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**WETHERINGSETT
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NEWSLETTER**

OCTOBER 2021

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Welcome to the October issue of your Newsletter



This month is the last month of British Summer Time (see page 16) and then we go back to dark evenings, not my favourite time. However Hallowe'en and November 5th would not be the same on a light

evening!

The Village Hall Tea Party was a great success and we have a special commemorative colour centrefold in this issue to mark this special day. It was not only the 100th anniversary of the hall, but the first village gathering after the Coronavirus lockdowns. Let's hope it was the first of many. A huge thank you to all those who worked so hard to make this a special day for the village.



Set your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to bed tonight.

Saturday 30th October
(for Sunday am)



As always, enjoy your month and have a

Happy Hallowe'en everyone

Cally (Editor)

Village Hall News – Advance warning of closure

Following on from the storm damage to the roof earlier this year, repairs were begun 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

October

Wednesday 6th	Church Coffee Mornings resume 10:30–12:30
Sunday 31st	Hallowe'en
Sunday 31st	British Summer time ends - 2am



Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to a new academic year and a warm welcome to all our new families who have joined us this September. The first two full weeks have flown by! The children have settled into their new classes and routines and are enjoying being able to move more freely around the school building and play with a wider range of their peers.

International Languages Day



Merci!



Thank you for your support on this. A lovely day was had by pupils and staff. Brioche was enjoyed and the colours worn by the children brightened up the autumnal day.



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Collective Worship Theme: Thankfulness





Friends of Wetheringsett School

Thank you for setting up a lovely welcome tea party in the garden. It was great seeing you and getting together. Friends are looking forward to starting up a tuck shop again as a small fundraiser at the end of the school day on a Friday. We would also like to thank them for using funds raised to pay for transport to the pantomime in December.

Prospective Parents

If you are looking for a school place for next September, please get in touch with us. school with a senior to find out more about



You are welcome to tour the member of staff and get a chance the opportunities our pupils have.

New Roof

Our new roof has been a bigger project than first expected, but now we have a solid lid on the school! We hope that we will feel the benefit of the improved insulation and be water-tight for the winter. We would never have had the finance to complete this project without funding from the DfE through our Diocesan MAT and we really appreciate their support in this area.

Mrs Sheeran



Hallowe'en jokes -

Why didn't the skeleton go to the Hallowe'en party?

Because he didn't have any body to go with

What's a ghost's favourite dessert? **I-Scream!**



Why did the headless horseman go into business?

Because he wanted to get ahead in life.



**What did the ghost teacher say to her class
Watch the board and I'll go through it again!**

Why do witches ride broomsticks?

Because vacuum cleaners are too heavy



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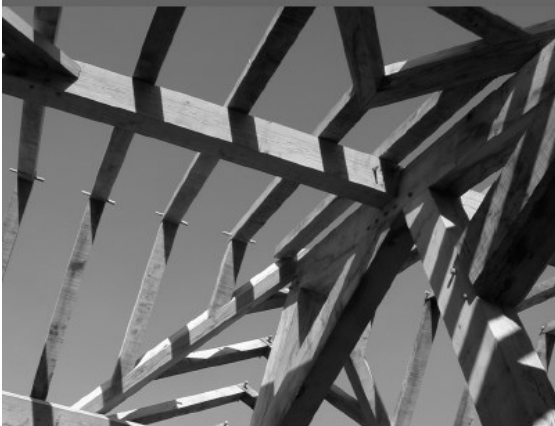
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Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council

Report on the meeting held Monday 6th September 2021

Change of Venue for Parish Council Meetings—The meeting was held in the Stable Block at Wetheringsett Manor School – thanks were recorded to the school for use of the room during closure of the Village Hall due to the renovation work. Meetings are open to the public as usual.

Village Hall - Cllr Pease reported on the success of the village Tea Party held Sunday 29 August, the event was well attended and an opportunity to bring the village together following covid restrictions. Many thanks were recorded to all those involved in organising the event: the Village Hall Committee, Sam Surl and the Church Ladies, this was much appreciated.

Renovation work - is well underway. Following replacement of the south wall work will begin on the roof and replacement floor. A Christmas Quiz has been planned to celebrate the re-opening of the Hall late November/early December.

VAS machine - A parishioner had requested that the VAS machine, when sited in Brockford Street, is turned south to monitor vehicles travelling into Brockford from the Ipswich direction. The equipment cannot be moved to the other side of the road at that spot (west side) as the verge is too narrow. For a trial it was decided to turn the equipment to face south although this may not be successful as vehicles travelling south may obscure the monitor.

