Charles Cuthbert

SFPT news: we need to “think wildlife corridors”

In the 1989 fantasy film, 'Field of Dreams', radical author Terence Mann urges Ray Kinsella to build a baseball field to attract the spirit of a great dead player, saying: 'Build it and he will come'.

The quote is now widely used substituting 'he' for 'they' and suggests that if you give us the opportunity, we will succeed. It is particularly relevant to enhancing and developing our environment. It's got to be the essence of any wildlife project such as ours at the Suffolk Flora Preservation Trust - if we provide the pristine environment, then we will be inundated with all manner of wild things, with turtle doves flocking to nest in our thick, mature hawthorn hedges. Except that it doesn't work like that. We have no turtle doves as yet and no bats either. We will do in the near future because that is what all our industrious volunteer Guardians are working towards, but it will take time.

How then can we speed up this slow improvement, not just at the Fromus Simpson Reserve but at Orchid Glade and indeed everywhere where people are trying to improve natural ecosystems? The answer lies in linking up all these larger areas of nature conservation - the reserves, parks, lakes, woods and so on. Nature is a very complex interrelationship of life and not everywhere has everything it needs to flourish. They need to share and swap resources. So for us at our Reserve, we need to encourage the inflow of the plants that produce the small seeds so particular to a turtle dove diet - fumitory, common vetch, clover and black medic. We need moths and other insects to invade to feed bats and we need bees to pollinate plants. Without this our bat and owl boxes will be empty and no plants will thrive; the land will stagnate.

We are encouraging everyone to think 'wildlife corridors'. These are the pathways that not only plants and animals a haven, but encourage them to spread and find the larger refuges such as at our sites, where they can proliferate in protected peace. Vitally, the corridors allow the free movement of genes in a population preventing inbreeding and making the organisms much better able to cope with the inevitable changes in environmental conditions.

The green corridors can be large and continuous links or small stepping stones. The continuous highways will run between more substantial areas of habitat and are roadside verges, rivers, hedges and small woods. These are under the control of organisations such as the Environment Agency or local authority or farmers.

We must keep up the pressure to ensure that their health is maintained. We on the Parish Council are trying to persuade Suffolk County Council to overhaul their verge trimming to remove the cuttings to reduce the soil fertility and encourage wild flowers.

- A benchmark for all farms is at Peakhill Farm where Rob and Karen White have developed the margins of their fields to soften the impact on wildlife

crossing from one habitat (field) to a completely alien one (hedge), the so-called 'edge effect'. It blends the two areas perfectly with the margins a teeming corridor of life.

- The small stepping stones between larger areas of habitat are gardens, ponds and ditches which we can *all* take part in developing. They provide stepping off points to other regions as stepping stones in a stream.

If we could improve the network of green corridors we could help bypass the damaging effects of humans on the environment, help to balance our natural places, and certainly enrich the life of our community. We will have at least started building it, so they can come.

If you would like to become a Guardian of the Suffolk Flora Preservation Trust please go to the website www.suffolkflora.org for more information. The Trust is also keen to track down old photographs of the reserve landscape. If you have pictures in your family albums of people working in the fields in Kelsale or if you just have landscape shots showing fields and banks, and there is a chance that they were taken in the reserve, then John Rainer is keen to hear from you. johnr@suffolkflora.org.

Paul Parry

100 Club News

I am pleased to announce that although a few of last year's members did not renew their subscriptions for 2015 we have managed to increase the membership of Kelsale cum Carlton's 100 Club to 107! This means we have even more money to hand out in prizes. We have decided to have monthly prizes (drawn on the last Friday of the month at the Coffee Club in the Committee room) as follows: 1st Prize £30; 2nd Prize £15; 3rd Prize £5, with bonus prizes in December of: 1st Prize £50; 2nd Prize £25; 3rd Prize £10.

Winners:	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize
November	8 Chiara Stuttard	50 Gladys Clark	36 Joss Shove
December	13 Chuck Garratt	18 Tony Denny	24 Margaret Rowe
January	26 Jenny Lambert	13 Chuck Garratt	81 Lisa Edmunds

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Recipe Corner

Marmalade is not just for toast – here's a Nigella approach to a delicious pudding, which would also work with lemons or other fruit:

Baked Marmalade Sponge Pudding

- 250 grams soft unsalted butter (plus some for greasing)
- 75 grams caster sugar
- 75 grams light brown sugar
- 225 grams marmalade (75g of which is for the glaze)
- 225 grams plain flour
- ½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 4 large eggs
- Zest and juice of 1 orange (reserve juice of ½ orange for glaze)

Preheat the oven to 180°C/gas mark 4/350°F and butter a 24cm/8inch square ovenproof dish. Put the 75g marmalade and juice of ½ orange into a small pan and set aside to make a glaze later.

Put all the other ingredients for the pudding batter into a food processor, process them and then pour and scrape the batter into the buttered dish, smoothing the top. If you're not using a processor, cream the butter and both sugars by hand or with a hand-mixer, beat in the marmalade followed by the dry ingredients, then the eggs and finally the orange zest and juice.

Put in the oven and cook for about 40 minutes – though give a first check after 30 minutes – by which time the sponge mixture will have risen and a cake tester will come out clean-ish. Remove from the oven and leave in the dish.

Warm the glaze mixture in the pan until melted together, then paint the top of the sponge. The sponge will keep its orange-scented warmth for quite a while once out of the oven, so you could make it before you sit down for your main course. Serve with custard, cream or yogurt.

Rachael Fordham

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Wildlife quiz

- Which is the longest lived land mammal after man?
- Which creature produces gossamer?
- Which mammal do Germans call a flying mouse?
- Which has the most teeth: reptiles, fish or mammals?
- What is the longest lived tree native to Britain?
- Which is the fastest: hare, horse or greyhound?
- How long does a Eurasian Robin live, on average: 2, 4, 6, 8 or ten years?
- What's the collective name for a group of frogs?
- How quickly can a housefly complete its life cycle (from egg to adult) in ideal conditions?
- Roe and Sika are both kinds of what?

Solutions to Christmas Quiz

- 1 When a child is born, We three kings, Frosty the snowman, Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, Silent Night.
- 2 Rabbit, 3 Holland, 4 Oliver Cromwell, 5 Twelfth Night, 6 Body of Christ, 7 Swaddled baby Jesus, 8 Phillipines, 9 Poul, 10 a mince pie.

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The deadline for the submission of hard copy for the Winter edition will be
22nd May 2015.

Please consult the Parish Clerk or Geoff Fordham – geoff.fordham@gfa.co.uk

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Uses for Bonfire Night Funds

The bonfire last year raised more than £1,800 for local causes – after provision had been made to finance this year's bonfire party. We invited applications from local clubs and organisations and at the last parish council the following grants were awarded:

£1,000 to Kelsale Village Hall Management Committee towards repairs to the soffit

£350 to Kelsale Carpet Bowls Club towards a new set of woods

£420 to Kelsale Primary School - new football/rugby strip

Although we had no application, we decided to give £100 to Suffolk Fire Service Benevolent Fund, as they're always ready to attend the bonfires, and without them we couldn't proceed.

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For more information call Vicky Hutchinson, Dementia Development Community Officer on 07841 460379 or 01473 353055