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Welcome to the June 2020
issue of your newsletter



So, lockdown is starting to ease but it is unbelievable that this is now the fourth month we have been isolating and managing social distancing. We at least have an understanding of how to minimise the spread of this, as yet, untreatable virus; governments who are trying to support the populations and the economies of their country, and the advantages of technology that allows us to stay in touch with others and helps to provide for our needs - from on-line shopping to entertainment.



It is difficult to imagine facing a devastating disease without all that. Fearing your vulnerability—but not fully understanding what you must do to stay safe. On p. 15 we look at some of the ways they coped with the Spanish Flu in 1917.

Lots more of interest to read about ...see the wonderful transformation of the village hall that is taking place and all the great work going on in the village school.

Stay safe everyone

Cally (Editor)

*To all our 'front-liners', a continuing heartfelt
Thank You*

We may no longer be outside clapping on a Thursday evening, but we remain grateful to the NHS workers, the carers and all those who continue to work in order to keep the country running

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Wetheringsett Village Hall ... Refurbishment



From Vicky Dreher ...

“Well the work on the village hall has started. The family all got involved this morning with clearing the main hall. It looks bigger when it's all cleared. Our 3 year old made an excellent Fore lady.

Jamie has spend most of the day sanding all the panelling/doors/woodwork and pulling out a large number of staples from the panelling and windows.

Unfortunately we have found signs of wood worm in the floor. This had been sprayed with treatment and will be left overnight.

Also with the current climate I was unable to get the egg shell that I wanted so have had to buy gloss. I know this is not everyone's favourite but hopefully it will be OK once on.

I am trying to get as many photos as I can as we go along so we can document the face-lift.

The painting will start tomorrow... “

Well, the painting is well on the way by now and work on the floor has probably started.

vicky has provided some before and after photos (next page)



Looking good !

Your Village Hall



Needs You!

From Vicky...

"Well after the second day, nearly everything has had one coat! Just the windows...

If I say so myself I'm rather pleased! "

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Snippets from the Village History

The Village Hall written by Katie Goudy

For some considerable time the idea of erecting a village hall had been in the minds of the people of Wetheringsett, and in June 1920 a serious effort was made to form a fund for this purpose by a garden fete. This realised £60, and the Committee felt justified in purchasing an army hut. This was eventually erected on a piece of Glebe land, near the church by Mr A T G Clarke. The structure has been on a brick foundation, and the floor has been sunk, thus making a lofty hall 70 ft x 20 ft.

A committee meeting was held on 24th January 1921 when the Chairman, the Rev. F R Smith, made a statement as to the purchase of the building and Mr Peck a statement of the funds in hand at the present. It was proposed that the building should be known as the Wetheringsett Church and Village Hall and that it should be vested in 5 Trustees composed of the Rector, 2 Churchwardens and 2 others.

The Rector offered to lease the land on which the building stood for 25 years at a rental of 1/- (one shilling - 5p in decimal) per year, with the option of renewal at the same rent, and was requested to get the Title Deeds drawn up.

As a considerable sum was still necessary for completion and furniture of the Hall, it was suggested that friends might be willing to lend, free of interest, the sums of £5, £10, £15 or £20 to be repaid as soon as possible by means of entertainments etc.

Mr Clarke expressed his willingness to wait for payment for work already done etc. until the Hall was completed, and he hoped he would have it ready for use by Easter week.

Various gifts to the Village Hall included the following:-

- Piano - Womens' Institute
- Chairs - Girls Friendly Society
- China, spoons etc - Various Ladies and Gents
- Stool - Mrs F Hammond (Thorndon)
- Door Mat - Mrs J T Thurston
- 3 Lamps - Mrs Gordon Smith
- Household Linen - Mrs A Hammond
- Engraving - Rev. F R and Mrs Smith
- Picture - Mr and Mrs T Clarke
- Chairs - Miss Ruth Smith
- Cupboard - Mrs Peck

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More next month on the history of the Village Hall⁹

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LEAVING ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr Jon Herman



Sadly we need to announce that Dr Jon Herman will be leaving the Practice this summer after 25 years in the role. He won't be hanging his stethoscope up all together but will be branching out into other aspects of Primary Care.

