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NEWSLETTER**

SEPTEMBER 2021

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Welcome to the September issue of your Newsletter

I wonder if, like me, you can't believe that September is here again, and we can see the days visibly growing shorter.

Let's hope that for children returning to school this month they can experience an uninterrupted school year.

We have much to look forward in the village – the refurbishment of our village hall is under way and we can anticipate the return of social activities in improved surroundings; starting with a Christmas Quiz, and not forgetting the 'Curtains Up' panto. The hall will be available for the start up of other activities—please contact Sue Stannard for details of availability (01449 767752).

As always, enjoy your month

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

September

See dates for the Middy on page 18/19

Fri & Sat

17th & 18th

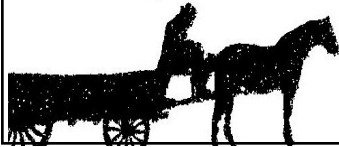
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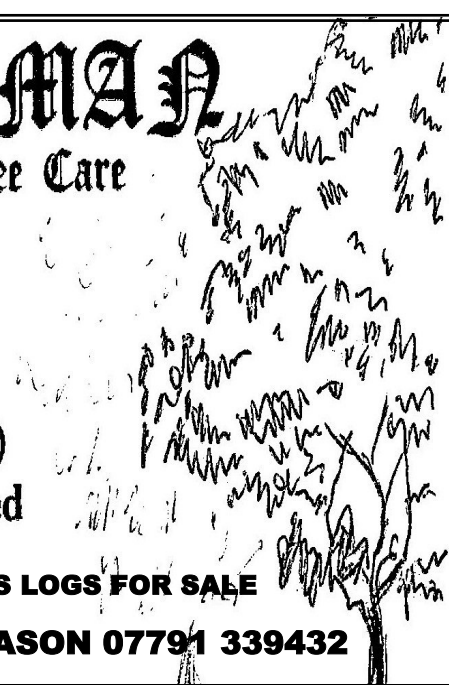
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The girl in the middle of the tennis court is Anette





A Celebration of Nature

All Creatures, Great and Small



Insects

***Feared by some, loved
by many, but needed by
us all***



We all delight in a butterfly as it flits from plant to plant. What if we do not see these beautiful creatures anymore? We have lost 75% of our insects over the last 40 years and the solution to turning this around lies with us all. Looking at this decline realistically, and on a personal level, we need insects to pollinate the food we eat. Our recommended five a day fruit & veg consumption relies on it. Insects pollinate our crops, recycle dung, leaves and creatures that have died. They keep the soil healthy, & control pests, amongst many other things. Birds, fish and frogs all rely on insects for food and wildflowers for pollination. Without them, our world would slowly cease to function. This decline, in turn, leads to the same in their predators.



We all enjoy the swifts and bats in & around the church here in Wetheringsett. Perhaps, because the churchyard hosts an abundant insect life with its wild flowers and grasses they are still attracted there.



Leave grass long and you will hear crickets and grasshoppers. Do we really want silent, sterile gardens anyway?



A Celebration of Nature cont.

Butterflies such as Meadow Browns and Gatekeepers (a name which developed through being seen around gateposts where clumps of flowers grow in gateways and along hedgerow) will take up residence, their caterpillars feeding on many varieties of grasses. Allow-



Meadow Brown



Gatekeeper

ing wildflowers to seed will bring pollinators such as bees, hoverflies and butterflies. It is evident this year that roundabouts and verges are being encouraged to grow as a natural habitat to insects. As long as roadside visibility is not compromised, we should delight in the wild carrot flowers and grasses now flowering, and who wouldn't want to see the Alexanders in Springtime lining the coastal verges? All hosting so much life! Not to be viewed as neglect at all, but as a haven for the invertebrates on which we humans rely. If everyone makes an effort and allows as much wild growth on the land around them as they can, we can halt the decline. This world is, after all, a host to us all.

Read more: Silent Earth by Dave Goulson

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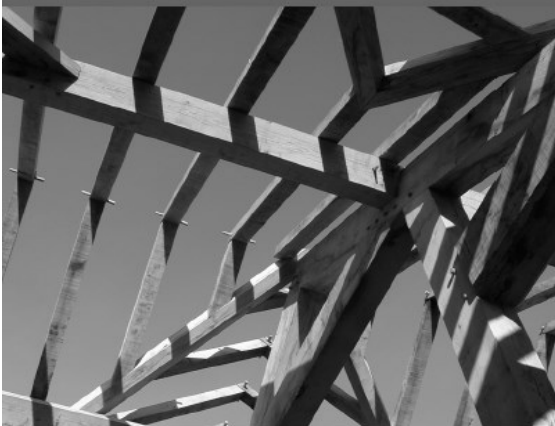
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never regret ANYTHING That makes you smile.

