



The Christmas Tree Festival is here, and the church is beautifully dressed and open daily until 5th January 2026. There's still time to visit and enjoy the church in all her splendour.

Applause for the Clangers, our handbell ringers, who gave their debut at the Church Carol Service.

See photos and reports inside!

**January – February 2026**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT – TRIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

There are 7 nominations for the 5 vacancies. It's important you have your say and vote. The election is 15th January 2026, at the Village Hall. 7am - 10pm. See Nominations inside.

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January-February 2026



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King495@btinternet.com

### Pilgrim Shelter:

Dot Bradley (after 6.00pm please)

01263 833249

Terry and Linda Brown

01263 834349

Patrick Carpmael 01263 833382

### [www.trimingham.org](http://www.trimingham.org)

(hall hire, shelter hire, what's on,  
village events & news)

Find us on:  Trimingham Hall

**The Pilgrim Shelter's  
kitchen was inspected  
at the end of  
November and got a**



**Thank you, Linda, for  
all your hard work  
achieving this.**

# Village News

As we say goodbye to 2025 and the festive season and look back at the final events of the year with reports from the Pilgrim Shelter and the Halls activities.

This issue includes important Parish matters with **elections for five Parish Councillors** taking place on 15th January, and we encourage everyone to take an interest and have their say. You'll also find updates on the progress of the village projects: Jubilee Wood and the pond at Middle Street, an update from Highways, the Coastwise Jacobs team and changes to our Speed Watch team.

Alongside these updates, there is plenty happening in the village over the coming weeks. At the Pilgrim Shelter, plans are being explored for a **Burns Night Supper**, along with the start of two new clubs. A **Chess Club** will be meeting fortnightly, while a new **Photography Club** welcomes beginners and more experienced photographers alike to share ideas, images, conversation — and cake. **The Clangers** bell ringers will also be returning, and further **Tech Skills for Life** sessions are planned to offer practical support with everyday technology.

The Village Hall continues to host a with a range of activities and events, with something for everyone, and we have a **new Yoga Class** on Sundays.

Finally, I would like to say a personal thank you to everyone who has offered support during a year of eye operations. I am extremely grateful for your kindness.

Sue

# Pilgrim Shelter news from Dot & Linda

We are hoping to arrange a **Burns Night Supper** on Sunday, 25th January. Please let Linda or Dot know if you would like to come, and if there are sufficient numbers we will go ahead and organise this.

We are starting two new Clubs at the Pilgrim Shelter. The first is a **Chess Club** which will start on **Tuesday 13th January** from 7pm to 8pm, and will meet fortnightly. Please contact Terry on 01263 834349. The cost will be £1.50 per person including tea and coffee.

If you are looking for a new hobby for 2026 and like taking photos with a camera or mobile phone, then come along to our new **Photography Club**. We will welcome beginners and the more experienced, agree monthly themes; share images; discuss each other's work; share opinions, ideas and knowledge; inspire each other; have fun and eat cake! The first meeting is **Monday 26th January** 10.30 to 12 noon, and will meet monthly. The cost is £1.50 per person to include a drink and cake. Contact Dot on 01263 833249 (after 6.00pm please).

The members of the **Gardening Club** enjoyed a Christmas Lunch at the Priory Maze at Sheringham. Thank you, Linda, for arranging this.

If you wish to start a new club or sharing a hobby, the Pilgrim Shelter is an ideal venue, let us know and we can ask here if there is any interest.

Holli from Tech Skills for Life Workshop will be back in the new year helping you with internet use. Please note change of time for February date.

Bell Ringing – The Clangers will start to meet again on Tuesday 27th January between 4-5pm and will again meet fortnightly.

Report on next page of the Clangers debut performance at the Carol Service on the 14th Dec.

## 100 Club Draw

| November 2025 |               |        |
|---------------|---------------|--------|
| No 55         | Mrs J Summers | £20.00 |
| No 61         | Mrs M Lyons   | £10.00 |
| No 26         | Mr T Brown    | £5.00  |
| No 4          | Mrs P Kirk    | £5.00  |

| December 2025 |                |        |
|---------------|----------------|--------|
| No 5          | Mrs T Walsh    | £20.00 |
| No 17         | Mrs R Brown    | £10.00 |
| No 33         | Mrs T Turner   | £ 5.00 |
| No 69         | Mrs M Sinfield | £ 5.00 |

... be in it to win it!

