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Welcome to the August 2021 issue of your Newsletter

The highlight for the village this month must be the re-opening of the village hall with a Centenary Tea Party. Many thanks to all those who have put in so much work on re-furbishing the hall through difficult times. There is still more work to be done and after the Centenary celebration the hall will close again for 3 months for some fairly extensive repair work—see below for details.

School's out! Let's hope things will be fully back to normal next term as this has been such a disruptive time for our youngsters' education. Meanwhile, enjoy your summer break!

Cally (Editor)

Village Hall News – Advance warning of closure

Following on from the storm damage to the roof earlier this year, repairs will begin in September. We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause to our regular users but hope that these repairs, combined with work on the south wall, will give the Village Hall a new lease of life for the future.

To facilitate these renovations and repairs the Village Hall will be closed between

1st September '21 and 30th November '21.

These dates could be subject to change, but we plan to celebrate the re-opening with a Christmas Quiz. Further details will be published in subsequent newsletters and on the Parish Website.

Dates for the Diary

July

Saturday 31st

August

Sunday 29th

Jumble Sale 11am-3pm

All Saints Church Stoke Ash

See dates for the Middy on page 19

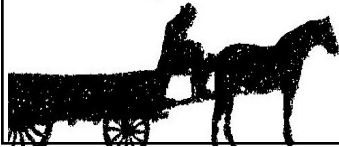
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Village Hall 2 - 5pm

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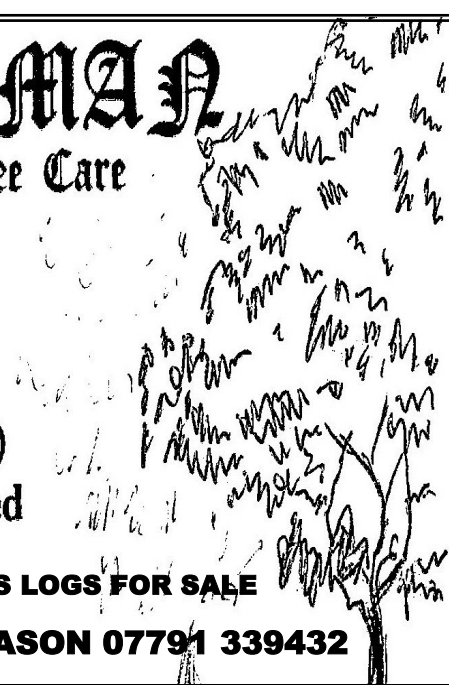
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CENTENARY TEA PARTY

Wetheringsett Village Hall

1921-2021

To celebrate the centenary of the Village Hall and, hopefully, the end of lockdown

Wetheringsett Parish Council invite you to a tea party at the village hall on

Sunday 29th August from 2pm to 5pm

Please join us for tea, cakes and a glass of Pimm's
Ice creams for the young at heart

See some displays of the village in years gone by and chat with other residents.

Please can you help?

Do you have a pop-up gazebo we could borrow for the afternoon?

It would be great to have an idea of numbers so, if possible, could you let Rachel (01449 767781) or Sue (01449 767752) know.

Many thanks – hope to see you there

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JUMBLE SALE

All Saints Church
Stoke Ash

Saturday 31st July
11am - 3pm

Covid quotes:

The Covid-19 situation has been especially stressful for the Flat Earth Society. They fear that the social distancing measures could push people over the edge.



August 2021



I would like to congratulate Brooklyn and Lola for being shortlisted in the top 100 children out of 5000 entries in the Character creation competition. You should both be very proud!

I would also like to congratulate Josie and Bella who completed the Mud Race at

Kelvedon Hatch near Brentwood on Saturday. The circuit was 1.5km, Josie was old enough to complete the circuit twice which she did without missing out a single obstacle. Bella also completed her circuit and all obstacles on route. What a fantastic effort from both of you. They're going to do another one in September!



The children had lots of fun on sports day and luckily the rain held off for us to enjoy it!





We would like to say a massive goodbye to our Year 6 children. They have been fantastic members of the school and will be missed. We wish you the best of luck in the future.

