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**NOVEMBER 2020**

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*The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.*

Welcome to the  
November issue of your  
Newsletter



I am delighted this month to introduce two new contributors to the newsletter. Two village residents writing about the natural world — especially fitting as, living where we do, we have easy access to the countryside. I hope you enjoy their introductory pieces and look forward as much as I do to their future 'scribblings' (as one of them puts it!)

The gauntlet is down! There must be more of you out there with interests or enthusiasms you could share with the rest of us. Know some good recipes? Have an unusual hobby ...? Email address is on the opposite page.

Most people had moved to attending organised Nov.5th events which won't, now, be happening. Stay safe if you intend doing your own. And a personal plea from me .... Please keep it to one night as there are lots of pets out *Cally (Editor)*

*Newsletter Distribution*

*Many thanks to Tim and Jo who have offered to distribute the Newsletter along the western (Mendlesham) side of Brockford.*

*If you know of anyone in the Parish who doesn't receive a Newsletter, and would like one, please let us know.*

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*Sue and Eddie Payne 01449767794*





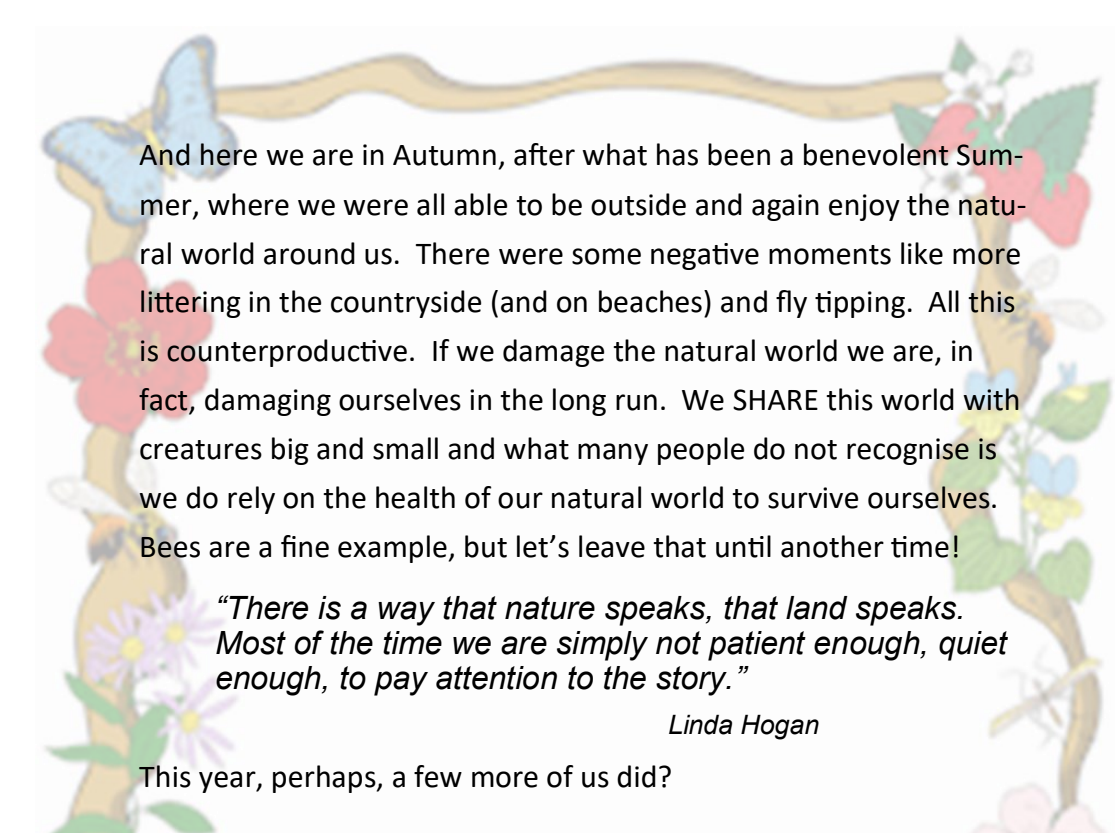
# *A Celebration of Nature*

**“Nature”** as defined by the Cambridge Dictionary: ‘

*All the animals, plants, rocks, etc in the world and all the features, forces, and processes that happen or exist independently of people, such as weather, the sea, mountains, the production of young animals or plants.’*

2020 has been a year to remember, mostly for all the wrong reasons, however the one constant in our lives has been the world of ‘nature’ around us. Perhaps, now is the time to really appreciate it and learn to take good care of it?

