

# NEWTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## NEWTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Dear Residents

You will remember from last month's Newsletter, that Newton Parish Council has embarked on the consultation process of the Newton Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan). You have until the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to let us know your views on the proposals and inside you will find the information on how you can do this.

We want to hear from as many of you as possible and for you to tell us what you think of the Plan. This could be that you support the Plan or that you have issues or concerns about aspects of it. If you have issue or concerns would you please refer to the precise paragraph of the Plan document; tell us what should be changed; and what wording should be used instead.

The complete version of the Plan can be found on the Newton Neighbourhood Plan pages of the Newton website [www.newton.onesuffolk.net/np](http://www.newton.onesuffolk.net/np)

COVID-19 is presenting us with difficulties in providing a full paper copy for your review and holding a public meeting in the Village Hall to allow you to raise any questions on the Plan, so we have made the following arrangements:

- The Parish Clerk, Dave Crimmin has a printed copy which can be delivered to a resident by arrangement by calling 01787 375085
- We have also arranged two Zoom meetings so that you can ask us any questions on the Plan.  
The meetings will be held on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020, the first between 2pm and 3pm and the second between 7pm and 8pm.**
- Please feel free to drop into the meetings at any time with your questions.
- The joining instructions, are on the next page of this Newsletter

I look forward to seeing you on the 16<sup>th</sup> September if not sooner.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Paul Presland**

**Chairman, Newton Parish Council**

## ZOOM JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

If you are unsure how to join, please read the information on this weblink  
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>

### Link to join meeting

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NewtonVillageNewsletter/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/NewtonVillageNewsletter/)

### NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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# Newton Neighbourhood Plan

## **Publication of the Newton Neighbourhood Plan (Pre-Submission Version) The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 14)**

Newton Parish Council, as the qualifying body, and supported by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, has prepared a Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) for the period to 2036 for the Newton Parish. The Plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning proposals locally.

Newton Parish Council is now inviting comments on the proposals in this Pre-Submission version of the Plan before it is submitted to Babergh District Council for formal consideration and wider consultation.

The consultation opens for comment at 12 noon on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 for 8 weeks ending at 5pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

An online version of the Plan can be found on the Newton Neighbourhood Plan pages of the Newton website at [www.newton.onesuffolk.net](http://www.newton.onesuffolk.net)

The Parish Clerk, Dave Crimmin also has a printed copy which can be delivered to residents / picked-up by non-residents by arrangement by calling 01787 375085.

### **How to make representations:**

- For your comments to be taken into account we will require your Name, Postcode, Organisation or Body (if you are not an individual) to be included with your representation.
- Please make additional separate representations if you are responding in different capacities. For example, you are an individual, but you are also an organisation or body or business.

### **Comments and representations on the Plan can be submitted via:**

- Email to [newtonpc2@gmail.com](mailto:newtonpc2@gmail.com)
- Posted or delivered to Newton Parish Council, Cragston, Sudbury Road, Newton, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 0QH

After the consultation period and when the Submission version of the Plan is released to Babergh District Council, comments will be identifiable by name, organisation or body. All other personal information provided will be protected according to the Data Protection Act 2018 and will not be made available online or otherwise.

Any questions about the consultation should be emailed to Dave Crimmin, Clerk to Newton Parish Council at [newtonpc2@gmail.com](mailto:newtonpc2@gmail.com)

## **Playing Field Redevelopment Update**

The Parish Council was very pleased to receive an excellent response from contractors interested in installing our new playground facilities. Over the past three weeks Councillors have been discussing the advantages and disadvantages of each tender against the criteria that was sent out to all interested parties. It has not been an easy task but we hope to come to a final decision by the first week in September. The Council will then call for references for the preferred contractor and provided they meet the required standards, the company will be offered the contract. Once contracts have been signed, we hope work can commence at the end of September.

