



# JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to the June 2021 issue of your Newsletter



I think June is my favourite month—certainly in the garden, anyway; the enjoyment of seeing so many plants coming into bloom. It is also a time of long days and short nights, with the summer solstice on June 21st.

This month in the newsletter we have a young winner of the short story competition, see page 9, and read her winning entry on page 23. More next month when we announce the winner in the adult section.

There is a new section, introducing the people behind some of our local businesses: this month, on p.5, meet Mel of Willow Upholstery. If you would like your business to be featured in the newsletter - or know someone who would, please let me know (email on opposite page)



There's also news from the school, from the Middy and lots more besides ....so read and enjoy!

*Cally (Editor)*

June 21st is the summer solstice, which heralds the start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. It's the day with the most hours of daylight, so enjoy! In the Southern Hemisphere, winter begins at this time.

*In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different.*

*John Steinbeck, The Winter of Our Discontent*

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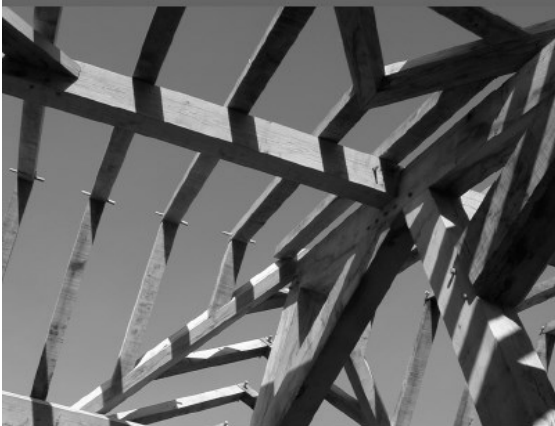
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Twice a week, for eighteen months, Mel travelled from her home in Wetherup Street to Essex – with a gruelling 5am start, in order to train and gain her Diploma from the Association of Master Upholsterers & Soft Furnishers. Her dual love of fabric and colour shine through her finished work. Check out her website -

[www.willow-upholstery.com](http://www.willow-upholstery.com)



Mel, in her workshop with dog Rosie.

to see the range of her work; from timeless and traditional through to contemporary and funky - all meticulously finished.

Mel still enjoys the discussion she has with clients in order to understand their requirements, and to offer advice, if requested. She finds upholstery both mentally and physically challenging, but totally absorbing, and has made some 'interesting' discoveries stripping down some of the older pieces of furniture!

Upholstery also ties in with Mel's values of being environmentally proactive: re-upholstering items and extending their life rather than sending them to landfill, sourcing sustainably sourced fabrics and recycling waste. The process of traditional upholstery is, in itself, environmentally friendly using materials such as hemp and flax. Being a vegetarian Mel prefers not to use leather particularly as there are now vegan leather look-alikes which are just as durable.

If you have a much-loved piece of furniture in need of some care and repair plus a fresh new fabric, or just need a lampshade, headboard or new cushions to co-ordinate with your newly upholstered sofa or chair, Mel is happy to talk with you about your needs.

You will find Mel at her workshop, at her home, Trowel and Hammer Cottage which - for those of us old enough to remember - was a public house!



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Hello,  
It has been a lovely half term.

June 2021

## Pentecost



It was lovely that we could finally have Rev Julia back to support us with our learning this term. She joined us for a range of activities to learn and celebrate Pentecost.

We had a go at making feathers with the names of people who are special to us, Bubble writing to send a thank you prayer to God, paper chains and we all made a hat with a flame on.



Brooklyn from year 2 said "the flames remind us of the Holy Spirit, It helps us to know Jesus is always with us".





## Character creation Competition



The children have loved taking part in the competition and creating characters for a book. Here are some of the creations from the younger children in the school. They also had great fun writing a range of descriptions of their characters.

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Families

■ What did the pen say to the pencil?  
■ So, what's your point!

Why did the kid study in the airplane?