Mark Twain

Have your say

Have you thought about the electric car?



The Government is determined to have everything electric before too long but I am not sure it has thought it all through. There are far more questions than answers, particularly about cars. In the country, most of us can get our cars near enough to our houses to charge up the battery but the

person in the high rise flat cannot. Stowmarket Council are rumoured to be putting chargers in the car parks, and not charging for parking. One reads about the people who arrive at the motor way service station to find the charger out of action. If one runs to a halt on the road, one cannot take the can and ask for a gallon of electricity. By the time the Government is losing all the £20bn/year from lost fuel and other duties, it will turn to the electric car and take away its tax free status.

How green is all this? How much energy does it take to mine the expensive metals in the huge batteries , and what happens to the dead ones after 7 years, or less?

Perhaps somebody can respond in the next Newsletter, with some answers and say how good it will all be.

Tony Alston

Do you have anything 'to say'? Any thoughts you would like to share with the rest of us— or just something you would like to 'get off your chest'

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Telephone Church BCP Holy Communion 11.00am

Week 1

Sunday 5th September
The 14th Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday 8th September
Thursday 9th September

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

Week 2

Sunday 12th September
*The 15th Sunday after Trinity
Education Sunday*

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

Wednesday 15th September
Thursday 16th September

No Mid-week Worship On-line
Telephone Church BCP Holy Communion 11.00am

Week 3

Sunday 19th September
The 16th Sunday after Trinity

No On-line		Worship for All
Thornham Magna	10.30am	HARVEST Worship for All
Wetheringsett	10.30am	Holy Communion
Thorndon	4.00pm	CONNECT

Wednesday 22nd September
Thursday 23rd September

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

Week 4

Sunday 26th September
The 17th Sunday after Trinity

No On-line		Worship for All
Yaxley	10.30am	HARVEST Worship for All
Thornham Parva	10.30am	Holy Communion
Thorndon	4.00pm	CONNECT

Wednesday 29th September
Thursday 30th September

No Mid-week Worship On-line
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South Hartismere Benefice

September 2021 Newsletter

All Change!



2020 was a year like no other. For everyone, young and old alike, the world we knew was turned on its head. I had lived in the town of Bedford for 32 years; I had lived in the same house for 26 years and worked for the same employer for 15 years.

I knew change was coming as I was preparing to train for ministry, but I wasn't prepared for what happened when the pandemic hit.

Like many others across the country my employers took advantage of the Furlough Scheme, and like many others the furlough was then turned to redundancy. It's a challenging time, - it challenges financially, but also emotionally. With restrictions there are not opportunities to say farewell to friends and colleagues. I remember I kept saying everything felt 'odd', couldn't quite put my finger on what I was feeling, it was just odd. In the midst of this uncertainly I held on to my daily rhythm of prayer. When everything else was shifting, like the tides of the sea, I found my anchor and harbour in Jesus. When I felt that the waves were so large, they would overcome, he would be there. In my stormy sea of uncertainty, I was reminded of when Jesus was in a boat with his friends. Jesus slept as they sailed the boat. When the storm became too much for his sailing friends and they called to him, Jesus calmly rose and quieten the storm. Every time I panicked, and like his friends in the story turned to Jesus, he calmed and quieten the storm of panic within me.

I saw an opportunity to work for the diocese of Suffolk. There were many obstacles, but the quiet voice of God kept speaking. Just wait, wait for the wind and tides to change. And then it happened, the tides and winds shifted, everything started to fall into place and before I knew it, I was planning my move to South Hartismere.

My son and I moved to Gislingham on July 7th, and on July 14th a service was held at St Mary's Church, Gislingham, where I was licenced by the Bishop Mike Harrison, Suffragan Bishop of Dunwich.

When I was thinking about how to explain my role I thought once more of the story of Jesus. Jesus was always out and about. He met people in all kinds of places: homes, market squares, the streets, and lanes, in fields, and in the temple courts. My role is to meet people in the community, to get to know you, to listen to your stories. My role is to pray for you, and as I walk the lanes and roads I pray as I go along. My role includes working with the school, and I will be supporting Rev. Julia with church services.

I have met several people already. Everyone has warmly welcomed both my son and me. Thank you. All Change! Yes, new neighbours, home, job, and community. Please say hello as I go about the village, and the other villages in the benefice.

I am very much looking forward to working here and getting to know you all.

Debbie Nicholls, Lay Pioneer Minister

From the Parishes:

Congratulations to our wedding couples: George Wallace and Lucy Wilkes, Mellis; William Allen and Rachel Harper, Thorndon; James Flint and Sophie Nickson, Wetheringsett



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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.

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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 —

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.

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It's a Dog's Life

Hello everyone....