Inevitably, there will be some disruption on the playing field in the coming months and, therefore, we ask villagers to keep away from the three construction sites. Access to the field for pedestrians will be via the bridge or by the entrance off the A 134 near Pond Cottage. The entrance off the road leading to Mill House will be out of use for villagers because this will become the entry for contractors vehicles.

The Council will provide a further progress report in the October newsletter but in the meantime, if you have any enquiries about the redevelopment, please do not hesitate to contact our Clerk Mr Dave Crimmin.

Thank you for your cooperation

**Paul Presland**

**NPC Chairman**

## **SPEEDING TRAFFIC THROUGH OUR VILLAGE**

We are all aware of the speed vehicles are still travelling through our village. The Parish Council has purchased some new Speed Reduction signs in an effort to ensure the 30mph signs are not ignored. Although these signs are owned by Newton, Suffolk Highways has agreed to erect suitably robust posts on which to secure our cameras. Unfortunately their workload is particularly heavy at the moment and I think 'patience' is the current watch word.

In the meantime, we are looking for volunteers to become part of a Neighbourhood Speed Watch team to be a 'presence' once a week outside of the Saracen's Head.

If any villager wants to get involved in this community activity, please contact the Newton Parish Council Clerk. Dave Crimmin. [newtonnpc2@gmail.com](mailto:newtonnpc2@gmail.com) Training and High Visibility vests will be provided.

**Newton Parish Council**

# Saracens Head Newton Green



Our opening hours are as follows:

**Monday, Tuesday**- Closed

**Wednesdays** - lunchtime 12pm -3pm (food served 12pm-2pm)  
Evening 6pm-10pm (food served 6pm-8.30pm)

**Thursdays** - lunchtime 12pm-3pm (food served 12pm-2pm)  
Evening 6pm-10pm (food served 6pm-8.30pm)

**Fridays** - lunchtime 12pm-3pm (food served 12pm-2pm)  
Evening 5pm-11pm (food served 5pm-8.30pm)

**Saturday** - 12pm-4pm (food served 12pm-2pm)  
Evening 5pm-11pm (food served 5pm-8.30pm)

**Sunday** - open all day 12pm-8pm (food served 12pm-6pm)

*We look forward to seeing all our customers old & new!*

**We have taken every step to ensure our customers and staff are safe  
as we re-open and there are new procedures in place.**

**Booking is essential, call us on 01787-379036**

## KEY INFORMATION

### Village Hall

The Village Hall is closed and no clubs or activities are taking place until further notice.

### All Saints Church

SERVICES HAVE RESUMED AND ALWAYS TAKE PLACE ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

THE NEXT SERVICE WILL BE ON **SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER at 11.00a.m.**

**ALL WELCOME.**

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER ON EVERY SUNDAY From 10.30am until 4pm.

### Mobile Library

Saturday's, 16:45 calling on:

12 September, 10 October, 7 November, 5 December

### Recycling Centres

By booking an appointment only <https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres/suffolk-recycling-centres-booking-page>

## LOCKDOWN LUXURIES

As lockdown continues and the novelty of devising meals from out of date tins and packets in your cupboards wears off, thought a list of takeaways etc. might be useful. Some will deliver, others you need to book a time to collect.

**Painters Café in Sudbury** [www.5qr.uk/painterscafe](http://www.5qr.uk/painterscafe) do lovely cakes and afternoon teas.

**The Lion at Lamarsh** [reservations@lamarshlion.co.uk](mailto:reservations@lamarshlion.co.uk) 01787227007

Do all sorts of takeaways including fish and chips on Friday and Sunday roasts.

**Lordy's** [www.lordydesserts.co.uk](http://www.lordydesserts.co.uk)

as the name suggests lovely cakes and desserts and alcoholic milkshakes.