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Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

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We can announce that the winner of the  
junior section, from Wetheringsett School,  
Is  
**Isla Bush**

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Read her story, and what the judges had to  
say on pages 22 and 23

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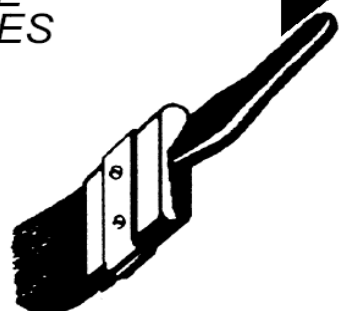
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# A Celebration of Nature

## Swifts

*'It is on the wing that she takes her repose,  
Suspended and poised in the regions of air;  
'Tis not in our fields that her sustenance grows,  
It is winged like herself - 'tis ethereal fare.'*



This verse was originally written about swallows, gathering insects in the sky, just as swifts do. Distinguished from swallows by their colouring and sound; swifts make an unmistakable piercing, high pitched 'scream' and are dark sooty brown all over. Swallows 'twitter', have a red throat and white underside, with a bluish sheen on the head and back.

We have a cluster of swifts who visit us year on year and are seen around Wetheringsett church. May is the normal month of their arrival having overwintered in Africa, travelling via France and Spain. They need warm weather to provide a constant supply of flying insects, which is another reason for us all to support biodiversity where we increase the numbers of insects in our gardens and avoid sprays to encourage a balance of insects.

Swifts start their return journey in mid July, before nights become too cool, much sooner than Swallows who gather on the wires in September on average.

How long do swifts live? Up to 21 years! So one individual may fly more than one million kilometres during its lifetime.

When you hear that tell-tale 'screech', you know Summer has arrived.

*Wetheringsett Nature Lover*

Rules to live by:

Don't tell your problems to people: eighty percent don't care, and the other twenty percent are glad you have them.

Lou Holtz (Football Coach)

## FLYTIPPING ....we all suffer from this.

The roadside litter is bad enough, but the flytipping is a double cost on our rates since we pay the refuse man, and then pay the Council to collect our roadside waste. Of course, it is nobody in our Parish doing this but MSDC covers the perpetrators' area too. However, please take the vehicle number of guilty looking parties.



Recent photos taken in the village

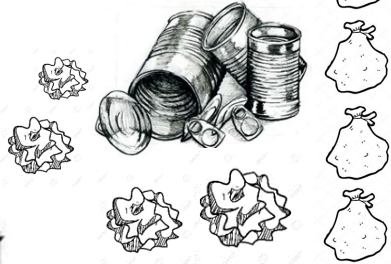
## BITTER LITTER – a postscript

Following on from the entry about litter in the April edition, a local resident has reported a successful outcome regarding a number of bin bags dumped in the parish near the A140.

The matter was reported to the environmental protection officer @babberghmidsuffolk. The litter was collected and documents within the bags identified the culprit, who came from Ipswich, and who agreed to pay a £200.00 penalty to resolve the matter.

Let's hope that in future those bags end up in a recycling centre rather than by the roadside.....

## COMMUNITY LITTER PICK



**Please join us for a Community Litter Pick, which will take place on Saturday 12th June**

We will meet outside the Village Hall at 1pm.  
Grabbers, bags, Hi-Viz vests and gloves will be provided.

We would really appreciate everyone's help with this.  
It will also be an opportunity for parishioners to join together for a community event at long last.

Please contact Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Aldred if you require further information (Tel: 01728 860482)



**Wetheringsett Manor**

# ACORN

**Better days, Better lives**

**Wetheringsett Manor School is now opened to pupils.**

Unfortunately, due to COVID, we regret that we have been unable to show residents and others around the school after the refurbishment but hope that this is something that will be able to go ahead in the future.