We would like to confirm that all Dr Herman patients will continue to receive the high standard of patient care that Mendlesham Medical Group gives to all its patients.

It goes without saying that Dr Herman will be missed greatly by staff and patients' alike. We would like to wish him all the best for his future career. Dr Julia Ford whom most of you know will be replacing Dr Herman's position within the Partnership alongside Dr Raj Tanna and Dr Sarah Evans this summer.

Please check our website for further news and updates – thank you.
<https://mendleshamhealthcentre.co.uk/>

Information on the website includes:

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We have altered our online appointment booking system to ‘Telephone Consultations’ only.

If you feel you need to be seen please call Mendlesham Surgery on 01449 767722. Your call will be dealt with by a care navigator and then triaged by a healthcare professional.

**Wordsworth is abroad so you'll have to excuse
his rather less talented assistant..**

I wondered lonely as a cloud
Two metres from the madding crowd
When all at once my name was called
To enter Waitrose hallowed hall
This was the pensioners' special hour
I'd gone to get a bag of flour
But I forgot when through the door
What I had gone to Waitrose for
The Waitrose staff are extra kind
I told them it had slipped my mind
They asked what else I had forgot
They clearly thought I'd lost the plot
I phoned my wife again to ask
She reminded me of this special task:
"I need some flour to bake a cake
with all that cream you made me take"
"Ah yes, I recall" I had to lie
I dared not ask what flower to buy
But then I saw them next the tills -
A bunch of golden daffodils!

Unknown

Taken from the Suffolk Constabulary Web Page -



Police are appealing for witnesses to a burglary that took place in Eye. It happened at some point between 11.30pm on Tuesday 26 May and 5.30am on Wednesday 27 May at a property in Broad Street.

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/29-05-2020/eye-burglary-appeal>



Police in Suffolk will be targeting speeding drivers as part of a nationwide speeding enforcement campaign will run from Monday 25 May until Sunday 7 June The roads may be quieter, but the speed limits are the same. **[#SlowDownSaveLives](#)**

Read more - <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/news/latest-news/22-05-2020/slowdownsaveLives-speeding-enforcement-campaign>



The death of a woman following a party in Little Stonham last year is no longer being treated as suspicious. Read more >> <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/news/latest-news/10-11-2019/little-stonham-death-magpie-inn-not-suspicious>

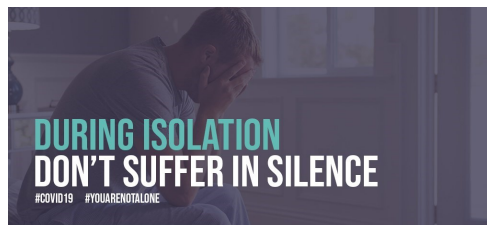


Further tests will be required to determine the cause of death of a newborn baby whose body was found in **[#NeedhamMarket](#)** Thursday 14th <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/news/latest-news/14-05-2020/needham-market-further-tests-required-following-post-mortem-examination>



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Additional advice from Suffolk Police:-



Suffolk Constabulary Official Page:

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Lasting about 15 months from 1918 to early summer 1919, It infected 500 million people – about a third of the world's population at the time. The death toll is estimated to have been anywhere from 17 million to 50 million, and possibly as high as 100 million, making it one of the deadliest pandemics in human history.



Young boys with camphor in small bags hung around their necks — to help protect them from the flu
Circa 1918

There were many homespun theories as to the origins of, and treatments for, the flu.

'...the very considerable reduction of sugar and fat in the national diet has weakened the power of resistance of the individual... the whisky drinker says the seat of the trouble is the scarcity of his favourite spirit; some allege that the poor and thin quality of the beer is at the bottom of it. The smoker asserts that a perpetual cloud of tobacco smoke ensures immunity from infection, and the sniff-taker has steady belief that no microbe can exist where the mull is in constant request. One set of opinions is perhaps just as reliable as another. What we are up against is that the disease exists and is spreading.'

From a UK newspaper in 1918

Combatting Spanish Flu - the 1918 pandemic !

WW1 American military using salt water gargle.

1918



UK—unknown anti-flu spray

1919

And beyond ..



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1938

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Meanwhile Sue Hutt has been busy reading aloud some children's illustrated books held in the library, and you can see the videos on our Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/DebenhamLibraryAndFriends.