**White Horse Gt Waldingfield** 01787371314

**Assington Country Kitchen** [www.assingtonkitchen.com](http://www.assingtonkitchen.com)

**Shoulder of Mutton Assington** [www.shoulderofmutton.com](http://www.shoulderofmutton.com) 01787 210334

**Oh My Cod** 01787 378222

**The Codfather** 01787 882100

**Ballington Indian Restaurant** 01787 376777 or 313666

**India, North Street** 01787 881880

**Melford Valley Indian** [www.melfordvalley.com](http://www.melfordvalley.com) 01787 311518

**Alaz Turkish Restaurant** [www.alazrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.alazrestaurant.co.uk) 01787 370001

**Coxes Boxes** [www.coxboxes.com](http://www.coxboxes.com)

## **Suffolk Churches Historic Ride and Stride**

This annual event has survived Covid 19 and takes place on September 5th. People from around Suffolk cycle or walk to as many redundant churches as possible to raise funds for Historic Churches who are responsible for their upkeep. 50% of the sponsorship goes to the Historic Churches and the other 50% goes to a church of the choice of the participants. This event is particularly important to our church as our Nave comes under the Historic Churches umbrella.

Two villagers , Marianne and Richard Anthony have volunteered to take part and will be donating half of the money they raise to our church. If you would like to sponsor them please contact me on [sue\\_presland@hotmail.com](mailto:sue_presland@hotmail.com)

**Many thanks**  
**Sue Presland**

## **Suffolk Churches Ride And Stride 2020**

On Saturday September 12th we are going to take part in the Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride. Due to the Corona Virus the church has been unable to raise any funds since March so we would be very grateful for any sponsorship.

The money we raise will be split between All Saints Church here in Newton and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

Any donations can either be left at 8, Links View or with Paul Presland at Redwoods, Church Road.

Thank you!

Marianne and Richard



Contributions for the next Newsletter  
by 21<sup>st</sup> September please to the Editor:

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Telephone: 01787 377664 email: [newtonvillagenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:newtonvillagenewsletter@gmail.com)

## **NEWS FROM FIRESIDE CLUB**

As the Fireside Club will not be meeting in the Village Hall for the foreseeable future I am taking this opportunity to stand down and pass on the organisation to younger management. Thank you all for your support in the time I have been in charge. I wish the Club continued success for the future.

**Wendy**

### **NEWTON GREEN FIRESIDE CLUB QUIZ (S)**

1. What name is given to a group of bees led by a queen?
2. What is the national symbol of Ireland?
3. What is a surgeon's knife called?
4. How many sides has a septagon?
5. By what abbreviation was the elite corps of Nazi Germany known?
6. What word board game was invented by James Brunot?
7. What cocktail comprises vodka and fresh orange juice?
8. Tiger and Thresher are species of what?
9. On what river does Brussels stand?
10. What is a musical composition for full orchestra in several movements called?
11. In music, what do four crotchets make?
12. What is the medical name for the breastbone?
13. What is the State capital of California?
14. What name is given to loose rocks on a mountainside?
15. What is the heraldic name for black?
16. What is the name of the oldest university in France?
17. What is the largest musical instrument in the tuba family?
18. If you had a Cambridge Rival in your mouth what would you be eating?
19. What name is given to the pouch worn on the front of a kilt?
20. Which English city is renowned for its quality cutlery?



**DRAFT NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020 via Videoconference

**Present:** Councillors Paul Presland (Chairman), Rita Schwenk, Laura Smith and Sue Vince.

**Attending:** Lee Parker (Babergh District Council) and Dave Crimmin (Clerk).

**20/203 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Bower (holiday) and Taylor (harvesting) gave their apologies as did James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor).

**20/204 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation**

No interests were declared and no requests for dispensation had been received.

**20/205 Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors who resolved that the minutes should be digitally signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**20/206 Public Forum**

Councillors reviewed James Finch's previously submitted report. Lee Parker updated councillors on his Locality Budget that NPC were eligible to make an allocation for a suitable project.

**20/207 Emails circulated**

Following a review of the emails circulated by the Clerk since the last meeting, the councillors requested that the proposed Government White Paper on the Planning process be an agenda item for the September 2020 meeting.