Mrs Sheeran



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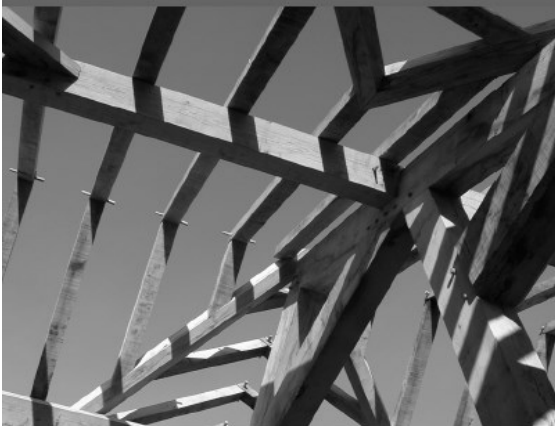
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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Neighbourhood Plan

Policy Ideas Exhibition – to be held on 17th and 18th September

Everyone is welcome to drop in and give us some feedback on the developing policy.

The timings are likely to be Friday late afternoon and evening, 4pm to 7pm, and Saturday 10am to 2pm.

Details of the venue will follow, due to the Village Hall being closed for building works.



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Bats in Churches

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Due to the wave of Covid cases being recorded since the easing of restrictions, it has been decided to cancel the proposed September BAT WALK advertised in the June issue.



We cannot predict the weather, but the Bats will be slowing down as it gets colder so it may be too late to re-schedule for later this year and we may have to wait until 2022.

Why do bats hate living on their own?
They want to hang out with their friends.

*What happens when two vampire bats meet?
They fall in love at first bite*



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Fines and charges are now reintroduced and loan periods are back to 3 weeks. You can renew your items online or at the library.

Summer Reading Challenge volunteers wanted!



We're looking for volunteers aged 12 and up to help with this year's Summer Reading Challenge. You'll be reading with and chatting to primary aged children in the library over the summer. It's excellent experience for your CV and great fun! Ask in the

Library, or read more about it at www.suffolklibraries.co.uk.

The **Summer Reading Challenge** opens on 17 July. To sign up, just visit your library. Take part in the six book "Wild World Heroes" reading challenge over the summer and make a difference to the environment – a group of friends making their town even better for the people and animals that live there. Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, awesome rewards and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment. Perfect for when Suffolk starts to open up again! The challenge is open to all children – once you sign up, read six books over the summer holidays and collect a prize for each one from the library. If you complete the challenge, you'll collect a certificate.

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The Cedars Pool and Beyond

Swimming: The school holidays are now upon us, but the pool can hardly be busier! Many days have seen swimmers from 8am till 9pm, with people keeping fit or children having a good time. The coach is now back in full swing so many of the children are not there just for the fun, but to learn properly.



Our Brockford Sidings Carriages are fully booked into September, and we have noticed this year how much more our visitors enjoy the walking in our parish - perhaps looking for a hostelry, which I hope they will shortly be able to find.

Tennis: We have seen our tennis court being used more this year. Hopefully this will continue with one or two youngsters performing well at Wimbledon.



Croquet: The croquet lawn has seen some action: now I need a challenger who is not quite as good as myself - played 3 lost 3.



Quad biking: The Radio Modellers, on our mini-aerodrome towards Thorndon, had a major competition recently, but not whilst I was successfully searching for a very rare bee orchid. On the same site I have cut a small circuit for small quad bikes - as they make about the same amount of noise as the model planes. Mini quad bikers speak to me.



Tony Alston

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I've finally told my suitcases there will be no holiday this year. Now I'm dealing with the emotional baggage.



Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.

Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

A girl said she recognised me from her vegetarian club but I'd never met herbivore.

On Sunday, John Travolta tested negative for coronavirus last night. Turns out it was just Saturday night fever

SHORT STORY COMPETITION - *Highly commended ...*

'I Bake Bread'

by

Audrey Hyde-Chambers

I bake bread. The very act of kneading, proving, baking takes me back. I find myself swimming in nostalgia for the meals my mother would make. Corned Beef Hash, Liver and Bacon, the ubiquitous Sausage and mash with onion gravy. I make them but somehow, they never taste the same. Not quite matching what my mother placed before me.