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# GREEN MAN

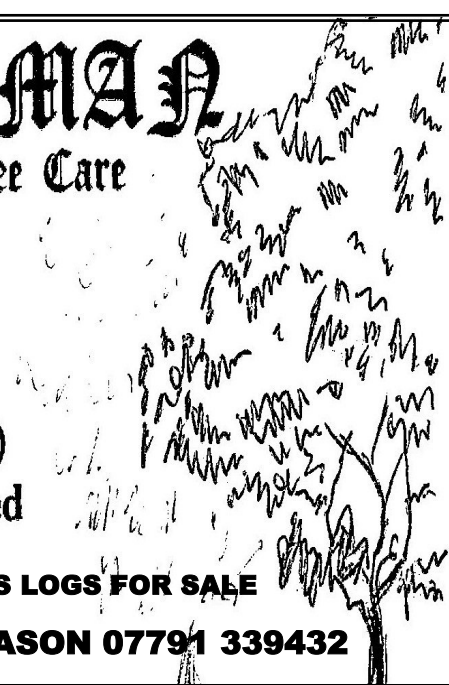
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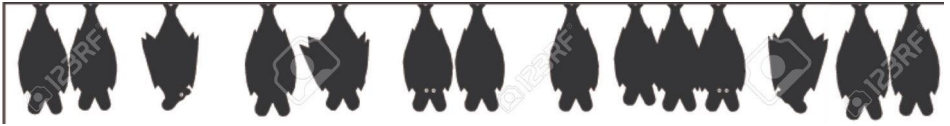
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# Bats in Churches

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

An in-depth bat survey is taking place this spring/summer at All Saints Church as a step towards possibly reducing the impact of the bats on the fabric and use of the church without affecting the conservation of the bats.

The first survey was on 20<sup>th</sup> May, a second planned for 16<sup>th</sup> June and a third on 21<sup>st</sup> July. So, if you are passing on one of those evenings, and see people in the churchyard, you will know why they are there.

The surveys are led by a licenced ecologist who, with a team, will be very busy counting the bats and the species as they emerge at dusk.



We are hoping to hold a bat walk in September (date to be decided) for anyone who is interested in the bats. We know from a previous survey that there is a large colony of Soprano Pipistrelles and some Long-Eared Bats too.

## Bat Facts

- \* There are eighteen species of bat in Britain and all are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act.
- \* Bats are the only mammals capable of controlled flight
- \* The most common bat seen in Britain is also the smallest of our 18 species and it is known as the **pipistrelle**.
- \* Average life span of a pipistrelle is 4-5 years.
- \* You can attract bats into your garden by growing strongly-scented flowering plants, such as honeysuckle, sweet briar and white jasmine. These will attract insects, which in turn attract bats.



**Before ...**



**...and after**

Did you Know .....

Shredded Wheat, originally a US company opened a factory in Welwyn Garden City in 1928 . The brand was then know as Welgar Shredded Wheat, after the town's name.







## Mid-Suffolk Light Railway Museum

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Very pleased to announce that the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway has won this years HRA Morgan Preservation award for the restoration and return to traffic of the original Shredded Wheat factory shunter, immediately dubbed 'Shreddie' by all involved.

This amazing project, returning a rusting hulk which hadn't turned a wheel in 15 years back to working order, was carried out by two Middy volunteers, Neal and Nigel Davis with the enthusiastic support of the loco's owner Tony Goff in just 6 months.

### **Middy and Shreddie scoop the HRA Preservation Award**

The Heritage Railway Association prestigious Morgan Preservation Award has been won by the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway, and their restored Shredded Wheat diesel mechanical locomotive at a virtual event on 28th April.

The 1934 0-4-0 locomotive was built for the Shredded Wheat Company's Welwyn Garden City factory by Fowler of Leeds. Years after falling out use it was eventually bought at auction in a completely derelict state by Mr. Tony Goff, who offered it to the MSLR, but it was seized solid and immovable, so the Middy couldn't take immediately. However, Tony then contacted brothers Neal and Nigel Davis about restoration at their works near Attleborough in Norfolk.

Neal and Nigel, who are both members and volunteers at the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway and, by general consent, in charge of the Middy's diesel fleet due to their enthusiasm and expertise for all things internal combustion, set to, to return the rusting hulk into working locomotive again.