Village Hall, Play Area - Cllr Barry Lacey continues to monitor the Play Area at the rear of the Village Hall. A new picnic table and bench are due to be installed. As well as concerns over the broken glass and bottles found around the play equipment the meeting was reminded that dogs are not allowed in the play area.

Parking - Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are currently carrying out a car park and on-street parking provision consultation to help them produce a long term Car Parking Strategy guide for both districts. The consultation is available for comment until Tuesday 28 September 2021. Parishioners interested in taking part in the consultation, which involves completing an online questionnaire, can do so via the following link

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BMSDCparkingstrategy/>

The results from the consultation will help Babergh and Mid Suffolk to shape their parking strategy for the next 10 years.

Planning - A number of planning applications were considered for recommendation to MSDC – full details of these can be viewed in the parish council minutes available on the Wetheringsett Parish Council website.

Date of next meeting: Monday 1st November 2021, 7pm at the Stable Block, Wetheringsett Manor School, Church Street.
Parishioners welcome to attend.





Paper recycling

Our Paper Banks throughout the district are being gradually removed from re-cycling sites.

This is because contractors no longer found it viable to continue the service.

Waste Management Services at Mid-Suffolk & Babergh are exploring if possible alternative schemes could provide a cost effective solution, and will keep parishes updated on developments.

In the meantime, residents can continue to recycle cardboard and paper widely across Suffolk at local recycling centres and through kerbside recycling collections – where additional dry, flattened, cardboard can also be left beside the recycling bin.

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Village Hall Refurbishment - Update

Work has now started on the rebuilding of the South Wall of the Village Hall.



First the roof was supported by internal props and beams.

The internal wall facing was removed and then the external cladding, finally the wooden structure was removed.

The bricks were then removed (which will be used as the base for the new patio outside the bi fold doors)



Once the new footings have been dug and concrete poured, the new base wall will be bricked to match the existing toilet block. The new wooden studwork will

then be installed and covered. This is then repeated for the other half of the wall.

Work on the wall is expected to be complete by the end of October, then the roof will be replaced with all works completed by end November.

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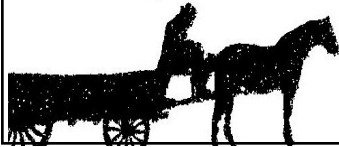
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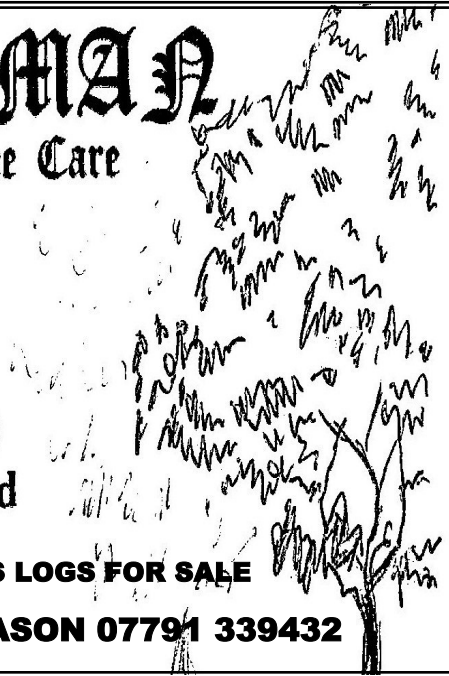
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The Cedars Pool and Beyond

Cedars Pool: A really warm month has meant the pool has been very busy non-stop, even after the schools went back. Our Railway Sidings holiday accommodation has been busy which has helped keep the pool attended. We are keeping the temperature at about 88°F., so those who want to keep fit should keep coming. Also Amanda has a good following, teaching mostly youngsters to swim, and will continue through the autumn.



Brockford Campsite: We had a successful first season from early July, where we have 16 pitches for tents, campers and caravans, with some electrical hook-ups. What was interesting was that a high proportion of visitors came in camper vans, many stayed only two nights and a few came from less than 20 miles away! We have Planning Permission, so next season you know where to send your visitors if you don't have room for them at home! And they can walk to the Middy Cafe and Bar on a Friday evening.



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A Celebration of Nature

Jackdaws



The sound of 'Jack' (tchack) is the sound we hear all round Wetheringsett. Jackdaws favour crevices in which to nest & roost, which includes chimneys, but tree holes will also do. We suspect that, yet again, the church tower may host these birds, but they can also be seen (amusingly or not) tiptoeing around chimney openings with beaks full of twigs, viewing prospective properties in Spring!

