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Welcome to the May 2021 issue of your Newsletter

May, ...already! More signs of good days to come (especially when these chilly winds abate!). And a growing sense of greater safety as so many people receive their vaccinations against coronavirus.

Personally, I want to say, a huge thank you to all those who volunteered to help get these vaccines out there: those who stood out in car parks for hours on end; all those that helped in vaccination centres; clinicians that, after work, went and put needles into arms! SO many people working so hard, that as a country, we have achieved so much.

The Thursday communal clapping seems such a long time ago, but those front-line workers are still out there working hard in adverse conditions. It has - and continues to be for many - such a hard time, but collectively we have much to be grateful for.

Enjoy this month and all the colour it brings. Enjoy our articles on nature anddo have a go at writing a short story and encourage your children to do the same. It will be such a shame if those book token prizes have nowhere to go!,

Cally (Editor)

SHORT STORY COMPETITION *see page 21 for details*

Here's another one that was prepared earlier - to start you off ...

Lost Things

They are lost, but also not lost but somewhere in the world. Most of them are small, though two are larger, one a coat and one a dog. Of the small things, one is a certain ring, one a certain button. They are lost from me and where I am, but they are also not gone. They are somewhere else, and they are there to someone else, it may be. But if not there to someone else, the ring is, still, not lost to itself, but there, only not where I am, and the button, too, there, still, only not where I am.

Lydia Davis

Wetheringsett Wildlife

We are fortunate to have Mickfield Meadow on our doorstep. Mickfield Meadow became Suffolk's first nature reserve in 1923. It is noted for goldilocks buttercups, ragged robin, wood anemones but most especially snake's head fritillary.

I first visited the meadow about 20 years ago and have to admit I was a little disappointed in the display of fritillaries that year. Whilst there I met two ladies who had lived in the village all their lives and they said that when they were children

there were far more fritillaries to enjoy. However, last year the display was simply stunning. The whole place was awash with purple blooms with a splash of white ones too.

As I write this (22nd April) I have been told that the fritillaries are currently in bud so by the time you read this the display should be in its full glory. With the sun now shining and the temperature rising grab a sandwich and a bottle of water and take an afternoon walk down to see for yourself!



Snake's head fritillary

spotterstan@gmail.com



Daisy facts ...

Daisies are ingrained in our culture and have often played a big part in our childhood. Who doesn't remember making daisy chains and wreathes of daisies or plucking the petals while saying the familiar "He loves me...he loves me not..."? But did you know that the name daisy comes from the "day's eye", as it opens with the sun and closes when the sun goes down?

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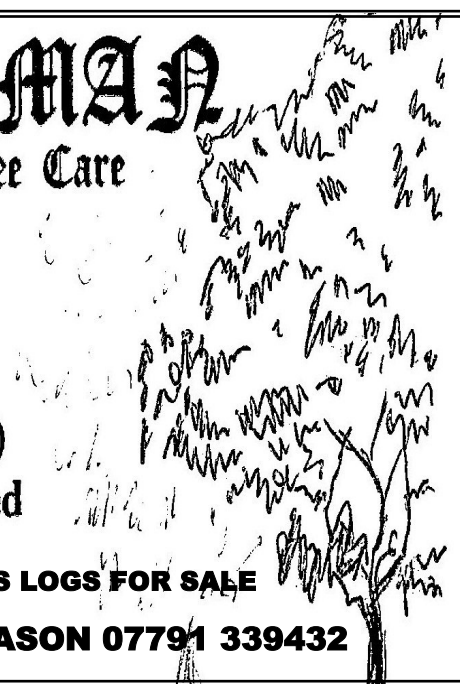
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What is the Neighbourhood Plan?

The Wetheringsett-cum-Brockford Neighbourhood Plan is a planning policy document written by the community to guide future development in the area over the next 20 years. It covers the whole parish. If successful at referendum, the Neighbourhood Plan will become part of the statutory development plan for the area. It will be used to determine planning applications.

Who is involved?

A Steering Group has been commissioned by the Parish Council, involving Parish Councillors and local residents. The group are involved in listening to the community to form the content of the Plan.