**20/208 Finance**

- a. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in the RFO Report (Appendix A), were authorised by the councillors. The councillors also noted the income received since the last meeting.
- b. Cllr Presland has taken the mandate change form to Barclays to update the bank signatories on two occasions but the queue lengths had been too long. He will use the phone process to get the correspondent details for NPC's bank accounts changed to the Clerk.

**20/209 Planning**

- a. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application DC/20/02719 1 Church Road** - Erection of a residential log cabin and resolved to support the application based on its proposed use.
- b. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application DC/20/03108 Land At Airey Close** - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for the removal or variation of a Condition following grant of planning permission DC/19/03383 subsequently varied by DC/20/02323 - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) and Condition 5 (Provision of Parking) - to facilitate car port to be added to plot 2 and resolved their support of the application.
- c. The councillors reviewed the grounds of **Appeal APP/D3505/W/20/3252989** against refusal of DC/20/00019 Woodean, Links View - Erection of 1no. dwelling and creation of vehicular access. The councillors resolved that they now supported the refusal of the application by the LPA and now wished to record their objection to the application based on the following grounds:
  - i. Over development of site
  - ii. Inadequate on-site parking provision
  - iii. Lack of amenity on the proposed site.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Council adopted the General Power of Competence on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**DRAFT     NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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- d. No further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted requiring a response before the next meeting.
- e. The councillors reviewed the status of previous applications and appeals (Appendix B). The councillors discussed the erection of a shed in the village, which has raised questions from residents on whether planning permission is required for this size of building. Cllr Presland will discuss the issue with the owners of the property, and if necessary, the Clerk will be instructed to raise the issue with Enforcement.

**20/210     Neighbourhood Plan**

As the qualifying body, the councillors considered the draft Newton Neighbourhood Plan for its publication as the Pre-Submission Version under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 14). The parish council will compile any issues it has with the draft at the September 2020 meeting. The councillors resolved unanimously to proceed with the Regulation 14 stage of the NP process.

**20/211     Fireworks 2020**

The councillors reviewed the likelihood of being able to hold the annual fireworks display in November 2020 and discussed at length:

- COVID-19 restrictions making it impossible to hold such an event currently and no indications as to when the restrictions may be lifted
- the delay in the project planning for the event
- the fact that the Recreation Ground will probably be in the middle of installation of the new play equipment.

In conclusion, the councillors resolved reluctantly to cancel the fireworks event for this year.

**20/212     Questions to the Chair**

Cllr Schwenk requested the Clerk to contact SCC Rights of Ways team with a number of issues relating to the Newton footpaths.

**20/213     NPC Standing Orders**

In accordance to NPC's Standing Order 3d the councillors resolved the exclusion of the public and press from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the Clerk's Contract of Employment and the commercial confidentiality of the tenders for the Recreation Ground.

**20/214     Clerk's Contract of Employment**

The councillors confirmed the successful completion of the Clerk's probationary period as at the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and that he has now become a permanent member of staff from the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

**20/215     Recreation Ground**

Cllr Presland updated councillors that at the closing of the tender period at 12noon on the 3rd August 2020, NPC had received 7 quotations for the MUGA, 5 quotations for the Play Equipment and 4 quotations for the Forever Fit Equipment. The response in terms of both numbers and quality was far higher than expected. The working party had made an initial review of the quotations but required more time to propose options for the council's consideration. It was agreed that Cllrs Smith, Schwenk, Vince and Presland will meet over the coming week to compare their evaluations of the quotations so that NPC can meet by the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to confirm the contracts to be awarded. The Clerk to write to suppliers informing them of progress. The councillors agreed to look at the option of providing an electrical outlet in the Recreation Ground from the Village Hall.

**DRAFT NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020 via Videoconference**20/216 Next Meeting**

The next scheduled NPC meeting will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020, starting at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.13 pm.