Their diet consists of insects, young birds (& eggs), fruit and scraps. Finding abandoned egg shells may be down to the local jackdaws, but young birds have many other predators, including the domestic cat and even squirrels. Jackdaws pair for life, share food and can form, when tame, an empathetic relationship with people. Recognising human faces, they are believed to respond to our expressions.

Jackdaw groups, collectively called *trains* or *clatterings*, are thriving with 1.4 million breeding pairs in the UK and their reputation for loving bright treasures led to Adolf Hitler, who embarked on an art theft campaign in the 1930s, being called 'The Jackdaw of Linz'.

In folklore, a jackdaw on the roof was said to proclaim a new arrival, but equally could be a portent of early death. However, in the Fens, a jackdaw encountered on the way to a wedding was a good omen.



Finally, legend among early Christians declared that corvids (the group name for birds such as Jackdaws) were white and took black plumage in mourning after the Crucifixion, except magpies, which were too busy pilfering to grieve properly, so turned only partially black.

British Summer Time

The period when the clocks are 1 hour ahead is called British Summer Time (BST). When the clocks go back, **the UK is then on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)**.

The idea of aligning waking hours to daylight hours to conserve candles was first proposed in 1784. Though the idea received some serious consideration in 1907 in the UK when British resident William Willett presented it as a way to save energy, it was never implemented.

British Summer Time was first introduced in **1916** as an Act of Parliament and over the last century the clocks have continued to move forward each year in March, with only a few exceptions, such as during the Second World War.



ALL SAINTS

WETHERINGSETT-CUM-BROCKFORD

Coffee Mornings

Wednesdays 10.30am with the usual scrummy spread.

Short Morning Prayers precede coffee mornings at 10.00am in the hospitality area

Halloween, or Hallowe'en

...is the night before **All Hallows Day** (the original name for **All Saints Day**, on November 1st) and is called **All Hallows Even** or **All Hallows' Eve**. This was shortened to '**Hallow-e'en**' by the 16th century. However, the pagan Celts believed it was a time when the walls between our world and the next became thin and porous, allowing spirits to pass through and this is probably the basis for our present-day celebrations with ghosts and witches.



100 years after the Village Hall opened, the Parish Council sponsored a tea party to commemorate the event. This took place in the Village Hall and on the school playing field on Sunday 29th August 2021

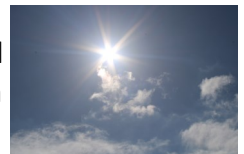


There had been little in the way of community events since Covid 19 came into our lives, and it was uncertain how many people would be able to attend on an August Bank Holiday weekend.

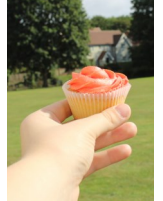


A lot of preparation went into the day. Exhibitions from All Saints Church, Curtains Up, the Old Post Office, the farming community, the Village Hall Committee, the Middy, the Old Coal Yard, and Wetheringsett Primary School, all reminded us of what an integral part the Hall had played in village life. Bunting was erected in the Hall and around the perimeter of the field.

The weather on the day couldn't have been better, and the school playing field was a lovely setting for an alfresco tea party.







It was brilliant that so many people attended the event. There were lots of stories about times past as well as a chance to meet new people and renew friendships. Once again, the Village Hall provided a happy venue for people, old and young, to come together.





Villagers helped with the loan and erection of marquees, the church provided a feast of cakes to serve with the teas.



Sam Surl ensured that the Pimm's was ice cold and full of fruit,

and Emma Morris made an amazing (and delicious) Celebration Cake. There was a draw for lucky programmes, and three vouchers were won.



Sadly, the Village Hall is now closed for essential repairs, but we hope to restart events at the end of November.



A date for your diary, **Village Christmas Quiz, Saturday 11th December, 7.0 pm start.** More details to follow, but there will be a prize for the Best Christmas Jumper.

South Hartismere Benefice

October 2021 Newsletter



During October our thoughts begin to turn from Autumn and Harvest to a time for reflecting and remembering.

As we have gradually come out of lockdown, our communities have had opportunities to celebrate, gather and share. Some of us are desperate to get back to normal, others are still feeling cautious, and some people don't recognise the world into which they have emerged after a long period of isolation.

This month some of our communities are holding Scarecrow trails on the theme of Lockdown heroes - doctors, nurses, school staff, delivery drivers or someone from your own family bubble.