Members include: Robert Townshend (chair), Hilary Green, Mike Laycock, Nigel Lingard, Emma Morris, Cathy Smith and Win Stenning

Community consultation

The Steering Group are currently undertaking several pieces of consultation:

- ◆ **Placecheck:** help us get started by putting a pin and a comment on the map. <https://www.placecheck.info/app/maps/wetheringsett>
- ◆ **Neighbourhood Plan Survey:** we are seeking initial views from local people about how they feel about the parish. The survey is attached please fill it in and return it to us via email: wetheringsettcumbrockfordndp@gmail.com
- ◆ **A business survey:** As we go through the process, we hope to hold a drop-in event on policy ideas and an exhibition for the draft Neighbour-

A draft Vision for Wetheringsett-cum-Brockford

Wetheringsett will continue to be a quiet and peaceful place where the landscape, wildlife, open spaces, and heritage valued by its residents are protected and enhanced.

The school, the church and the village hall are at the heart of village activities and include and serve the whole parish.

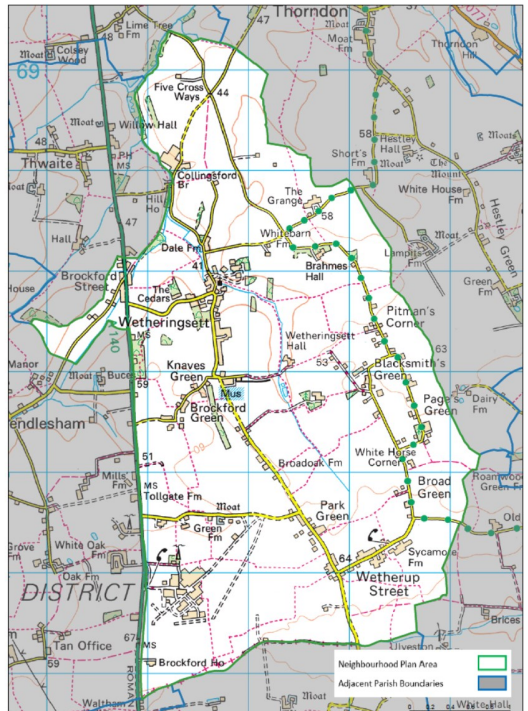
New development is sustainable and well-designed, respecting the area's existing character, whilst meeting the economic and social needs of a range of people who choose to live, work, and participate in this thriving rural community.

Neighbourhood Plan Process



Neighbourhood Plan area

The area covered by the Neighbourhood Plan is the whole of the parish of Wetheringsett-cum-Brockford.



Did you know ...?

To 'testify' was based on men in the Roman court swearing to a statement made by swearing on their testicles.





Work at the Middy

- ◆ A new footbridge
- ◆ Track extension with
- ◆ A new public foot-path across the track



Mid-Suffolk Light Railway Museum

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Venue: The Mid Suffolk Light Railway
Event: First Track Extension for 15 years
Date: March 31st 2021

Middy says, "We're getting there", Sponsor-a-Sleeper to help complete the line to Aspall Halt.

During the various stages of the Covid 19 restrictions, the Mid-suffolk Light Railway have still been able to make significant progress on their main project of extending the line.

The first major advance was the preparation and tidying around the Dovebrook platform, which also included the building of a new footbridge to access both the station and picnic areas. This work was carried out by the Middy Infrastructure Team.

On March 1st TES2000 Network Rail Contractors carried out more heavy lifting for the MSLR beyond Dovebrook taking the line to the beginning of the climb to the final destination.

The TES eight man team extended the track some 73 metres closer to the long held aim of adding a further 500 metres to the track length. The work also included crossing the divide caused by the public footpath and installing a new public foot crossing. A 360 degree road/rail digger was employed with the Middy's own works train in support.

This is the first time that the track has been extended for 15 years.

The new section follows the existing track bed and when completed, will enhance the visitor experience of this unique Edwardian Railway by more than doubling the length of demonstration journey and giving passengers a 'destination', Aspall Halt, where the line will terminate. The construction is being modelled on the old station at Wilby, which had the minimal building and facilities so typical of the cash-strapped Middy.

The MSLR is now renewing its campaign to fund the rest of the track work and the platform at the end of the line - the railway already has the station building - a recovered original MSLR building from the old station at Haughley.

Members, friends and the general public are invited to 'Sponsor-a-Sleeper' for £15.00 each at the Middy website www.mslr.org.uk/middyappeal - sponsors will receive a certificate and chance to win a Driver Experience worth £240.00 in a prize draw.