I stop myself from going to the butcher for cheap cuts of meat and demanding, as she did, that the butcher remove the bones from the breasts of lamb. And I have yet to find somewhere that gives you things "on tick" until payday.

When we were hungry, she would let us feast on bread and dripping before going to bed. If there was no dripping or we had run out of bread, she would tell us we would "dine while we slept". We six hungry children believed her. I hear myself repeating this and her many wise sayings. Waste not, want not. God pays debts without money. Make do and mend.

I need Marmite. I have not eaten Marmite for years, but there is a space in my cupboard where Marmite should go. I buy a jar and place it there, just so.

It has crept up on me slowly over the years, with each repetition of a proverb and with every loaf baked. Here I stand, in my dotage with a jar of Marmite and the transformation is complete. I have become my mother.

judges comments ..

A beautifully nostalgic entry that I really enjoyed, with a Marmite twist!

I enjoyed this. It resonated with me a great deal as each passing day I become my father. I thought it was well written with plenty of nostalgic references that I can recall. Cuts of meat that are now unobtainable, food 'on tick' and so on. A lesson for young whiners about how it was!



South Hartismere Benefice

Recovery Worship Rota

For services held in church and online

August 2021

Week 1

Sunday 1st August
The 9th Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday 4th August
Thursday 5th August

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

Week 2

Sunday 8th August
The 10th Sunday after Trinity

On-line	9.00am	Worship for All
Mellis	10.30am	Worship for All
Stoke Ash	10.30am	Holy Communion

Wednesday 11th August
Thursday 12th August

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

Week 3

Sunday 15th August
The 11th Sunday after Trinity

On-line	9.00am	Worship for All
Thornham Parva	10.30am	Worship for All
Wetheringsett	10.30am	Holy Communion

Wednesday 18th August
Thursday 19th August

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

Week 4

Sunday 22nd August
The 12th Sunday after Trinity

On-line	9.00am	Worship for All
Yaxley	10.30am	Worship for All
Thornham Magna	10.30am	Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th August
Thursday 26th August

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

Week 5

Sunday 29th August
The 13th Sunday after Trinity

No Online Worship		
Stoke Ash	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion

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South Hartismere Benefice

August 2021 New letter



Closing the Marriage Registers

If you were married in church, or you have been a guest at a church wedding you will be aware of the important part in the service when the couple and their witnesses sign the marriage registers - a special moment that is often photographed on the day.

We have always had special books in our churches where we record weddings, baptisms and funerals, but on May 4th a change in law meant that we had to close our marriage registers. The Church has been closely involved in witnessing and solemnising marriages since the 11th century, and from the Reformation parishes were required to keep written record of all those married in their churches, which remained in force until the 18th century. The Marriage Act 1836 provided for the duplicate green register books with which we are familiar, and whose use came to an end on the 4th May 2021.

Throughout June, the clergy and churchwardens met in each of our churches to close the registers and to pray for couples that have married in our churches in the past and those that will marry in our churches in the future. It was a historical and emotional moment, because for centuries it has been our privilege as a church, entrusted to us by the state, to keep these legal records of marriages. Weddings in Church will still continue, but will be registered in a different way.

As we closed the registers for the last time we prayed:

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of love and remember the many men and women who have stood in this place to make their vows to one another, and whose names are written in these registers [and those before them]. We thank you for all the joy and fruitfulness born of their marriages. We remember: Those whose faithfulness was lifelong and who are now at rest. Those who were widowed and bore long grief, or who married again. Those whose marriages, begun in hope did not bring them joy, or which ended how they did not intend. We remember also the fathers, whose names are recorded here, and the mothers, whose names are not; the friends and relations who bore witness to the weddings, and the clergy who solemnised them.....

The end of an era!

If you are thinking of marrying in one of our churches, just ask! We will do all we can to make it a day to remember.

Blessings, *Julia*

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Nonetheless we will remain Covid aware and compliant with current guidelines

Trains will often feature more than one loco in operation. Visitors can ride the trains as many times as they like and all the railway and museum facilities will be open when trains are running - the Middy museum, shop, café, Restoration Shed visits and real ale bar.