After only 6 months work and the support of owner Tony, 'Shreddie' was delivered in full working order to the Brockford headquarters of the Middy, where it has remained ever since as a valued member of the railway's motive power complement. It is now usually to be found heading the works train whenever help is need on track or trackside maintenance and, more recently, engaged on the MSLR extension project to double the length of the line. 'Shreddie' has also now been fitted with vacuum brakes and can be used on passenger trains, although as Neal commented, 'It is so low geared it might be quicker to walk!'

Owner Tony is absolutely delighted that his engine has become an award winner, but quick to give credit to the Middy team for their skill and the opportunity for proper work the railway provides for 'Shreddie'.



## South Hartismere Benefice Recovery Worship Rota

*For services held in church and online  
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### June 2021

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

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

#### Week 1

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
*The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

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

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June

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

#### Week 2

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

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

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June

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

#### Week 3

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

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

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June

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

#### Week 4

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
*The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

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

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm

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# South Hartismere Benefice

*June Newsletter 2021*



Last month I wrote about our Eco churches and this month we continue the theme of care for our environment. In June we celebrate World Environment Day and World Ocean day.

Since 1974, World Environment Day has been celebrated every year on 5th June, engaging governments, businesses and people to address pressing environmental issues such as deforestation, the loss of 50 per cent of our coral reefs, and global warming. World Environment Day inspires us to make positive changes in our lifestyle – for us to think about food waste and food shortages; for farmers and manufacturers to produce more sustainably; for governments to invest in repairing the environment; for schools to inspire students to take action; and for youth to build a greener future. We cannot turn back time, but we can grow trees, green our cities, rewild our gardens, change our diets and clean up rivers and coasts. We are the generation that can make peace with nature.

June 8th is World Oceans Day - a day for celebrating the oceans and ocean conservation. It's purpose is to reduce the amount of waste that goes into our seas and to work towards cleaning up the ocean for all sea life.

You can find out more at [Worldoceansday.org](http://Worldoceansday.org)

By embracing these two days of information, reflection and action, we can, and will, protect and restore our shared resources, and be part of a global celebration of our beautiful planet.

In our churches we will be celebrating these two initiatives at CONNECT, 4.00pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June, at Thorndon Church, IP23 7JR. Later in the month we will be holding a Hedgerow Festival in some of our churches – more details to follow.

Come along and help us raise awareness in our communities for the need to protect and preserve the wonderful places where we live!

Blessings,

*Julia*

## **From the parishes:**

**Congratulations** to Andrew Harris and Jacqueline Thorogood, married at Thornham Parva.

**In Loving Memory:** John Howis, Rishangles



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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](http://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'.

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So home or away, check out the websites and get walking! John Harris

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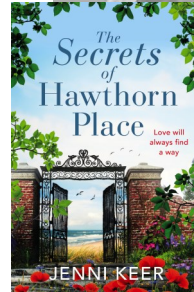
## SHORT STORY COMPETITION - what the judges say ..

Our sponsor, from Brockford Services, judged the entries together with local author, Jenni Keer. Jenni writes commercial women's fiction and has her third book, "The Secrets of Hawthorn Place", coming out in October".



This is what she wrote about Isla's story:

***The winning story was a fabulous retelling of a classic, where the author employed a great range of adjectives to immerse us in the story, and demonstrated an incredible eye for detail. I particularly liked the skitting leaf, and her line, "A shiny bead of saliva running down my coarse grey fur". With a light touch of humour, this was a clear winner in my eyes. Well done.***



And our sponsor's comment:

***I found Isla's story to be most engaging, original and inventive'***

Next month we will announce the winner of the adult section, and also publish a selection of the entries.

*Now this really is a short story*

*'Knock'*

*The last man on earth sat alone in a room. There was a knock on the door ..*

*By Frederick Brown*

SHORT STORY COMPETITION *Winning entry by Isla Bush*

It all began one day when I was out on a leisurely stroll. The sun was shining a very particular shade of yellow, almost white even. Out of the corner of my eye I spotted a small, juicy little pig. His soft pink skin gleaming in the yellow (almost white) sunlight. I was drooling now. A shiny bead of saliva running down my coarse grey fur. I slowly crept forward. My dirty yellow nails digging into the road. Suddenly the pig saw me and, in a flash, was inside. The door shut firmly behind him. "Oh little pig, little pig, will you let me in?" I called as sweetly as I could muster.