The Mid Suffolk Light Railway season opens on 30th and 31st with 'Middy in the War Years' featuring period military vehicles, displays, re-enactments and two locos in steam on passenger and demonstration duties. The opening programme then continues every Sunday and Bank Holiday from 6th June to 5th September

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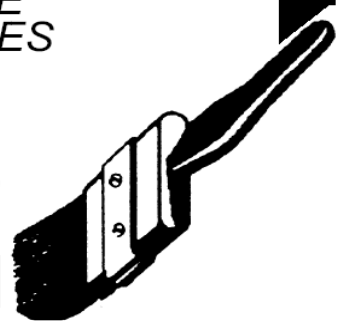
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John said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Suffolk (part of the Walking in England suite of websites (www.walkinginengland.co.uk) – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

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A Celebration of Nature

Hedgehogs

How many hedgehogs have you observed in recent years? They can be spotted in Wetheringsett and there is certainly evidence they wander around locally, but sadly, their numbers have fallen dramatically with the loss of habitat. In the past decade, we have lost over half of rural hedgehogs and a third from towns and cities. They have now been added to the Red List for British Mammals as 'vulnerable to extinction'. It would be devastating to lose them.

With the arrival of Spring, the natural world awakens from it's slumbers and with it, hedgehogs. They are true hibernators as they enter a state of torpor rather than sleep, dropping their temperatures to match their surroundings. With the fluctuating temperatures this year, they are probably as confused as we are! They hibernate from October/November until March/April. Any disturbance during this time can use up precious energy reserves.



Widely seen as allies in the garden, their diet is made up of invertebrates such as slugs, leatherjackets, worms and earwigs etc.

Positive steps can be taken by everyone to restore a 'hog friendly' environment. We know that the secure fencing of our modern gardens reduces the roaming capabilities (this can be anything up to a mile a night in their quest for food and a mate), but we can encourage their movement by cutting a small hole in the garden fence through which they can travel, making a hedgehog highway! They thrive where there are well managed mosaics of hedges, fields, and woodlands. If our own gardens are chemical (and slug pellet) free and if we leave a wild area with wood piles and rough cover, we offer the ideal spot for them to feel at home. Avoid disturbing piles of wood and certainly if you pile your garden cuttings and prunings for a bonfire in Autumn, always check before lighting, hedgehogs are attracted to this seemingly inviting pile!

See: www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk (*a guide to helping hedgehogs) for more details on how you can help and protect them.

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One of the good things to come out of lockdown has been an increasing interest in the world around us, and a healing of our environments as a result of the reduction in human activity – rivers running clear again, more birds returning to our gardens, and seeing more wildlife in their natural habitats. Although we were advised to stay home for large parts of the past year, we were encouraged to take some exercise. Walking around our beautiful country lanes and pathways has become an important way of life, and new friendships have been made as we have passed one another on our daily walk. People have been taking amazing photographs of birds, wildlife, flowers and the weather and sharing them on Facebook. Some of these will be on view in our **'Lockdown Through the Seasons' Exhibition** in September – details to follow!

Our rural churches are committed to caring for the environment and reducing the effects of climate change. Our churchyards all have wildlife areas where the grass is left untended to allow for wild flowers, bees and butterflies to flourish, and in Spring they are carpeted with snowdrops, primroses and violets. Three of our churches are **Eco Churches**, with a special focus on caring for creation, caring for the poor and vulnerable, and building community relationships so that all people can access and appreciate nature.

Teaching about care for creation in church, and acting on it, helps our life and faith become more relevant to the world around us. Through Eco church we are encouraged to make lifestyle choices: buying fairly-traded and eco-friendly goods, recycling, being energy efficient and reducing our carbon footprint. Care for the environment is a focus for younger people in particular, and our **CONNECT Outdoor church** encourages native wildlife in our churchyards through the provision of bird and bat boxes, bug hotels, hedgehog homes, bird feeders, bird tables and bird baths. In partnership with our local schools we are introducing **Inspired Classrooms**, which uses the church building and grounds as a learning resource for all subjects, including sketching and imagining, shapes and patterns, counting, and being an architectural investigator.

If you are out and about this month, take a wander through your local churchyard and appreciate the beauty of creation! In June we will be celebrating mid-summer with a **Hedgerow Festival** in some of our churches – so watch this space!