Major new exhibits at the museum this summer include the Fowler Shredded Wheat shunter. This pretty little engine may be diesel powered, but it has a copper capped exhaust chimney which gives a very steam like effect. In April this year the Middy won the Heritage Railway Association's prestigious Morgan Restoration Award for returning 'Shreddie' to running condition.

For more information visit www.msrlr.org.uk or contact John Reeve 01986 798019 or [email marketing@msrlr.org.uk](mailto:email_marketing@msrlr.org.uk)

Middy Café

Now open to the local community on Wednesday and Saturday mornings 9am-1pm (when the railway volunteers are there) plus Friday evenings 6 to 9pm, all for tasty take-aways!



Special events and visits during the summer include —

25th July - The Norfolk & Suffolk Narrow Gauge Modellers Day.

Up to 11 layouts will be on show. The Southwold Railway Stand will also be attending.

1st August - visit by the Tivetshall Old Ram Vintage Tractor Club.

Who will be bringing a great range of tractors from yesteryear to be displayed in Brockford Station car park.

8th August - Classic Vintage Bus Day

Again a selection of vintage vehicles will be on show at Brockford including Ipswich Transport Museum's 1938 Dennis Ace and the 'The Essex Lady', a 1939 Bristol 'K' double decker. We hope that some vehicles will be able to give (short) joy rides.

22nd August - The Steampunk Steam Railway Day

If you don't know what Steampunk is now's your chance to find out. Is it fashion, is it art, is it a movement? The Middy will be hosting a day with most of the answers.

29th and 30th August - Hornby Collectors Day & Model Mania

Hornby Dublo and O Gauge of course but, in addition, a wide range of models of all sorts will be on display. Truly trains and boats and planes. The railway will have two locos in steam during the weekend.

4th and 5th September - County Railway Gala

Not just steam trains, but a whole array of vehicles and machinery from rural life in the beginning of the 20th century and maybe earlier.

The Middy's offers a fascinating visit for families and rail fans alike. Opening times are from 10.30 to 17.00 (last train 16.00). Prices are £10.00 adults, £5.00 children under 16, families (2 + 2) £25.00.

Quote of the month

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It's a Dog's Life

Hello everyone....

Well Summer's here ...I think!
Even I've been a bit fed up with all
the rain. It's not the getting wet that

bothers me too mucha good shake when we get home
and a roll on the sofa and I'm fine....it's the time it takes
them to get ready for a walk that drives me mad! Wellies,
coats, hats, brollies... by the time we've actually got out I'm
exhausted from all the zoomies around the house and the
incessant barking! I don't need an extra coat...why should
they?

Anyway, the sun seems to have at last come out and I've
been able to return to one of my favourite occupations-
sunbathing in the garden. The back step is a favourite spot,
along with the summerhouse, by the greenhouse or if
indoors, supine on the back of the sofa. This is a good
afternoon spot with the added benefit that I can watch the
birds and surprise unsuspecting passers by with a loud bark
if I chose.

Anyway, must go now. Mum's just washed the throws and
pillows on the sofa and put them all back so I need to go
and rearrange them.

See you all soon!

Woofles of Wetheringsett

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Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council

Report on the meeting held 5th July

Bus Back Better scheme – County Cllr Stringer reported on a new bus service initiative that could lead to re-regulation of Bus services – a positive move for rural Suffolk. The de-regulated services following the pandemic have led to decimation of rural bus services in many communities as current policy renders it unlawful to cross subsidise routes, ie if an operator makes profit on a busy route they cannot use that money to subsidise a loss making route elsewhere – a policy originally aimed at city’s and towns.

Re-regulation will mean an operator can cross-subsidise once again, allowing for greater choice and service to our rural community.

The Government is asking for a plan from participating authorities to bid into a central pot to help fund not only the renewal of services but the Government is also offering 4000 zero emission electric buses in the bid. The County Council is unable to commit to the number of zero emission buses for Suffolk due to the Government’s requirement for up to 30% of the cost of each bus bid and any obtained will probably end up in the Ipswich and Lowestoft areas - on a positive note considerably reducing emissions.