When we went into ‘lockdown’ we did experience one piece of good luck and that was we were entering our Springtime. It was, it turns out, the loveliest Spring in living memory. Many of us found ourselves grateful for the countryside on our doorstep and if we were lucky enough to have a garden, we enjoyed it all the more. There was, as normal human activity slowed almost to a halt, a sudden and intense appreciation for the natural world around us. While we, as a species were being hammered by a world pandemic, the natural world, by contrast, used the amazing Spring weather to put on a show that lifted us all in one of our darkest hours for generations. Was it this contrast that made Spring seem all the more beautiful this year? There was comfort in each flower that bloomed, each leaf that unfurled. The arrival of migrating birds & butterflies ( yes, some DO migrate) was even more glorious and a comforting sign that the world was still functioning. Life in the natural world was leaping



And here we are in Autumn, after what has been a benevolent Summer, where we were all able to be outside and again enjoy the natural world around us. There were some negative moments like more littering in the countryside (and on beaches) and fly tipping. All this is counterproductive. If we damage the natural world we are, in fact, damaging ourselves in the long run. We SHARE this world with creatures big and small and what many people do not recognise is we do rely on the health of our natural world to survive ourselves. Bees are a fine example, but let's leave that until another time!

*"There is a way that nature speaks, that land speaks. Most of the time we are simply not patient enough, quiet enough, to pay attention to the story."*

*Linda Hogan*

This year, perhaps, a few more of us did?

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By July 1960 the cash balance in hand had fallen to below £10, and it was thought that the first step towards raising money was to interest more people in the parish, therefore it was decided to call a parish meeting early in August. From then on, various money raising activities were held and by October 1963 a proposed fete for the following summer in the minds of the committee and to have a helicopter as the main attraction, with flights at £1 a trip.

Mr D I Alston gave permission for the fete to be held on a meadow at Lodge Farm with parking space on a meadow opposite. The date of the fete to be Saturday 30th May 1964. There would be a Beauty competition and the first prize to be a helicopter flight. It was also agreed that Ipswich Town Football Club be approached and asked whether Bill Baxter (Captain) or Jackie Milburn (Manager), could open the fete. The money raised at this fete made it possible to have a new floor in the hall and also replace the stage with extension flaps at the front.

On the 23rd January 1967 there was a ruling by the Committee that there be an Annual Election of Officers and Committee consisting of representatives of organisations, Parish Council and School Managers, etc. In April 1967 it was unanimously carried that "A Chairman may not hold office for more than two consecutive years at a time.

At the same meeting it was decided to get estimates for repairing the roof and sides of the hall, and in October 1967 electric heaters to heat the hall were discussed, and by December of that same year, electric heating was now partly installed and by January 1968 the heating had been completed, and in March it was decided to have covers made for the two fireplaces, thus in an emergency they could always be used.

Plans were now taking place for a Drawing Match, Fete and Social to be held on 13th July 1968. This made a profit of £89.10s.1d.

*More to follow in next issue*



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Sunday 8th

Wednesday 11th

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Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Day



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# Wetheringsett Wildlife

This is the first of a series of occasional scribbles about my personal observations as I wander the parish. I am no expert but I hope you enjoy it.

Some years ago my wife and I first noticed some birds calling at this time of year – a single piping note not unlike an old-time policeman's whistle!

Later we heard this again as a flock of unfamiliar birds passed overhead. They were streamlined, travelling fast, twisting and turning and as they did so we saw a flash of gold in the autumn sunshine. A glance at our bird guide suggested they were Golden Plovers.

We have seen them numerous times since, mainly on the road to Debenham. We see them a few times each year as they pass by. However, this week they passed us directly overhead and low, and then touched down nearby where they have since spent the last three days in varying numbers, up to about sixty. This allowed me to return with my optical equipment and have a proper look. My bird guide informs me that they are winter visitors here, spending the summers further north. They use the same areas each year and are joined by others from Scandinavia.