For just £1 each month you could be our winner of £20! Winners drawn each month. Get your number from our Treasurer, Mrs S Burwood, on 833941.

# Christmas Tree Festival

After a successful opening weekend on 13-14th December the festival continues to 5th January 2026.



The Church looks beautiful in all her Christmas finery and we hope that you all enjoy the displays.

Thank you for your support of the Chocolate Tombola.

Thank you to Yvonne, Linda and Dot for dressing the church

## Afternoon Tea

Thank you to both Lindas and Dot for the afternoon tea at the Shelter on Sunday, it was delicious as always.



## From Restoration to Ringing: The Handbells' story

The vestry walls were in poor condition, and with support from the **Norfolk Churches Trust**, specialist medieval buildings expert **Will Tyrrell** carried out repairs in two stages: scraping back loose material and repointing in October 2024, followed by resurfacing in August this year. To carry out the repairs, several villagers helped clear out the vestry, and amidst the dust and forgotten items, **Christine Page** rediscovered a long-lost box of **handbells**. The bells are thought to have been originally donated by Rev. Reginald Page, a former Rector and the artist behind the church's beautiful wood carvings. Penny Kirk remembers playing them with her daughter years ago.

**Patrick and June Carpmael** had the handbells cleaned and restored to a playable condition. A couple of straps needed specialist repair, and **Peter in Bacton** polished the rusted bells and restored the worn leather handles. Over the past six months, Patrick has been leading a group of villagers learning to ring the bells. With just eight bells and no sharps or flats, the group had to improvise, working out tunes and harmonies by ear. Their efforts culminated in the Christmas Carol Service, marking the handbells' first public performance.



Crumbling walls



Bells during restoration, left bell showing difference



The Clangers: Terry, Chrissy, Dot, Yvonne, Rowena, June, Linda & Patrick at the Carol Service.

# Entrance made safe and it's also getting Balls!



The repair work to the entrance of the Pilgrim Shelter has now been completed by **Mike Parke (builder)**. Following a structural engineer's survey, the feature above the front door was carefully dismantled and securely reinstated to ensure it is safe, and the rainwater issue has also been addressed, helping to secure the future of the Shelter.

In the last issue we mentioned about exploring the reinstatement of the decorative "balls" and we are pleased to announce, these have been found and agreed by the Parish Council. When in place the entrance will more closely reflect the original design. These are being added in the new year.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience while the work was carried out, and to Mike Parke (builder) for being sympathetic to the users allowing activities to continue whilst these repairs were being made.



## Coastwise Village projects - December update

The current project that we have spoken about over the past months is moving forward...slowly! We have had a couple of obstacles thrown in our way recently, one being that we need a survey to be undertaken regarding the additional water flows we will create by reinstating these two ponds (**Middle Street** and **Jubilee Wood**). Ideally this water would be will be redirected into the Munn but we have to be sure that this additional water flow will not create problems downstream. This is a requirement from the Environment agency. Also it now seems that there could be a need for us to carry some environmental surveys and also seek some planning permissions. However, we are working with this and whilst the delays are very frustrating, we expect to be able to move forward very soon in 2026.

## Trimingham Coastal Erosion Transition Plan – Jacobs team

You will also have seen and heard (and hopefully attended one of their presentations at the hall) about the company Jacobs who have been commissioned to produce a transition plan for our village. This plan will be presented to the Parish Council early in 2026 and will hopefully generate an ongoing discussion regarding how we as a village deal with the coastal changes which are inevitable.

The Jacobs Team wish to than residents for their support and engagement. *Terry*

## Your Speed Watch group

The Speed Watch team and villagers would like to thank **Terry Brown**, who steps down after three years as Group Coordinator, and to welcome **Jeremy Bishop**, who takes on the role.

Speeding through the village remains a concern for residents. Proposed Highways changes of repositioning 30mph signs and new 20mph limit in the village centre, should help, but changing driver behaviour takes time. The visible presence of the Speed Watch team continues to play an important role in improving road safety.