Blessings, *Julia*



South Hartismere Benefice Recovery Worship Rota

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May 2021

Week 1

Sunday 2nd May
The 5th Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday 5th May
Thursday 6th May

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm
Telephone Church 11.00am

Week 2

Sunday 9th May
The 6th Sunday of Easter

On-line	9.00am	Worship for All
Stoke Ash	10.30am	Holy Communion
Mellis	10.30am	Worship for All
Thorndon	4.00pm	CONNECT

Thursday 13th May
Ascension Day

Telephone Church 11.00am
Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm

Week 3

Sunday 16th May
The 7th Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday 19th May
Thursday 20th May

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm
Telephone Church 11.00am

Week 4

Sunday 23rd May
Pentecost

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

Wednesday 26th May
Thursday 27th May

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm
Telephone Church 11.00am

Week 5

Sunday 30th May
Trinity Sunday

Mellis	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion/ Commissioning/Recommissioning of Lay Elders
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Hello,

May 2021

It has been wonderful having the children back this term! The five new pupils have settled in brilliantly and have already become part of the school.

Playground developments

We are very thankful for all the donations from parents and the local community. We have started to develop areas in the playground thanks to the donations of topsoil, bulbs, sleepers and tyres. We have planted lots of new flower beds and are now going to be making a sensory/wildlife area in the top garden. The children will be making bug hotels, musical chimes and planting up lots of wellies. Further donations of these items would be welcome.



Sports

We have had some local sport coaches in this term and the children have loved learning new skills in athletics and tennis.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Sheeran



It's a Dog's Life

Hello everyone,
it's been very exciting here!
I was helping mum with some
gardening...now I'll helping
but I'm not convinced she feels
the same. Apparently me in-
specting all the new plants and

christening them the way us canines do is not considered
good for growth....whatever.

Anyway, the other day we were just coming indoors when
there was a dreadful sound of squawking and squealing
coming from the end of the garden. Obviously I wanted to
investigate (that's my job after all), so you can imagine
how miffed I was to be unceremoniously hauled in to the
kitchen!

Mum went to investigate....apparently a sparrow hawk
had caught a wood pigeon and was happily demolishing it
behind the oil tank!

Now they think I don't understand their language but of
course I do... I just pretend I don't when it suits. Anyway I
wasn't allowed out until the bird had gone...nothing to see
but a load of feathers (dad had got rid of the sad remains).
Glad my dinner comes in a foil tray. Far too exhausting.
Now for a snooze!

Woofles of Wetheringsett

Did you know ...?

The dot over the letter 'i' is called a tittle.

Underground' is the only word in the English language that begins and
ends with the letters 'und.'



Dates for the Diary

May

Monday 3rd

Monday 31st

Early May bank holiday

Spring bank holiday

Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council
Report on the virtual meeting held
Tuesday 6 April 2021

Annual Parish Meeting – this will be held Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 7pm. It will be a video meeting due to covid restrictions but will be open to parishioners who will be able to take part during the public session. The Annual Parish Meeting was cancelled last May due to lockdown so this will be an ideal opportunity for parishioners to comment on any issues relating to the village. The video link will be available on the meeting agenda published at the end of April.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will follow the above and will be open to the public via video link.

Hedge – Station Road – some concerns had been raised by parishioners over the coppicing of the hedge to the ground level. It was reported this had been carried out due to complaints of the hedge encroaching on to the highway making it difficult for vehicles to pass in places. Coppicing it to ground level would enable the hedge to be managed as it re-grows.

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras – due to some of the high speeds recorded in the village by the VAS equipment, parish council members have agreed to take part in a pilot scheme being funded by Suffolk CC in partnership with Suffolk Constabulary to tackle speeding hot spots across the county. The cameras will be used to help detect and deter speeding in towns and villages and to educate drivers on the importance of road safety. An ANPR camera will be installed at a site identified as a hot spot on roads with a 20 or 30mph restriction. The devices will be moved between sites and remain in situ for up to one week per site. Data collected will be shared with the Police and County Council. Owners of vehicles caught speeding will receive a letter notifying them of any excess speed. Repeat offences could prompt deployment of a SafeCam and issuing of fines to those who breach the speed limit.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP) – a progress report was given to the meeting by the Chairman of the Working Group, Mr Robert Townshend, and the NP consultant Andrea Long. It is important that parishioners take part in surveys during the different stages as the Plan is developed – please view the NP website at wetheringsettcumbrockford.onesuffolk.net

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Parish Council Meeting cont.

Parish Council Vacancy – Cllr David Brown tendered his resignation from the council as he and his wife will be moving from the village. The chairman recorded huge thanks to David for his work on behalf of the council and community and wished him well in his move. Details of the vacancy are available on parish noticeboards and the website.