Watch them with your children! (Tony has had to learn video editing skills!) Cathy has provided a video tour of the library garden. More videos to come!

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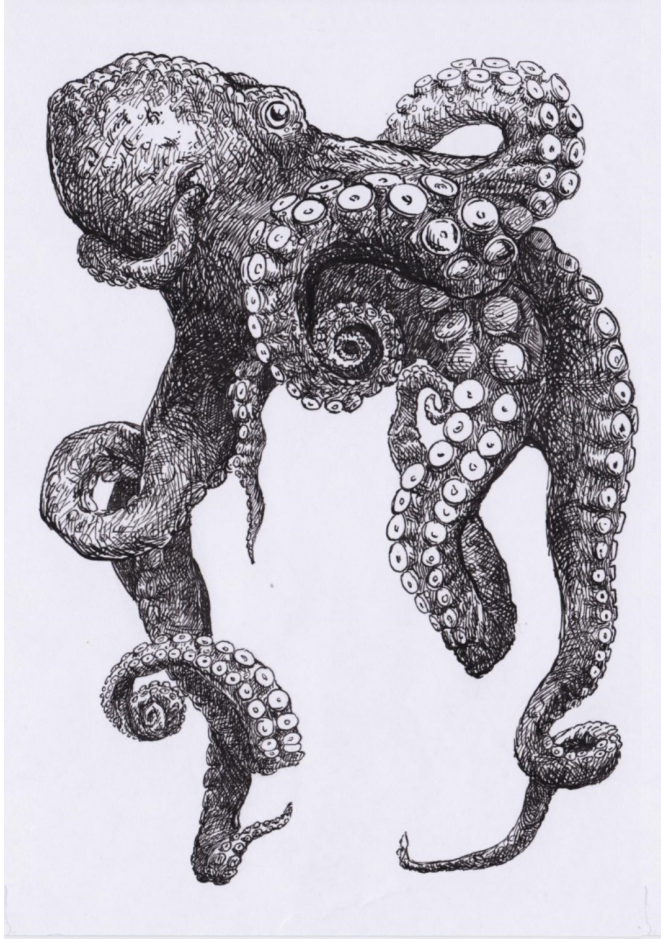
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News @ Wetheringsett C of E Primary



We are open as a school but not as we have known it!

There are still the sounds of children in the playground as our keyworker's children have continued attending school. Our staff have also volunteered their time throughout the holidays and bank holidays so that keyworker parents have been available to offer the frontline services needed during the pandemic.



Meanwhile the rest of our school community have been working in our 'classes in the cloud.' Teachers rapidly acquired the skills to be able to offer remote learning. We were also very fortunate to have the help of a local expert in this field, Mark Allen, who is a consultant on virtual learning. As schools were advised to close staff and governors planned how we could continue the education of our pupils.



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News @ Wetheringsett C of E Primary

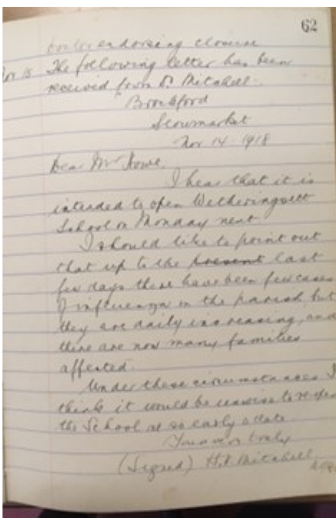
Our very own flypast!

It seems incredible that so many weeks have passed and within that time the VE day celebrations have happened. We were looking forward to joining the special



event at the 'Middy' for the 75th Anniversary. We commemorated in a much quieter fashion in school making bunting and organising a spitfire flypast!

As I write this newsletter the announcement that the lockdown is being eased is welcome news and allows us to start planning for the safe re-opening. It is interesting to note that over the school's long history this is not the first time that the school has been closed through a pandemic. The letter transcribed into the school log book for **November 15th 1918** clearly records the occasion when the country was last in the grip of a pandemic.



'Dear Mr Howe,

I hear that it is intended to open Wetheringsett School on Monday next.