The group is always keen to welcome new volunteers. With more residents involved, sessions can take place more often, helping to make our roads safer for everyone.

If you are interested in joining the team or would like to find out more, please contact **Jeremy on 01263 834893**.

## Looking out for one another this Winter

During the colder winter months, the Village Hall Committee Room is available as a warm, welcoming space if you find yourself without power, or dealing with an unexpected problem and unable to keep warm at home. If the situation arises, please contact **Liz on 07769 362423** and she will arrange for the Committee Room to be opened.

We know our village has many older residents, and sometimes people may be reluctant to ask for help, if you are aware of anyone, have a chat with them, let them know this support is available, and if they're happy for you to do so, contact us on their behalf.

**The Village Hall is here for the community, and in times of need, it is there to help.**

## We await Highways start date

Following the recent consultation on proposed speed limit changes in Trimmingham and neighbouring villages, we are pleased to confirm that the consultation period has now closed and all the required steps have been completed. **We are currently awaiting confirmation from Norfolk County Council of the start date** for the works, as soon as this information is available, it will be shared with residents.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to engage with the consultation. These changes are an important step towards improving road safety in and around our

## Activities at the Hall summary from Liz

Closing the year, in November we held a **Christmas Bazaar** and in December residents were treated to a free **Christmas community event**. Attendees enjoyed mulled wine, mince pies, sausage rolls and nibbles, accompanied with music by **Just William**. A total of £90 was raised for the Hall.

The **Cash bingo** is well attended and it's a fun night out for families, doors open 6:30pm and eyes down 7:15pm. We have a licensed bar and snacks and hot drinks. The raffle at half time has an array of prizes and we always welcome donations especially cakes. **Our next Cash Bingo is Saturday 3rd January.**

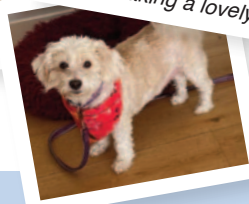
The Tea Dances are now fortnightly on Wednesdays with **Barry Eke** rotating with **Just William** and are very popular. Put on your dancing shoes and join in, everyone is welcome and you don't have to dance, come and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, chat, have a hot drink and cake. Entry is £4.

All other activities are going well and we have a **new Yoga Class** on Sunday mornings, see our weekly events listing.

In October we had a visit from food standards and the Halls kitchen received a 5-star rating.



Maureen (the marvellous baker of the cakes) and Una (raffle ticket seller) making a lovely afternoon.



Trimingham Village Hall Trust AGM – Friday 9th January – 11:30am – All Welcome

# Events at the Pilgrim Shelter

## JANUARY 2026

|      |        |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2nd  | Friday | <b>Crafts</b> – starts at 2pm, contact Dot 833249 (after 6pm)                                                                                                                   |
| 4th  | Sun    | <b>Table Top</b> – Sale of Books & Jigsaws, 9:30am to 1pm, contact Dot                                                                                                          |
| 6th  | Tues   | <b>IT Drop-in Session</b> with Tech Team Coach Holli – 1pm to 3pm                                                                                                               |
| 9th  | Friday | <b>Book Club</b> – starts 2pm contact, Dot 833249 (after 6pm)                                                                                                                   |
| 13th | Tues   | <b>Chess Club</b> – starts 7pm, contact Terry on 834349                                                                                                                         |
| 14th | Weds   | <b>Poppyland</b> – AGM – starts 2pm, contact Dot 833249 (after 6pm)                                                                                                             |
| 16th | Friday | <b>Crafts</b> – starts at 2pm, contact Dot 833249 (after 6pm)                                                                                                                   |
| 21st | Weds   | <b>Coffee Morning</b> – starts 9.00am, contact Linda 834349<br><b>Gardening Club</b> – starts 2pm, contact Dot 833249 (after 6pm)<br><b>Parish Council Meeting</b> – 7pm to 9pm |
| 23rd | Friday | <b>Book Club</b> – starts 2pm contact, Dot 833249 (after 6pm)                                                                                                                   |
| 26th | Mon    | <b>Photography Club</b> – starts 10:30am, contact Dot 833249                                                                                                                    |
| 27th | Tues   | <b>Hand Bell Ringing</b> – starts 4pm, contact Patrick 833382<br><b>Chess Club</b> – starts 7pm, contact Terry on 834349                                                        |
| 28th | Weds   | <b>Soup &amp; Pud</b> – starts 12.30pm, please book with Linda 834349                                                                                                           |
| 30th | Friday | <b>Crafts</b> – starts at 2pm, contact Dot 833249 (after 6pm)<br><b>Quiz Night</b> – starts at 6.30pm, £8 p/p, contact Linda 834349                                             |