**Appendix A RFO Report****Receipts & Payments**

Date	Details	Cheque	Power	Receipts	Payments
08/06/20	Bank Interest	BS1		3.00	0.00
08/06/20	Bank Interest	BS1		14.19	0.00
09/06/20	HMRC VAT Repayment			1,419.14	0.00
12/08/20	A Burdis - NP Print costs	101247	Localism Act 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	88.34
12/08/20	PA Scammell - Notice Board repair	101248	Localism Act 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	185.00
12/08/20	Sudbury TC - Community Wardens	101249	Localism Act 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	53.15

**Appendix B Planning Status**

BDC Ref	Application	NPC Ref	NPC Response	BDC Response
APP/D3505/W/20/3245021	Appeal against refusal of DC/19/05143 The Organic Box, Rectory Road - erection of detached dwelling and cartlodge.			Appeal Dismissed 24/07/2020
DC/20/01484	Brook Farm, Sudbury Road - Erection of 2no. single storey dwellings with garages (Alternative scheme to that approved under DC/17/05831).	20/163a	Object	
DC/20/02208	Adjoining Parish - Old Joe's Driving Range, Joes Road, Great Cornard - Erection of dwelling for site manager.	20/177a	Support	REFUSED 22/07/2020
DC/20/02323	Land At Airey Close - Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act for DC/19/03383 for variation of Conditions 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) and 5 (Provision of Parking).	20/192b	No Objections	Permission 14/07/2020
DC/20/02439	Saracens Cottage, The Green - Demolition of existing dwelling, amendments to boundary line and erection of replacement dwelling.	20/192a	Object	

**End of Appendices**

## NEWTON GREEN FIRESIDE CLUB QUIZ (A)

### ANSWERS

1. What is the eleventh sign of the Zodiac? **Aquarius.**
2. What is the smallest indivisible particle of an element called? **Atom**
3. What 7 letter word means to withhold one's vote from an election? **Abstain**
4. For what crime was Ann Boleyn executed in 1536? **Adultery**
5. What is the name of the largest dam on the river Nile? **Aswan**
6. What was the name of the first U.S. space programme to put a man on the moon? **Apollo**
7. What is the flavour of Ouzo, the national drink of Greece? **Aniseed**
8. What was the name of the outpost held by Texan fighters for 13 days against the Mexicans in 1836? **The Alamo**
9. What is the collective name for a group of frogs? **An Army**
10. Globe and Jerusalem are varieties of what? **Artichoke**
11. In the church, what rank is immediately below a Bishop? **Archdeacon**
12. What is the wax-like substance derived from whales and used in perfume called? **Ambergris**
13. What is the Birthstone for March? **Aquamarine**
14. Little Rock is the capital of which U.S. state? **Arkansas**
15. What was the surname of the first woman M.P.? **Astor**
16. Who was the beautiful youth loved by Venus? **Adonis**
17. What is the name of the world's driest desert? **Atacama (in Chile)**
18. The axilla is the technical name for which part of the body? **Armpit**
19. What is the name of the princess in "Sleeping Beauty"? **Aurora**
20. Of which region in Southern Spain is Seville the central city? **Andalucia**

## THE ROW

Between the ages of 5 and 11 I attended Great Waldingfield school. Those war years were very bleak, but every two weeks the library van came with boxes of books. We were allowed one book each to take home and read. My favorite book was "Grimm's Fairy Tales," and I often wondered how these stories, such as "The Little Mermaid," fitted in with real life. It took me several years and many English Literature classes to realize that these stories contained the archetypes around which our lives are built and revolve. In searching my memory for information on the inhabitants of "The Row," at Newton Green, I found myself relating these people to fairy story characters.

The row of five houses still exists and faces the War Memorial on the main Sudbury road. They are numbered one to five, starting at the Head Pond end. A varied collection of personages lived in these cottages. The Vinces lived in "Green View," which was number 5. The Row consisted of five two storey terraced cottages. They were built of red brick, and mainly each consisted of two bedrooms, a living room and kitchen. The lavatories were separate ivy-covered buildings which were shared by the cottage inhabitants.