I should like to point out that up to the last few days there have been few cases of influenza in the parish, but they are daily increasing and there are now many families infected.

Under these circumstances I think it would be unwise to re-open the school at so early a date.'

News @ Wetheringsett C of E Primary

As 100 years before, we will listen to and work with our parents in our school community to provide the schooling that is appropriate to the needs of their children. We have maintained regular contact with our families and will follow national and local guidance.

We will get through this time and will once again enjoy meeting up and joining in with village events. Until then I wish everyone all the very best. Stay safe, Stay well.

Mrs Hookway, Headteacher



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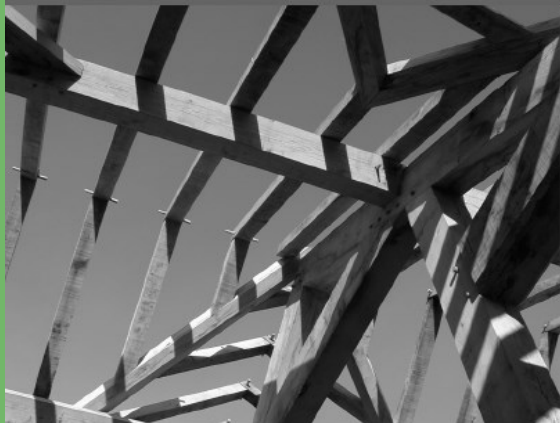
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Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council

Report on the virtual meeting held

Monday 4 May 2020

This was the second meeting held via video link and parish council members have got to grips with conducting business by this method. The meeting was open to the public for questions or observation.

On the advice of NALC and SALC (parish council governing bodies) there will be neither a parish meeting nor annual parish council meeting this year – these have both been cancelled until 2021. Cllr Charles Harvey has therefore offered to remain chairman for the current year 2020 and councillors recorded their thanks to Charles and also to Cllr Mike Pease for organising the video link meetings.

Three planning applications were considered for recommendation to MSDC:

DC/20/1338 – Town Lane Farm, Park Green – renovation of 3 bay garage to create living/guest accommodation, replacement of conservatory with guest bedroom, renovation of home office with gabled garden room. Erection of 6 bay cart lodge. Parish Council members recommended acceptance of the proposal.

DC/20/1479 – Wetheringsett House, Church Street – erection of two dwellings and detached cart lodges. Parish Councillors were concerned about the creation of an additional access, driveway and its visibility on to the narrow stretch of Church Street and were not able to support the proposal.

DC/20/01003 – Mid Suffolk Light Railway, Hall Lane – erection of new footbridge. Parish Council members supported the proposal.

Neighbourhood Plan – the working group is progressing the Plan with the aid of grant funding and meeting via video link. They are at the current stage of applying to MSDC to designate the village plan area.

Cont.

Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council
Report on the virtual meeting held
Monday 4 May 2020
Continued..

Village Hall – the hall having been out of use during the lockdown the committee has arranged for some repair works, mainly electrical – replacement hot water heater in the ladies cloakroom and installation of 6 new LED lights with dimmer switches in the main hall, this has made a huge improvement to the general atmosphere and when the re-decoration work is complete, will make the hall more attractive for hirings. As leaseholders the parish council has funded the electrical work.

Lockdown - as reported in the last magazine, any parishioner in need of any assistance during the current lockdown please do not hesitate to contact a parish councillor or the clerk or contact the [Home, But Not Alone helpline](#): **Freephone 0800 876 6926**.

Our councillors are very willing to help.

Date of next Video Meeting: Monday 1 June 2020 at 7pm.

A link for parishioners to join the meeting will be available on the Agenda displayed on Parish Notice Boards and Parish Council Website -

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From 23 Sept '19 we had 5 months of wet weather, but a mild winter, now three months of hot, bright sunshine. The soil has gone from pudding to concrete and the plants don't like it !

However, we could not do anything about the glorious May, so we had to enjoy it. We have not suffered too much from Lock-Up, just got on with the job; and done quite a lot of tidying up!