"Not by the hairs on my chinny-chin-chin!!!" The pig bellowed back. I was tempted to give up, but as I was trotting back a big gust of wind blew behind me, causing a leaf in front of me to skitter forward. Without a moment's notice an idea flashed into my mind. I spun round on my heel. "Well little pig. Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!"

I took a deep breath and blew. I blew more than a steam train leaving a station. First, the house wobbled then a colossal amount of dust and debris came crashing down. A short pink figure wobbled out of a pile of straw and dashed. "come here little pig!" I shouted, running after the stout pig.

Another house, this time made of sticks. "Little pig, Little pig come let me come in please!!!" I shout through the door.

"NOT BY THE HAIRS ON OUR CHINNY CHIN CHINS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

I decided to pull out the same trick, I wasn't sure whether it would work since this house was made of sticks, whereas the other house was made of straw, but I could try. I took a deep breath and blew.

Nothing happened I blew a bit harder, and sure enough, it blew down.

Then two slim pink figures ran out of the house, their trotters sounding down the path. I followed them to a brick house. I saw another pig quickly usher them into the house. I instantly knew I wasn't going to be able to blow it down then I saw a chimney. Quickly, I jumped onto the roof with ease. Then I jumped down the chimney, I was thinking whether bacon goes better with ketchup or mayo (ketchup, obviously), when I felt hot, my eyes stung, at that moment I knew I was in hot water I just had to get out, but it was too late. I knew it was the end. I shut my eyes tight and felt my heart rate slowing to a stop. I never thought it would end this way. Goodbye.



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# *Wetheringsett Village Hall News*



With the easing of covid regulations the Village Hall Committee are checking the new guidance relating to opening the Hall for public use.

During recent gales, a tree fell on to the Village Hall Roof, and the damage caused meant the roof will need to be replaced. This repair will be financed through our insurance and work will hopefully start in late July. The Hall can remain in use in the interim, although users should be aware that scaffolding will be erected when the work begins.

So, looking to the future, we still need to know that the village community wants a village hall and hope that, once restrictions are lifted, bookings will be made. During term time the Hall is free on weekday afternoons from 13.30 (Monday and Tuesday), on weekday evenings and all day at weekends. It is also available to hire at any time during school holidays.

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*A Thought -*

*Why is there so much month left at the end of the money?*

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## It's a Dog's Life

Hello everyone...  
I'm not really enjoying this weather much. Personally, I'm not too bothered about getting muddy etc as I'm quite happy to clean myself on the sofa or any other convenient soft furnishings

but this led to a trip to the groomers!

Let me tell you about this traumatic experience.....

Now I think I'm a pretty smart dog that generally knows what's going on but they seem to manage to trick me into thinking I'm going somewhere else when in fact they ARE ABANDONING ME!!

Now I must say the lady who they leave me with is very nice and makes a great fuss of yours truly ( I do a very good line in shivering and whimpering pathetically)

However just when I think I've won her over and she clearly must be heading toward the doggy biscuit tin she puts me in a great big sink and soaks me! I then get shampooed in places I never knew needed shampooing, dried and then out comes the clippers.....Not the time for wriggling I can tell you.

Eventually this ordeal is over and amazingly, they haven't abandoned me after all!!

Apparently I look and smell beautiful....Obviously.

Next walk I'm heading straight for the manure pile. That'll teach them!

*Wooles of Wetheringsett*

**No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as the dog does.**

*Christopher Morley*

## Dates for the Diary

### June

Saturday 12th

Monday 21st

### September

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Community Litter Pick 1pm (see p. 13)

Summer solstice

Bat Walk



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**Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council**  
**Report on the Annual Parish Council meeting held 4 May 2021**

**Chairman** – Cllr Mrs Liz Cain was elected to stand as Chairman for the forthcoming year and Cllr Mrs Ann Arnold was elected Vice Chairman. Thanks were recorded to Liz and Ann for taking on these roles and thanks were recorded to Cllr Charles Harvey for his chairmanship over the last two years, this had been much appreciated particularly during the last challenging year when meetings had been conducted via video link.