There was no electricity nor gas, and a deep well behind number 1 cottage provided all the water we needed. The gardens behind the Row were well kept and provided fruits and vegetables. A brick wall surrounded the cottages, protecting them from traffic and intruders. Paraffin lamps were used for lighting, and candles lit the bedrooms at night. Paraffin stoves were used for cooking. Each cottage had a fireplace in the living room on which could be burned wood or coal. There was an oven on the side of the stove for baking. In the kitchen there was a copper wash pot which was usually lit on Monday morning to boil the white clothes to sparkling cleanliness.

With no running water and no sink in the kitchen, buckets of water were brought from the well. Waste water was emptied on the back garden. Hot water for dishes was boiled in sooty black kettles. The once a week bath water was heated in large saucepans - often filled from the rainwater barrels outside.

With no electricity - everything was powered by hand or elbow. But we still managed to have a happy life, with every holiday and birthday celebrated. Of course, there was no television, but we did have a battery powered radio and a piano to make music on. We also had a hand powered sewing-machine on which to make dresses and other garments.

I remember each person who lived in the cottages during the war years with much respect for their steadfast determination to endure whatever life might bring them.

In Cottage number 1 lived Miss Kathleen Hurrell, or Auntie Kate, as we called her. She was a spinster lady, but to us she was like a fairy godmother.

In Cottage number 2 lived Mr. and Mrs. Bill Biggs. He was a gamekeeper for Oliver's Farm. His wife was very supportive of him, but to us he was a very scary character. He made me think of the woodcutter in "Little Red Ridinghood," while Mrs. Biggs was the Mother Nature type.

In Cottage number 3 lived Mr. and Mrs. Fosker. She reminded me of Sleeping Beauty since she was often required to stay in bed because of illness. He was a hard working man, rather unkempt. He worked for Stanley Wade. He wore tattered buskins and seemed to mirror the Scarecrow from the "Wizard of Oz."

In Cottage number 4 lived Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chinery. They were also "Wizard of Oz" characters - the witch and the tin man.

The Vinces lived in number 5. Our mother, Hilda, reminded me of a "Mother Goose" character. She was a great story teller; while Alan, our father was a good manager of pigs and chickens. Old MacDonald seemed to suit his demeanor.

Miss Hurrell, "Auntie Kate," was a tall slender lady. Her white hair was done up in a French twist. She had blue eyes and wrinkled skin, but she was very elegant. Her clothes were from the 30s era, and she wore tailored suits with gored skirts for best. When she really wanted to look her finest, she also wore a stylish felt hat and a fox fur stole. For every day she always had a neat print dress and apron to match.

In August 1940 when my brother Alan was born, Miss Hurrell helped our mother through the childbirth. Mother had Nurse Jones to attend the birth, but no doctor was on hand. Mrs. Smith from Assington took care of us for two weeks, while mother recuperated.

Miss Hurrell rented Cottage number 1 from my father, Alan Vince. She was originally from Leicester. An older lady, Mrs. James, the mother of Mr. James the shopkeeper, lived with Miss Hurrell for several years. Later, after Mrs. James died, we found out that she had a consumptive disease. This meant that the cottage had to be fumigated. Large yellow sticks of sulphur were placed in the hot fireplace, and the house was sealed up for several weeks.

Later, during the war years, children were evacuated from London to rural areas. Miss Hurrell was assigned to house two little children, while their parents stayed in London. Gussy (Augustus) and Jimmy Hancock became our playmates. We often played snail races or visited Miss Hurrell's summer house made of wood logs under her elderberry tree.

Auntie Kate's garden was a wondrous place, full of flowers and fruit bushes. She grew rosemary and lavender, gypsophila and violas. She had raspberry canes and red currant bushes.

However, all was not rosy in Auntie Kate's life. She suffered with bouts of asthma. We often watched her as she coughed and coughed, trying to get her breath. She would take out her little can of Potter's Asthma Cure, place a spoonful on a tin lid and light it with a match. As the powder started to smoke, she inhaled the fumes, which made her cough even more. Was it really a cure?