The Golden Plover is about the size of a collared dove. It has a black crown, black wings and tail and the upper side is spotted all over with gold spots. If you are lucky enough to see one from the rear the gold spots on the folded wings make a delightful pattern. They have a light grey breast and an off-white underwing – no gold here. Overall, they are very beautiful and apparently the colouring is even more stunning during the summer.

In 1951 a dispute arose concerning the speed of the Golden Plover compared to the Red Grouse – which is the fastest game bird in Europe? One of the parties involved in this dispute was then the chairman of the Guinness Brewing company and he commissioned a book to resolve this and other pointless disputes – the Guinness Book of Records!

Like many other species numbers have fallen over the last few decades so we are lucky to still have some on our doorstep.

If you have seen anything of note in the parish or nearby you can let me know at [spotterstan@gmail.com](mailto:spotterstan@gmail.com) and I will endeavour to include it in future articles.

Happy spotting



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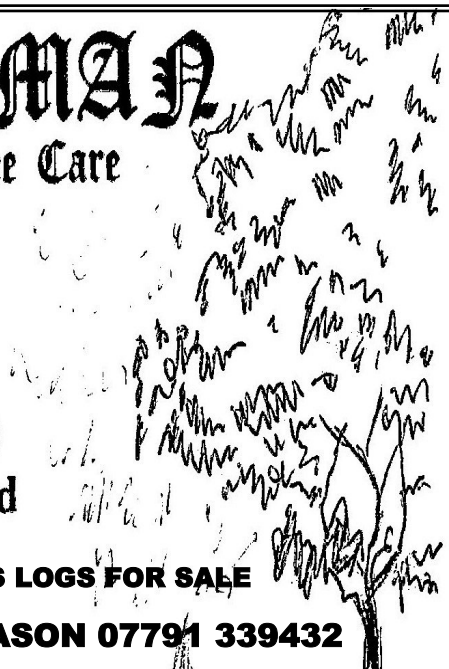
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*Bons mots ...?*

- \* A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.*
- \* The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.*
- \* Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.*
- \* I am in shape. Round is a shape.*
- \* Never be afraid to try something new. Remember amateurs built the Ark, professionals built the Titanic.*
- \* I just got lost in thought – it was unfamiliar territory.*
- \* He who laughs last, thinks slowest.*



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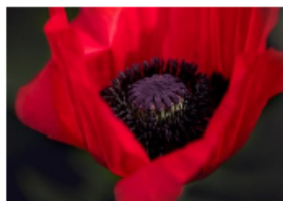
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**cancelled**

*until further notice*



## South Hartismere Benefice Recovery Worship Rota November 2020

### Week 1

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
*All Saints' Day*

On-line	9.00am	Worship for All
Gislingham	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wetheringsett	10.30am	Holy Communion
Thorndon	4.00pm	CONNECT

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm

### Week 2

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent*  
**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

On-line	9.00am	Worship for All
Stoke Ash	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
Thornham Magna	10.45am	Act of Remembrance & Holy Communion
Mellis	10.45am	Act of Remembrance
Thorndon	10.45am	Act of Remembrance
Gislingham	10.45am	Act of Remembrance
Wetheringsett	10.45am	Act of Remembrance
Yaxley	10.45am	Act of Remembrance
Thorndon	4.00pm	CONNECT

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Stoke Ash	10.45am	Act of Remembrance
		Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm

### Week 3

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent*

On-line	9.00am	Worship for All
Thorndon	10.30am	Holy Communion
Gislingham	10.30am	Worship for All
Thorndon	4.00pm	CONNECT

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm

### Week 4

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
*The Sunday next before Advent*  
*Christ the King*

On-line	9.00am	Worship for All
Yaxley	10.30am	Holy Communion
Thorndon	4.00pm	CONNECT

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm

### Week 5

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
*The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

On-line	9.00am	Worship for All
Mellis	10.30am	Commissioning & Re-commissioning of Lay Elders

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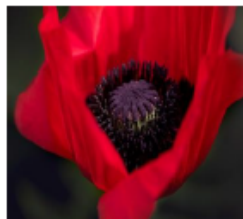
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# South Hartismere Benefice

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## Love, loss and remembering



Autumn has traditionally been a time when Christians explore the big questions about life and death. Watching the leaves fall and the nights draw in is an opportunity for all people of all ages to think about love, loss and remembering.