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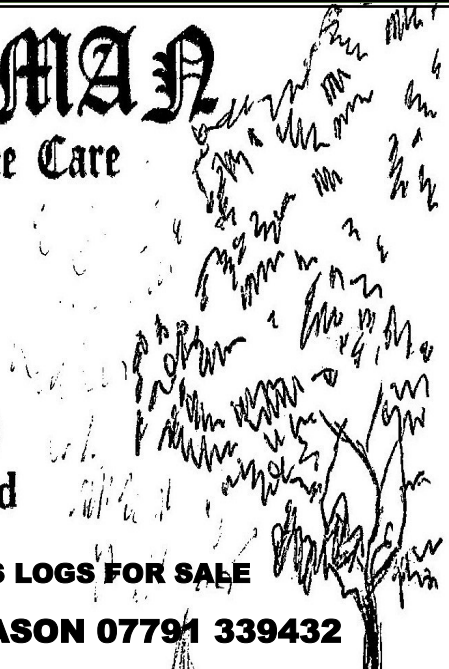
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So, all welcome, but we have to say at your own risk!

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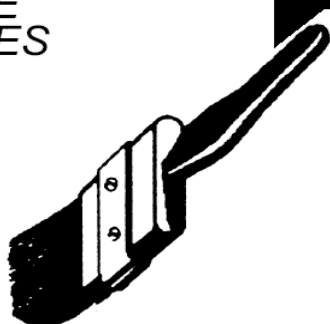
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VE Day Celebrations 2020

On 8th May our villages were festooned with red, white and blue, bunting, flags were flying and the sun shone as we celebrated the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.

On that day in 1945, Britain took to the streets in joyful celebration - to cheer and hug one another at the news that the terrible years of WW2 had ended for those who were fighting in Europe; but it must have been a bittersweet moment as they also thought about the enormous cost to human life, and remembered family members and friends who did not return.

On that day in 2020 we gathered again to remember those who paid the ultimate price for freedom, and to give thanks for the peace we enjoy today; but many of us gathered on our own, perhaps distanced from friends and family. Communities, families and friends were unable to get together for the street parties, events and family celebrations that we had been planning. In the context of the global effects of the Coronavirus, we find ourselves in the grip of an unprecedented situation that we have not experienced since the war ended. Now, as then, people have lost loved ones, and we are anxious, and fearful for the future. Those on the front line are putting their lives on the line to save others, and we are reminded of the words Jesus said to his followers:

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.’

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South Hartismere Benefice

Continued:

As we wait to hear about the next steps in the easing of restrictions, may we continue to be resourceful, patient, and hopeful - in the spirit of those who lived through the war years. May we put our trust in God, and continue to help one another as we journey forward, and may we be thankful for times of peace. Today let us find joy in the company of one another in whatever way we can as we stay home and save lives, and until we meet again may God hold us in the palm of his hand.

Blessings, *Julia*

Are you feeling isolated and anxious because of the coronavirus?

We want to assure you that the church community remembers and prays for those who are in any kind of need.

Please call Julia on **01379 678064** or email rev.julialall@gmail.com
[if you would like prayer, conversation or practical support.](#)

From the Parishes

In loving Memory: Mervyn Hyde, - links with Thornham Magna;
Owen Aldous, Wetheringsett;



Brockford sunset

SOUTH HARTISMERE BENEFICE

To our schools and families:

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You will have heard that our usual services and activities in church are cancelled, and this includes Messy Church and our Café services.

However, you can still see me in school, and I will be leaving Messy church ideas at school.

We will put out a weekly email to families, and if you would like to access this, email me on rev.julialall@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook:

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ALL SAINTS

WETHERINGSETT-CUM-BROCKFORD

Coffee Mornings Wednesdays
Unfortunately these have been

cancelled

until further notice

Update on our Village Neighbourhood Plan

You may have seen in the Parish Council minutes and in the Parish Magazine that Wetheringsett is in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. Perhaps you were at the Village Hall meeting in January when it was discussed? Perhaps you filled in the early consultation that went out last year.

We need a Neighbourhood Plan because it gives us, as a village, a legal say in development decisions. The Wetheringsett neighbourhood planning steering group is a group of villagers who have been appointed by the Parish Council.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A neighbourhood plan is a powerful tool that gives communities statutory powers to shape how their communities develop.

It is a document that sets out planning policies for our local area.

It is used to decide whether to approve planning applications, including new buildings (eg community facilities) or changes to existing buildings.