After the war years Auntie Kate left Newton Green to live with her cousin in Stoke-by-Nayland. But she still came to visit us on the Norfolk's bus and would bring us presents at Christmastime.

Mr. & Mrs. Biggs lived in Cottage number 2. I never knew them by their first names. They were a devoted couple, but very quiet people. As I remember them they were already in their sixties. Mr. Biggs worked as a gamekeeper, and his wife maintained the household. As children my sister Sylvia and I were very afraid of Mr. Biggs. He was a short stocky man and wore a beige coat and trousers and a Trilby hat. He always had his double-barreled shotgun under his arm. If he was out in the back garden we would not go past his house. We were never invited inside his house, so we could only see his kitchen through the back door. The kitchen was always very clean and whitewashed. Mr. Biggs was definitely more at home in the woods amongst his animal friends.

Mrs. Biggs was a mystery to us. She was a small, slight woman and didn't make friends with us. She had white hair done in a small bun on the top of her head. Her dress was usually covered completely by a wraparound pinafore type apron, clean, but faded. Her shoes were little brown boots, and she scurried along as she walked. Sometimes we would see her scrubbing her front door step. Her windows were covered by thick lace curtains. She would peek at us from behind them as we walked by. She was very much a background figure, like the trees or the clouds, just standing there watching - a true Mother Nature type of person. When Mr. Biggs died suddenly his wife mourned him for two weeks. Then she herself died of grief.

Mr. and Mrs. Fosker lived in Cottage number 3. They, too, were older people. He worked as a farm hand. One of his jobs was to harvest sugar beet, a very cold and dirty job. He was rather unkempt and had old sacks tied around his legs. He rode his bicycle to work every day. We never saw much of his wife. Sometimes she came out in a wheelchair, but most of her time was spent upstairs in bed. She was rather plump and had snow white hair.

In the number 4 cottage lived Mr. and Mrs. Chinery. They had originally moved from London and were a devoted couple. Neither of them worked. He was a very slow-moving, tall and sturdy man. His wife was just the opposite. She was of medium height, but very slender. She had piercing eyes and wrinkled skin. Her nose was pointed. She wore a black hat, 15

a black coat and black shoes. She was very talkative and had a black cat as a pet. Her legs were all scared and had scorch marks from sitting too close to the fire in the winter time. Mr. Chinery was a very methodical gardener, and his wife kept several chickens at the bottom of their garden.

Every lunch time Mrs. Chinery went to the Saracen's Head for a drink. She was very friendly with the barkeeper Renee Rendall, and was always ready with a joke and a laugh. The Chinery's were of retirement age, and spent their time quietly at home, except for the visits to Saracen's Head. They didn't attend church or chapel, or whist drives. They were good neighbours and always friendly to our family.

The cottage called "Green View" was also Cottage number 5. My father and mother moved there soon after Sylvia was born. We had a large back garden and Sylvia and I were allowed our own little plots of ground near the back gate. I still remember the pretty pink rambler rose that grew there. I have tried to find a similar rose, but to no avail. I wonder if it is still growing in that cottage garden?

The back garden was used for growing vegetables. We grew celery, cabbages and onions, also potatoes. We had raspberry canes and gooseberry bushes. In the side garden I grew chrysanthemums. Dividing the front from the back garden was a beautiful white double lilac tree and a damson tree that had very sour little plum-like fruit. My mother's pride was her red rose and a white Madonna lily. We also had a large apple tree in the front garden, which was always covered with bright red shiny apples every summer. Gooseberry bushes divided our garden from the Chinery's garden next door.

Although our cottage was small, we did have a little front room separate from the living room in which we had an upright walnut piano, a mahogany sideboard and leather horsehair stuffed chairs.

Every Christmas we decorated the living room with paper chains and holly. Father would buy us a small Christmas tree from Cundy's gardens. The little tree was decorated with tiny white candles and tinsel. It was definitely a fire hazard, but we never had an accident with it.