## TABLE TOP SALES

First Sunday in the month

**4th January, 2nd February & 1st March 2026**  
**9am to 1pm**

Bacon Rolls, Sausage rolls, Tea, Coffee & Cake  
available throughout the morning.

All proceeds go to the running of the Shelter

## SOUP & PUD LUNCH

Last Wednesday in the month

**12pm for 12.30pm.**

Please let us know if you'd like to come.  
We would be able to cater for 12 people.

Ring Linda or Dot to book a place.

Please let us know a couple of days before.

## Parish council next meeting

Will take place on **Wednesday 21st January** at  
**7.00pm** at the Pilgrim Shelter, following the Parish  
Council elections. Contact the Parish Clerk, Ms J  
Collingwood by email: [clerktrimingham@gmail.com](mailto:clerktrimingham@gmail.com),  
or call 07703 129173 (10am to 4pm, Mon to Fri).

## The Mobile Library

**20th January and**  
**10th February**

**Staden Park**  
**15.35 to 16.00**

**Broadwood Close**  
**16.05 to 16.15**

## Fancy a game of Chess?

Chess for all, beginners and experienced. Our new **Chess Club** starts on **Tuesday 13th January**, **7-8pm**, and will meet **fortnightly**.

Cost: **£1.50** per person, including tea and coffee.

For more information, contact  
**Terry on 01263 834349**

## Snap, share, inspire

New **Photography Club**, phone or camera snappers welcome. Share images, explore monthly themes, swap ideas and inspire each other whilst eating cake. First meeting **Monday 26th January**, 10:30-12 noon and **monthly thereafter**.

**£1.50** per person (includes drink & cake).  
Contact: **Dot** on **01263 833249** (after

### FEBRUARY 2026

|      |        |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2nd  | Sun    | <b>Table Top</b> – 9:30am to 1pm, contact Dot 833249 (after 6pm)                                                                                                        |
| 6th  | Friday | <b>Book Club</b> – starts 2pm, contact Dot 833249 (after 6pm)                                                                                                           |
| 7th  | Sun    | <b>Table Top</b> – 9:30am to 1pm, contact Dot 833249 (after 6pm)                                                                                                        |
| 10th | Tues   | <b>IT Drop-in Session</b> – 12.30 to 2.00pm<br><b>Hand Bell Ringing</b> – starts 4pm, contact Patrick 833382<br><b>Chess Club</b> – starts 7pm, contact Terry on 834349 |
| 11th | Weds   | <b>Poppyland</b> – starts 2pm, contact Dot 833249 (after 6pm)                                                                                                           |
| 13th | Friday | <b>Crafts</b> – starts at 2pm, contact Dot 833249 (after 6pm)                                                                                                           |
| 18th | Weds   | <b>Coffee Morning</b> – starts 9.00am, contact Linda 834349<br><b>Gardening Club</b> – starts 2pm, contact Dot 833249 (after 6pm)                                       |
| 20th | Friday | <b>Book Club</b> – starts 2pm, contact Dot 833249 (after 6pm)                                                                                                           |
| 23rd | Mon    | <b>Photography Club</b> – starts 10:30am, contact Dot 833249                                                                                                            |
| 24th | Tues   | <b>Hand Bell Ringing</b> – starts 4pm, contact Patrick 833382<br><b>Chess Club</b> – starts 7pm, contact Terry on 834349                                                |
| 25th | Weds   | <b>Soup &amp; Pud</b> – starts 12.30pm, please book with Linda 834349                                                                                                   |
| 27th | Friday | <b>Crafts</b> – starts at 2pm, contact Dot 833249 (after 6pm)<br><b>Pub Games</b> – starts at 6.30pm, £7 p/p, contact Linda 834349                                      |