And at the start of the new school year we have celebrated Education Sunday. One of the good things to come out of lockdown is a greater understanding of the depth of compassion, responsibility and sheer hard work that teachers bring to the role. Parents, and sometimes grandparents, who were suddenly thrown into the role of home-schooling, found a new appreciation of just how demanding a role it is.

This year is a particularly important celebration of our schools as we acknowledge the weariness that has affected all the staff during the pandemic, and we have reflected on 3 things - thanks, encouragement and hope.

These are good words for us to hold onto this month, as we have more opportunities for gathering, talking, reflecting and remembering. Some of us may be feeling thankful, and some may have experienced personal and national loss and grief. Our churches are safe places to come and reflect, remember or light a candle, and we are always here for you to talk about how you are feeling.

Blessings, *Julia*

From the Parishes:

Welcome to those who were baptised last month: Elliott and Grayson Pyett-Reeve, Thorndon, and Casper and Cosmo Hall, Wetheringsett

Congratulations on the marriage of George Holton and Laura McBride, Mellis

In Loving Memory John Saxton, Yaxley



South Hartismere Benefice

Recovery Worship Rota

For services held in church and online

(subject to change due to government guidance)

October 2021

Week 1

Sunday 3rd October
The 18th Sunday after Trinity

On-line	9.00am	Worship for All
Gislingham	10.30am	HARVEST Worship for All
Thorndon	10.30am	Holy Communion
Stoke Ash	3.30pm	HARVEST Worship for All
Thorndon	4.00pm	CONNECT

Wednesday 6th October

Thursday 7th October

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm

Telephone Church BCP Holy Communion 11.00am

Week 2

Sunday 10th October
The 19th Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday 13th October

Thursday 14th October

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm

Telephone Church BCP Holy Communion 11.00am

Week 3

Sunday 17th October
The 20th Sunday after Trinity

On-line	9.00am	Worship for All
Thornham Parva	10.30am	HARVEST Worship for All
Wetheringsett	10.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	FAMILY HARVEST
Thorndon	4.00pm	CONNECT
Yaxley	6.00pm	HARVEST Celebration

Wednesday 20th October

Thursday 21st October

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm

Telephone Church BCP Holy Communion 11.00am

Week 4

Sunday 24th October
The 21st Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday 27th October

Thursday 28th October

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm

Telephone Church BCP Holy Communion 11.00am

Week 5

Sunday 31st October
The 22nd Sunday after Trinity

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

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It's a Dog's Life

Hello everyone....

How are you? I'm feeling quite tired today as I had a morning out with a doggy friend yesterday (mum came

too of course as did my canine chums mum)

We had to go in the car to meet up with them. I have to say, I'm not too keen on car travel. Although I have a nice secure crate and a comfy blanket I find the whole experience nerve wracking, but there we are ...I'm a dog after all and it doesn't matter how many times you tell me that we're nearly there I will squeak and shake until we do arrive!

That was all forgotten of course once we met up. A lot of sniffing, tail wagging and lead tangling occurred until we set off. Our mums seem to have a lot of chatting to do so we got on with the business in hand....lots of new scents to investigate, a wee every couple of seconds, a quick dash into the undergrowth so that we could be lured out with a treat! The best bit was finding some freshly dropped manure on the pathway... we both managed a good roll in that before they caught us up! We finished up at the cafe so that they could have a coffee and we both had a well deserved 40 winks in the sunshine... lovely! Although apparently I'm a bit smelly... hope that doesn't mean a bath!

Woofles of Wetheringsett





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At last signs of normality as Mid Suffolk Light Railway visitors will once again be able to turn up and buy their ticket(s) at the gate booking office. However we will also be retaining our pre-booking system via the website which has been a great success. So now there's a choice and those who prefer to organise their visit in advance can do so via the **'Book Tickets'** page on the Middy website www.mslr.org.uk

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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School Reports

In the early nineteen hundreds it was usual for the School Inspectors' Report (Church and Government) to be published. It must be remembered that the Government Grant depended on the standard of work as did the Head Teacher's salary upon the attendance.

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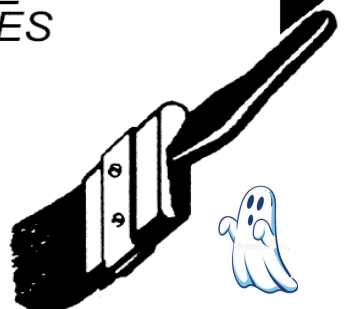
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