It is written by the local community, the people who know and love the area, to ensure the right types of development in the right places.

How will we make our Neighbourhood Plan?

The idea is that the plan is community-led. We will co-ordinate the process by engaging with everyone who lives in the village as well as stakeholders like businesses, landowners, local councillors, community groups, schools, playgroups - everyone can contribute significantly to the production of the plan.

Our neighbourhood plan will have input from as many people and businesses as possible. This is a DEMOCRATIC process.

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Update on our Village Neighbourhood Plan

Continued:

There will be questionnaires, and consultations - during the health crisis, we may not be able to have many meetings, but we will be systematic about how we listen to opinions. We want to work out what people think, and what is important to Wetheringsett on matters like:

- What is good about the area?
- What is bad about the area?
- What are Wetheringsett's qualities as a place to live and work in?
- What issues affect the area now, or in the future?
- What change would you like to see?

We will update you here as often as we can, but please do contact us any time if you have any questions about the plan, and its progress:

email us: plan@wetheringsett.org.uk

or visit the website: plan.wetheringsett.com

Or contact the steering group chair: **Melanie Stevens**



Support during coronavirus

Other useful contacts

- National domestic violence 24-hour helpline:
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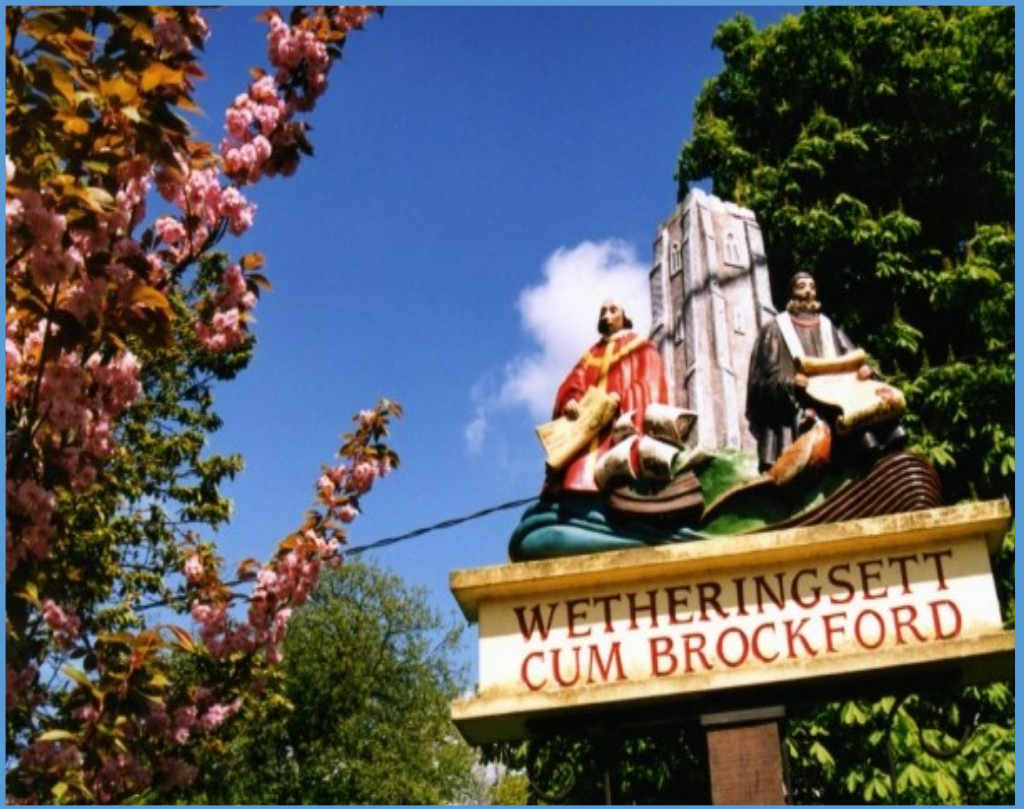
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NEWSLETTER

Once again, we hope you have enjoyed this, the second digital issue of the newsletter. Please alert others you know in the village who may not realise where they can find the newsletter — on the village website:

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

You may be able to tell, given the lifting of restraint of paying for printing, I have had some fun making the newsletter much more colourful!