### MARCH 2026

|     |      |                                                                   |
|-----|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1st | Sun  | <b>Table Top</b> – 9:30am to 1pm, contact Dot 833249 (after 6pm)  |
| 3rd | Tues | <b>IT Drop-in Session</b> with Tech Team Coach Holli – 1pm to 3pm |

Contact Nos for the Pilgrim Shelter are  
Dot (after 6.00pm please) 01263 833249, Patrick 01263 833382, Terry and Linda 01263 834349

# Events at the Village Hall

## JANUARY 2026

3rd Sat

**FUN CASH BINGO** – 6:30pm EYES DOWN 7:15pm  
£6 book of ten games. Licensed bar. All welcome. Raffle at half time.

9th Fri

**Trimingham Village Hall Trust AGM of Trustees** – 11:30am  
All welcome

14th Weds

**TEA DANCE** – 1:30 to 4pm. £4 includes admission, tea and cake.  
with **Just William**. Free easy parking. Details Liz 07789 362323

15th Thur

**Parish Council Election** – Hall open 7am to 10pm

19th Sun\*

**Sound Bath** with Amie Airey – 9am. Soulful 07921 056074. Cost £12

22nd Thur

**Trimingham Village Hall Management Committee** – 6pm start

28th Weds

**TEA DANCE** – 1:30 to 4pm. £4 includes admission, tea and cake.

\* Replaces yoga with Charly

## FEBRUARY 2026

7th Sat

**FUN CASH BINGO** – 6:30pm EYES DOWN 7:15pm  
£6 book of ten games. Licensed bar. All welcome. Raffle at half time.

11th Weds

**TEA DANCE** – 1:30 to 4pm. £4 includes admission, tea and cake.  
with **Just William**. Free easy parking. Details Liz 07789 362323

25th Weds

**TEA DANCE** – 1:30 to 4pm. £4 includes admission, tea and cake.  
with **Barry Eke**. Free easy parking. Details Liz 07789 362323

## ADVANCE DATE

## MARCH EARLY EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA!

Sunday, 1st March 2026, 9am to 3pm

With Bargains bonanza, Jumble sale, Easter Bonnet Competition and fun Egg Hunt. Raffle at half time.

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Monday & Thursday 1pm to 3pm,

Friday night 7pm to 9pm

& Sundays 1pm to 3:30pm

Cost £4 includes play, refreshments, raffle inclusion and score prizes.  
with Liz 07789 362323.

**All welcome.**

## Trimingham Village Hall Management Committee

Thursday 22nd January, 6pm

Please note the earlier time,  
meeting **starts at 6pm** not 7pm!

## ADVANCE DATE

## FUN CASH BINGO

Saturday, 7th March 2026

6:30pm for 7:15pm start

Licensed Bar

Raffle at half time

## Weekly or regular events at the Village Hall include:

For full details go to <https://trimingham.org/booking-diary/>

Plus events are on the notice board at the Hall and in *Crab Tales*, copies available in the Hall.

### NGMA Martial Arts

**Tues** 5-7pm & **Weds** 7-9pm  
with **Nate** 07921 588094

### Pilates

**Tues** 9:15 -10am, with **Emma** 07941 999011

### Slimmers Wild

**Tues** 1:45 to 3:45pm, with **Chris**  
01263 833581 or [chrisbowls29@gmail.com](mailto:chrisbowls29@gmail.com)

### Cardio Dance

**Fortnightly, Fridays** 10-11am with **Emily**  
[emily.lee@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:emily.lee@norfolk.gov.uk). Cost £4.

### Thai Chi

**Weds & Thurs**, with **Geoff** 07833 135116  
Classes full.

### Table Tennis

**Thurs** 7-10pm with **Dave**  
07908 246494. Cost £5.

New members welcome – wherever you live!