No description of our lives would be complete without mention of the substantial and tasty meals our parents provided. At Christmastime we had the traditional chicken or duck, plum pudding, mince pies and Christmas cake. Ordinary fare consisted of rabbits, pigeons, partridges and hares. Often we had fish brought from Sudbury by Lefley's fish market van - such as cod, haddock, tiny shrimp, mackerel, herring, bloaters and sprats. The meat man and bread man from the Co-op stores kept us well supplied with staples



and cuts of meat. The milk was fetched every day from Jarvis's farm. Mother made delicious jam, greenage, plum, rhubarb and blackberry. Her rice pudding and roly poly were family favorites. No one every forgets her coconut tarts and jam tarts. They went like hot cakes at the chapel annual Harvest Festival sale.

But there were worrisome times also. Especially when the sirens sounded an air raid warning. At night the policeman made sure we obeyed the blackout curfew. If so much as a speck of light showed, there would be a knock on the door and a warning given. We often heard the sounds of doodlebugs and V2 rockets coming over from Germany. We carried gas masks to school, and listened to the radio every night at six o'clock for the day's tragedies.

The memories still linger around the Row. Other owners have the joy of living there now. We moved from "Green View" after my Grandfather Vince died in 1945. My father sold the Row and took charge of the family house which is now "Barn Cottage."

I remember when we had cleaned out "Green View" and moved our furniture to "Barn Cottage." My mother started to sweep out the floors, beginning in the bedrooms. Father said, "You don't need to do that," but Mother felt it was her duty to leave a clean house for the next occupant. She was gathering up all her memories as she worked her way down the stairs and out the backdoor for the last time.

The Row has changed somewhat, but the ambiance remains. The special people that lived there coloured our lives, indicating to us that hard work and perseverance can get you through the tough situations life often offers, and can bring happiness and peace, even if only in glimpses of the past.

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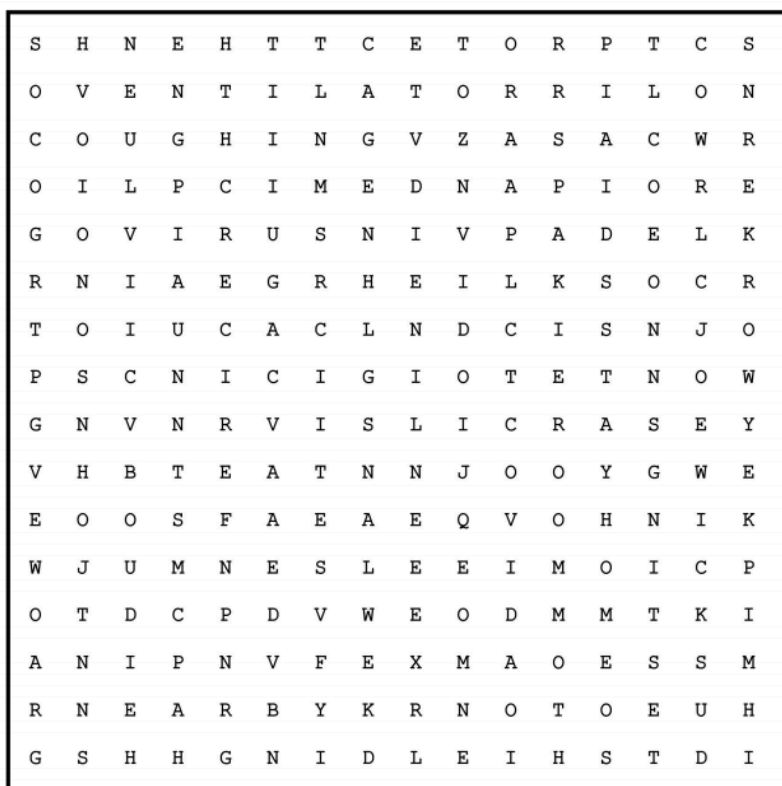
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