This year we will be gathering around our war memorials on Remembrance Sunday and on 11<sup>th</sup> November, and although things may be a little different this year, we will still be able to take the time to honour and respect all those who have died in wars past and present, to remember them by name and to lay wreaths in their memory.

At this time of year, as the darkness closes in and things in the natural world begin to die off, our thoughts may also turn to death and dying. For some of us who have lost loved ones, the impact of loss can have huge consequences, and it is important to find good ways to remember those we love but see no longer. Lighting a candle on important days – birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations - and saying this prayer - "Loving God, thank you for (name). Amen" - can help us to remember them well."

The church also has ways of remembering those we love who have died. This happens at the start of November, at All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. At **All Saints' Day** (November 1st), we remember those Christians who have died, who we don't know personally. A "saint" is someone whose life shows us how to follow Jesus. Is there a saint who shares your name, or a child's or grandchild's name? Or the same birthday? Think of well-known saints, like St George, St Francis, and our own Suffolk saint, Edmund, and discover who they were and what they did.

On **All Souls' Day** (November 2nd), the church remembers all those we know who have died. This year we will not be able to hold our annual Memorial Service, but we will be offering opportunities for all those who would like to remember a loved-one to come into church and light a candle.

In the meantime, if you are going through bereavement or feelings of isolation, or you are anxious about the effects of winter and Covid restrictions, please do get in touch. We are here for you.

Blessings *Julia*

### From the Parishes:

Congratulations to Liane and Robert, married at Yaxley Church in September

Welcome to Archie Snape and Monty Farrell, both baptised at Thorndon

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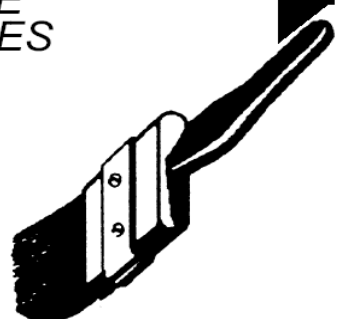
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## **Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council Report on the video meeting held Monday 5th October 2020**

**Meetings** – the Parish Council continues to meet virtually for the foreseeable future. Parishioners are able to join the meeting to observe or raise any issues during the public session. The link for meetings is available on the Parish Council agenda displayed on parish notice boards and the parish council website.

**Town Lane haulage site** – the container height stacking issue as to whether there has been a breach of the planning conditions is still being investigated by MSDC planning, the parish council hopes to have a report on this from the District Council at the next meeting.

**Land east of Hockey Hill** – it was reported that some parishioners have been notified of a proposed planning application by a Surrey based developer proposing to develop land east of Hockey Hill. The development would comprise of up to 11 new homes. The parish council has seen the proposed plan of the development but cannot comment until a formal planning application is made. It is understood this will be made to the District Council by the developer in the next few weeks.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – sadly the chairman, Melanie Woods, has resigned from the group due to other commitments. The Parish Council recorded their huge thanks to Melanie for her work on the plan to date and for keeping parish councillors informed of the current stage, this was much appreciated. There are now 5 members on the working group and a new chairperson will need to be recruited to drive the project forward. If any parishioner would be interested in joining the group please do contact Cllr Mrs Hilary Green to discuss the objects of the plan, she would be very pleased to hear from you. Please see contact details in the Parish Magazine Councillor list.

**Village Hall Book Exchange** – the VH committee were pleased to report the book exchange had been well supported but will now close over the winter months until April 2021.

**Remembrance Sunday 8 November** – the parish council will purchase two wreaths again this year, one for Wetheringsett Memorial and one for the USAAF 34<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Memorial at Mendlesham. Due to current restrictions it was reported a small ceremony would be held at both memorials, Cllr Mrs Aldred will lay the wreath at Wetheringsett and Cllr Mrs Arnold at Mendlesham.