### Yoga

**Mondays** 5.30pm-6.45pm with **Pat Briggs**  
07810 023236. Cost £8.

**Fridays** 4:30-6pm with **Amie Airey**  
07921 056074.

**Sundays** 9-10am with **Charly**  
email: [seedyoganorfolk@gmail.com](mailto:seedyoganorfolk@gmail.com)

### Tracy Mitton Stage School

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[mrstjmitton@outlook.com](mailto:mrstjmitton@outlook.com) to book

### Tea Dances

Fortnightly on Wednesdays  
with **Barry Eke** and then with **Just William**.  
Cost £4. Includes admission, tea and cake.

## Trimingham Church and Benefice

The donation of food at  
our Harvest Festival  
service amounted to  
27.30kg. This was sent to  
Cromer Foodbank and  
gratefully received.

The next church services in Trimingham will be:

**January no Services.**

**February 1st – Holy Communion 11am.**

**Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year. Penny Kirk.**

A very  
warm  
welcome to  
everyone.

Any requests for prayer can be left on the prayer board in the Church; or sent to Rev. Sian via email [revsreading22@gmail.com](mailto:revsreading22@gmail.com) or contact her by phone 01263 833790.

For general enquiries regarding weddings, funeral or baptisms please email the Administrator [Poppyland.rector@gmail.com](mailto:Poppyland.rector@gmail.com)

# STATEMENT OF PERSONS NOMINATED

North Norfolk

## Election of FIVE Parish Councillors

The following is a statement of the persons nominated for election as a Councillor for

# Trimingham

| Name of Candidate                 | Home Address                                                  | Description (if any)                                    | Reason why no longer nominated* |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>BROWN</b><br>Linda Joyce       | The Little Deane<br>Middle Street,<br>Trimingham,<br>NR11 8EA |                                                         |                                 |
| <b>FARROW</b><br>Alan John        | 18 The Green,<br>Mundesley Road,<br>Trimingham,<br>NR11 8ED   |                                                         |                                 |
| <b>LEE-SMITH</b><br>Helen Marie   | (address in North<br>Norfolk District)                        |                                                         |                                 |
| <b>RUST</b><br>Sue                | (address in North<br>Norfolk District)                        |                                                         |                                 |
| <b>TURNER</b><br>Serena Elizabeth | (address in North<br>Norfolk District)                        |                                                         |                                 |
| <b>WOOD</b><br>Sandy              | Manor Barn,<br>Church Street,<br>Trimingham,<br>NR11 8AL      |                                                         |                                 |
| <b>YOUNG</b><br>Sarah Deborah     | School House,<br>Church Street,<br>Trimingham,<br>NR11 8AL    | Independent.<br>Village resident<br>retired headteacher |                                 |

*\*Decision of the Returning Officer that the nomination is invalid or other reason why a person nominated no longer stands nominated.*

The persons above against whose name no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

A POLL WILL BE HELD on **Thursday 15 January 2026** between the hours of  
7:00 am and 10:00 pm.

Dated Tuesday 16 December 2025

Steve Blatch  
Returning Officer

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Norfolk, NR27 9EN

## Nature Notes *from Mac Marshall*

I saw 11 Whooper swans at Cley, they are similar to Mute swans but have yellow and black beaks and a trumpeting call. There were also seven snipe just in front of the hide and two red kites.

In the woods at Fellbrigg I found a hollybush heavy with berries and two goldcrests flitting among them, then they were gone. While I was there I met a woman who lives at the farm and she said there had been several people in their fields collecting 'magic' mushrooms. We used to get the same at the Longshaw Estate where we used to live, and where Springwatch came last spring.

I was at Hickling at dusk one day in late November with a few others when somebody saw a Barn Owl flying slowly just above the reeds searching for prey. It was around for about 15 minutes and a chinese water deer was wandering along the road track at the same time. They ignored us because of the fast fading light, then three Cranes were seen flying towards their roosting place and the geese were starting to come in, flocks of 150 to 200 at a time then a few more, all the time calling to each other as they flew over and around us. Brents and Pinkfoots all mixed together. This carried on for half an hour, a cacophony of calling.

Just as I was leaving I was called back and saw in the gloom 35 Cranes in V formation just like geese, going towards their roost about half a mile away. These birds were extinct in England 20 years ago but now they are back.

The picture is a Red Deer stag taken at Wentworth Woodhouse near Rotherham.



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