**The Government has deemed** that with effect from 7 May 2021 parish and town councils can no longer meet remotely and with effect from 17 May must return to live meetings. The next parish council meeting on 7 June 2021 will therefore be held at the Village Hall and members of the public are very welcome to attend. The Village Hall committee will ensure that the Hall is covid compliant. Numbers may be limited due to distancing regulations.

**Parish Council Vacancy** – there having been no request from parishioners to fill the current vacancy via an election, our members are now free to fill the vacancy via co-option. Any parishioner, 18 years and over, is eligible to join the council. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. Please do contact a councillor or the clerk for more information if you think you would be interested, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

**COMMUNITY LITTER PICK** – the parish council has agreed to arrange **a community litter pick on the afternoon of Saturday 12 June 2021, meeting at the Village Hall at 1pm.** Litter pick sticks, bags, high viz jackets and gloves will be available for individual use. Our parish council members would really appreciate parishioners volunteering to help, this will also be an opportunity for parishioners to join together for a community event at long last. Please contact Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Aldred if you require further information (Tel: 01728 860482).

**Childrens' Play Area** – complaints had been raised over the last month regarding broken glass and beer bottles left around the equipment in the play area. The debris has been removed and Cllr Barry Lacey has continued to monitor use of the playground but it would be much appreciated if litter could be taken home after use and that the play area is reserved for use by children and their parents.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 7 June 2021, 7pm at the Village Hall. The meeting will be open to the public.**



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## *Snippets from the Village History:* **Foundation of the School**

Whites Directory records that a Parochial School was built in 1859 by subscription, for 100 children, partly by voluntary subscriptions partly by rents of parish property. There was to be Government Inspection. The National Society was mentioned in the Trust Deed. The records they have are scanty but are recorded as follows:

In September 1859 the society was advised by the rector J P Sill that it was proposed to build a school-room 45½ft by 18ft with a classroom 18ft by 12ft to accommodate 80 children, also a six-roomed teacher's residence.

The site consisted of half an acre of glebe valued at £15 had been granted by the rector and was to be conveyed to the rector and churchwardens as trustees. It was estimated that the cost would amount to £340 for the schoolroom plus £150 for fittings with a further £250 for the residence and £40+ for expenses.

There were apparently in existence two dames schools connected with the church also a Sunday school. The former were to be continued as preparatory schools and the Sunday school as before.

About £380 had been raised by local effort plus the promise of free cartage of materials to a probable value of £112. Unfortunately the Society was unable to hold out much hope of assistance because of the very low state of its finances.

An application for grant was made to the Education Department and £309.3s was voted. This was a mixed blessing, however, as Mr Sill wrote that the requirements which were a condition of the grant had added considerably to the cost of the undertaking.

The buildings were completed by the end of April 1860 and opening deferred only until a suitable master could be found.

The final cost amounted to £805.2.8d excluding the value of the site and the free cartage.. A deficiency of £115 in the funds was paid by the rector and two others. The Society agreed to make a small contribution of £20 towards the deficit and the Diocese also agreed to contribute, but we do not know to what extent.

*More next month*

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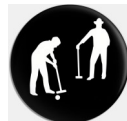


We have had huge use of the Cedars Pool - free to Parishioners once registered -once lockdown was eased, in spite of the coldest April on record and May not being much warmer. Keeping the water at 86-90F helps!



We even have some tennis players in evidence; usually not seen until Wimbledon is on the horizon.

Unfortunately the croquet is not under way yet, but we are heading towards the longer and hopefully, warmer evenings.



It is also good to see walkers, runners and cyclists taking exercise around the Loop of the parish: hopefully some good has come out of the last 15 months.

We like to see the horse riders off the roads and on the fields, but one horse as well as a bike rider caught the ire of a Councillor for being on the footpath.

We are now taking 2021 Registrations for the Cedars swimming pool, available for anybody living in the Parish, or working in one of our light industrial units. Swimming, once registered, is free, as is the use of the adjacent tennis court.

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