**Date of next video meeting – Monday 2 November 2020 at 7pm. Link available on the parish council agenda and website**



# Remembrance Day

The **eleventh** hour of  
the **eleventh** day of  
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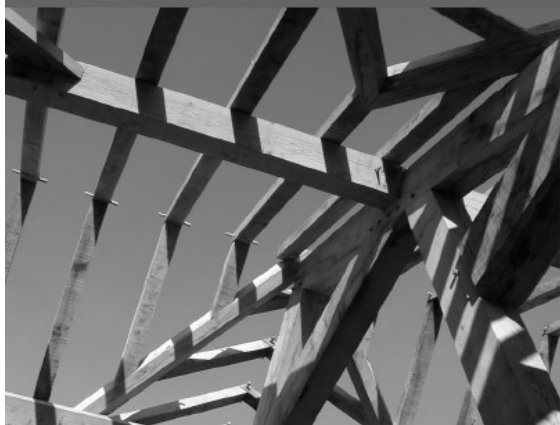
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# Things to look out for this November



Take care not to disturb leaf litter and piles of wood (a planned bonfire?) without first checking for a hibernating hedgehog. They are becoming a rare species as they lose their natural habitat. Fruit in the hedgerow:



includes hawthorn berries, sloes, rose hips. Avoid cutting these back as they form the diet of Winter birds such as: Fieldfares ( like a thrush, but with a

chestnut breast) which arrive from Scandinavia & continental Europe in flocks which you will see on the local agricultural land feasting on invertebrates such as worms and then when the ground is frozen, the berried hedgerows and trees. If you are lucky, they will enter gardens in harsh Winter weather for windfalls from fruit trees. Their name originates from the Anglo-Saxon word 'feldware' which means 'traveller of the fields' and they make a wonderful sound and when we hear them we will know Winter has arrived.



*Wetheringsett Nature Lover*



November 2020

Prospective parents for September 2021



We are welcoming parents to visit the school if you are thinking of choosing us in September for your little one. If you are interested in booking an appointment to have a look around please phone the school on 01449 766215. We are currently inviting prospective parents to have a tour after 3.30 once the children have left. Due to COVID we would kindly ask if you could wear a mask. We also have a new tab on the website where you can find further information.

### Remembrance Day

This year we will be having a one minute silence and short service on the playground so we can remember together. We will also be making poppies to decorate our school windows as this year we are unable to purchase a poppy.

### Growing Skills for Life

A vision statement was produced in Autumn 2019 by the head teacher and governors from the parable of the mustard seed. As part of our school aim of 'growing skills for life', we work to support our children to be fully rounded, thoughtful and caring individuals. No matter how small you are you can grow into something big, something that can make a difference, whether you are a child or a small, rural school.



In February work began to choose six values that the school thought were representative of the school. Governors, parents, pupils and staff were asked to choose 6 core values for Wetheringsett C of E Primary.

These were the choices:

**Generosity, compassion, courage, friendship, thankfulness and perseverance.**

It was wonderful to get the voices of the children and parents involved.

Parent - *"Being generous can be easy and free for example to give your time to someone is so lovely".*

Parent - *"Perseverance pays off. Never give up, have faith in yourself".*

Governor - *"I like the idea of courage being a core value. The courage to be different, the courage to stand up for other"*

Parent - *"Learning how to make and treasure friends is a genuine life lesson. With friendship comes trust".*

*"Friendship, I realise how important this has become over the last few months".*

*Lime class choose this as their number 1.*

Mrs Sheeran  
Head of school

Great Truths little children have learnt:-

1. No matter how hard you try—you can't baptise cats.
2. When your mum is mad at your dad—don't let her brush your hair
3. If your sister hits you, don't hit her back—they always catch the second person.
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5. You can't trust dogs to watch your food
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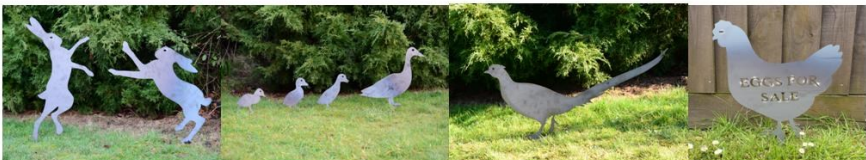
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