Town Lane stacked containers – MSDC is expecting receipt of a planning application and when received will be sent out to consultees.

Change of use of domestic outbuilding to workshop at Clay Cottage, Pitman’s Corner – a number of parishioners attended the meeting to voice concerns and objection to the application which they believed would impact upon residential amenity. Parish Council Members listened to both the applicant and neighbouring residents. After careful consideration a recommendation of support was agreed subject to 3 conditions: the application is personal to the applicant only; any permission granted would be subject to adequate sound proofing; hours of working Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm & Saturday 8am - 12noon.

The Village Hall report gave details of a further maintenance programme. The Hall is to receive a new roof due to tree damage, this is covered by insurance. The south wall is to be replaced with help from a donor and the windows replaced with assistance from a Government grant. Many thanks were recorded to the Village Hall Committee for their diligent work.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor – please speak to a Councillor or the Clerk if you think you would be interested in joining the Council.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 2 August 2021, 7pm at the Village Hall,
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Snippets from the Village History: **Foundation of the School cont. ...** **School Building**

1903 saw the boys' cloakroom built and playground covered with some form of gravel. In 1908 a glass partition was made between the two big classrooms. In the late 1930s and early 1940s the girls' cloakroom was extended and then housed boys and girls. Water closets were installed. The boys' cloakroom was converted into what is now called 'the office'. The whole school floors were tiled in January 1954.

Accounts

In the 1901 - 1902 period the Local Authority took over more control in schools and the school became a Voluntary Controlled School and as such received a Government Grant. The Government also had the right to inspect schools. A notice was put in the Hartismere Deanery Magazine to this effect:

January 1901

The Act of Parliament providing what is called the Aid Grant in support of Voluntary Schools makes a condition that in awarding this Grant to any school, regard must be had to the maintenance of voluntary subscriptions, that is to say, no Grant will be awarded unless a reasonable number of persons contribute a reasonable amount to the maintenance of the school. A return is made to the Board of Education every year stating the number of subscribers as well as the amount given. The Committee of Managers of our school are therefore asking for an increased number of Annual Subscribers, and I shall be glad to receive any names. Up to the present fourteen subscribers have come forward.

In the Records Office there are accounts and receipts showing that ^(prior to the 1901 Act of Parliament) * there was a rate of 2d in the pound for house occupiers and 4d in the pound for house owners levied on the village.

We will find out next month how this levy was received by householders in the village - among them: - Thomas Cracknell of Brockford and Mr J Henniker, writing from his London club the Carlton!

* inserted by the editor



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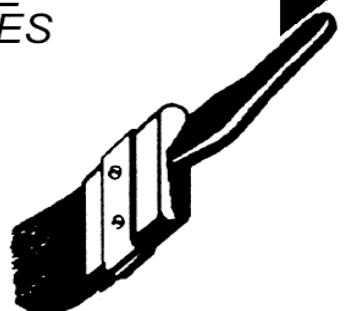
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Bus timetable updates

Bus Number	Route	Operator	Timetable Change	Date of Change
<u>2</u>	Southolt - Kenton - Westthorpe - Bury St Edmunds	High Suffolk CT	Restart of service previously suspended due to Covid.	20/07/2021
<u>3</u>	Redlingfield - Worlingworth - Debenham - Stowmarket	High Suffolk CT	Restart of service previously suspended due to Covid.	20/07/2021
<u>4</u>	Bedfield - Worlingworth - Redlingfield - Diss	High Suffolk CT	Restart of service previously suspended due to Covid.	20/07/2021
<u>5, 8</u>	Southolt - Bedfield - Eye - Norwich	High Suffolk CT	Restart of service previously suspended due to Covid.	20/07/2021
<u>6</u>	Bedingfield - Stowupland - Bury St Edmunds	High Suffolk CT	Restart of service previously suspended due to Covid.	20/07/2021
<u>7</u>	Bedingfield - Ipswich	High Suffolk CT	Restart of service previously suspended due to Covid.	20/07/2021
<u>9</u>	Kenton - Worlingworth - Dennington - Lowestoft	High Suffolk CT	Restart of service previously suspended due to Covid.	20/07/2021

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