We had a visitor recently who told us they are about to get a puppy. I thought it might be a good idea to

talk about some of the things they would need to know, based on my experience and expertise....

Rules: very important to set boundaries. As an example where the puppy is allowed to sit, sleep etc.

In my case within a week or so it was wherever I wanted it to be. Why would I choose the floor when the sofa is much more comfortable? I

Bedtime was slightly more tricky. They did try the crate approach for a while but I soon had them thinking I was lonely and needed comforting by being snuggled up with them. It worked. I do let them share the bed though as long as they don't try and take up too much space.

Items in the house: socks, slippers anything chewable. The rule here is if it's yours and I want it- it's mine!

If it's broken and no longer interesting, it's yours.

If I've chewed something up, all the pieces are mine until I no longer want them.

This rule also applies to toys. They need to be left around the house to play with as needed. Please don't complain if you tread on a squeaky toy in the middle of the night.

I do hope these few ideas are helpful to any new puppies (or should I say owners!)

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Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council

Report on the meeting held Monday 2nd August

Change of Venue for Parish Council Meetings – please note due to the closure of the Village Hall for maintenance work over the next few months parish council meetings from September – November 2021 will be held in the Stable Block at Wetheringsett Manor School. Meetings will be open to the public as usual but space will be limited. Please let the Clerk know if you wish to attend.

Thanks are recorded to the Manor School for use of their building.

Planning – a number of planning applications were considered for recommendation to MSDC Planning, these included the Town Lane haulage site (extension of the haulage yard and stacking containers) and land east of Hockey Hill (application for 14 dwellings). The parish council recommended refusal of both applications, full comments can be found on the MSDC planning website.

Play Area – there have again been reports of broken glass and beer bottles in the children's play area at the rear of the village hall. These have been cleared away by concerned parents and/or child carers. As maintainers of the play area the Parish Council would remind parishioners this is a play area for children and parents/carers only and not for social gatherings or dogs. It is important the play area is kept safe and welcoming for children.

Cemetery Grass – a complaint had been received regarding the condition of the grass in the cemetery, that it was overgrown particularly around the memorial stones. As in previous years the parish council has offered to carry out four grass cuts and a one or two strims per grass cutting season. These are spread over the months of April – October and weather dependent. The parish council hopes to preserve the balance of a rural cemetery as well as being welcoming for parishioners and visitors.

Village Hall – as part of the refurbishment work of the Hall the parish council has pledged a sum of £15,000 for replacement of the windows and installation of patio doors, other refurbishment work will include roof replacement and replacement of the south wall. When complete the work will make a huge difference to the facilities and ambience of the Hall for the benefit of parishioners, both schools, community and other groups. As always the parish council recorded its huge thanks to the village hall committee for the work they do and to all donors and volunteers involved.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 6 September 2021, 7pm at the Stable Block,
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Snippets from the Village History:
Foundation of the School cont. ...
School Building

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.
(To pay for the new school buildings) * An approach was made to Mr Thomas
Cracknell—who declined to pay ... letter herewith:

Wickham Skeith, Stonham.
February 26th 1874

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23rd. I beg to say however willing we
should have been to subscribe to your school fund, we are unable to
do so as the income from our small farm in Brockford is appropriated
solely to the expenses of our church. We also think you can hardly
class Trustees of a Charity with the Landowners of your parish.

I am, Dear Sir

Yours truly
Thomas Cracknell

Mr J Henniker wrote from his Carlton Club in 1874 and he appeared to
be in agreement to some request for school requirements but it has
been impossible to have any more relevant correspondence.

Carlton Club
March 11th 1874

Sir,

I will with pleasure take my part in the arrangement you mention in
your letter of March 3rd for additions required to the schools at
Wetheringsett, provided of course, all the other Landowners consent to
the proposal.

I am

Yours faithfully,
J Henniker

A cash book shows that 116 people paid a rate of either 2d or 4d in the
pound in April 1875

* *inserted by the editor*

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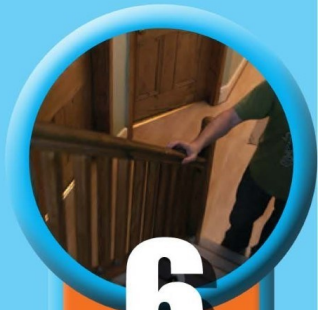
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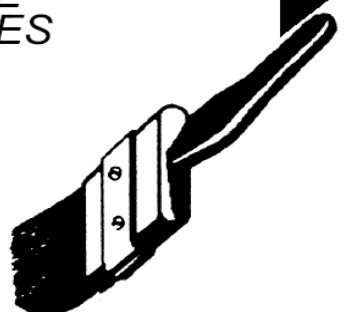
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