**Next meeting: Annual Parish Council Meeting 4 May 2021
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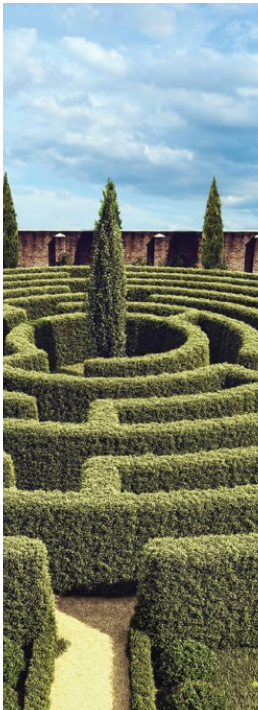
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Foundation of the School

The following extract from the Trust Deed explains the conditions under which the school was founded.

*Rev. John Parkinson, under 5th and 8th years of reign of her Majesty, piece of land *one rood and 32 perches, land called Gibbs Pightle numbered 12 on map. Education for adults or children of the labouring, manufacturing and other poorer classes of the parish of Wetheringsett cum Brockford AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE always to be open for inspection dated 10.8.1840 for furtherance of the aims and designs of the National Society, principal officiating minister shall have superintendance of the religious instruction and moral for scholars and may use or direct premises to be used, for Sunday Schoolparson had authority for appointment and dismissal of staff, the parson or curate, churchwarden and eight other persons formed a committee, could also appoint or dismiss under direction of Bishop of diocese. Eight were Robert Eden Moore, James George Sheppard of Campsea Ash, Robert Woodward of Akenham, George Hayward of Brames Hall, Henry Woodward of Wetheringsett, Samuel Peck of Eye, Frederick Haywood of Needham Market, Henry Weavers of Wetheringsett all to contribute 20 shillings at the least to the funds of the said school and be members of the C. of E. And to have real estate in the parish or adjoining. New members elected to the committee during the year had to subscribe 10 shillings per vote. All members of the committee had to sign in a book the following declaration : 'I A B do hereby sincerely and solemnly declare that I am a member of the United Church of England and Ireland as by law. Established ...*

Deed signed by John P sill (Rector) and Robert Moore

Two notices were put up in the Parish showing the beginnings of the School. These are at the Records Office in Ipswich.

More next month

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Marc Williams

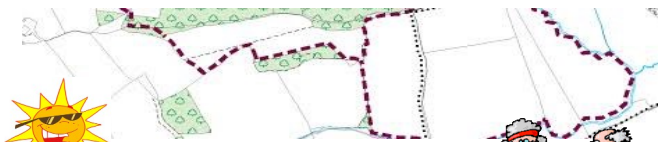
11/05/2021 - Norfolk & Suffolk Online group - 2pm

28/05/2021 - Coffee morning (open to all areas) - 10:30am

EXERCISE

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We would also like to see some good weather to league to get started. Those with a mean streak are welcome!

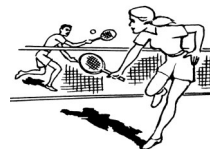


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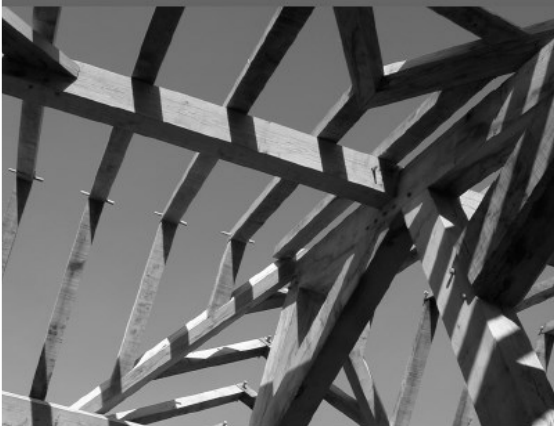
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Sarah Carruthers' BFG "Scarecrow" remains at the Library (Sue standing next to him in the photo).

See a video slideshow of him at https://youtu.be/2_zrOgx-Xd4 or on the Facebook page below.

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School corner, Debenham IP14 6PL (next to the Primary School). Opening hours:

Tuesday: 0930 am – 1300 pm Wednesday : 1500 – 1800 pm*

Saturday: 0900 am – 1300 pm Sunday: 1200 – 1600 pm

* Please note that the library will close at 6pm on Wednesdays until further notice, during the winter.

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