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Welcome to the February issue of your Newsletter



FEBRUARY

February 2022 already! It is to be hoped that we are finally finding ways to manage and live with Coronavirus. However, due to the current uncertain situation, we are sadly still having to postpone some much looked forward to village events: - the first event of the year for the Middy has been cancelled and we are fingers crossed for the 'Easter Steam Up' event to take place. (p.20) We were all looking forward to the 'Curtains Up' panto—but will now have to wait until November! (p.5) The Village Quiz (see below), has been postponed once again, but may still be the opening event for our refurbished village hall. But there is still much to look forward to ...the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is celebrated in June (see p. 19). This is a chance for the village to come together again and make full use of our 'new' Village Hall.

Lots to read inside ...enjoy the rest of the month. *Cally (Editor)*

Village Quiz POSTPONED

Wetheringsett Village Hall

Sadly, with uncertainties around the Omicron virus, the Village Hall Committee have decided to postpone the quiz, scheduled to take place on Saturday 22nd January in the Village Hall.

The questions are set and the raffle prizes are ready, so we will hopefully set a new date in the spring.

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Curtains Up Update

Pan's Pirolympic Pantomime



We have taken the decision to postpone the pantomime this February due to the current Covid situation

The new dates will be
FRIDAY 25th and SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2022
(with 2 performances on the Saturday)

It's hoped that, by then, things will have improved and we look forward to seeing you again and providing lots of laughs and all things PANTOMIME!

OH , YES WE DO !!!

As always we look forward to your continued support - we need you - our lovely audience, to make the **magic** come to life !

We will keep you updated as we go along., and you can see more on our Facebook page ~ Curtains Up ~ and the Wetheringsett Village page - wetheringsettcumbrockford.onesuffolk.net

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Collective Worship Theme: **Perseverance**

Hello Everyone

We hope this finds everybody well and would like to wish you a happy, safe and healthy 2022. Thank you so much for the cards, gifts and good wishes at Christmas. It was very kind of you to think of the staff at such a busy time for everyone.

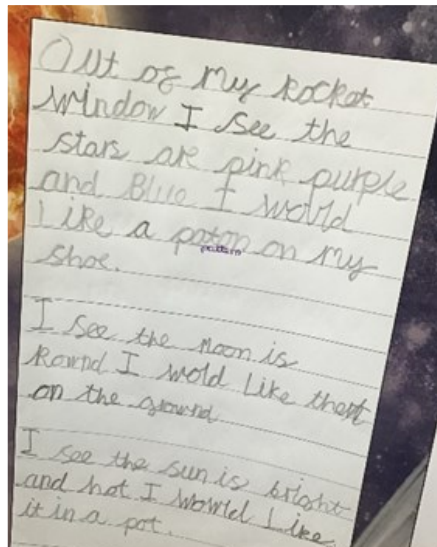
Morrisons Good to grow vouchers

We would like to thank all the parents, carers and community who collected vouchers. You all collected a whopping 2,286 vouchers which means we have been able to buy some new gardening tools and resources for next term. These will be used next term in lunch time gardening club and forest schools.

KS1 Competitions

I would like to congratulate KS1 on their efforts last term. They entered two competitions and showed great determination and perseverance. Congratulations to Frankie who was awarded a certificate for trying his best to meet the 5 sporting values (respect, teamwork, perseverance, passion, courage).

I would also like to congratulate them on entering a poetry competition. They wrote the most amazing poems based on space. We will hear how they get on in February.





DT day

The children thoroughly enjoyed making puppets as part of their design technology day. The whole school got together to make a range of puppets based on the pantomime story Cinderella that they went to see at Christmas.



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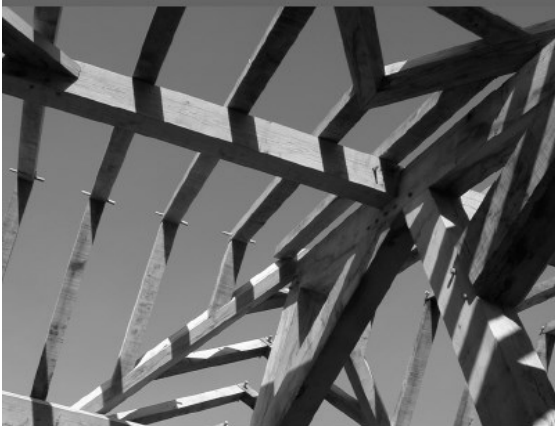
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Advice to parishioners

Increase in parish precept for 2022/23

As you will all be aware, during the last few months major renovations have been undertaken to make the village hall fit for future use.

Thanks to an anonymous donor the south wall has been completely rebuilt. All windows in the main section of the building are to be replaced. (The replacement of the south side windows has been delayed by Covid but will be undertaken soon.)

We have received a grant for the replacement of some outdated heaters and these will be replaced very soon, hopefully prior to publication of the newsletter.

Our donor has paid for the rebuilding of the south wall, and the windows and new bi-fold doors have been paid for by both the village hall committee and the parish council.

However during the demolition of the south wall the builders realised that the entire floor in the main body of the hall, and the recovery room at the rear, was completely rotten and had to be urgently replaced in order to allow them to rebuild the wall.

Additionally, once the bi-fold doors were installed, the building inspector advised that building regulations required the construction of a patio outside the bi-fold door area. Both these items were not only unexpected, and of course urgent, but neither the village hall committee nor the parish council had sufficient funds to meet this expenditure.

After discussion it was suggested that we approach the Town Estate Charity to ask if they could loan the parish council the funds, to be repaid over a period of time.

The Town Estate Charity has kindly agreed to loan the parish council the funds to pay for the floor replacement and the patio, but of course these funds have to be repaid.

We now wish to advise you that in order to repay the loan we will need to increase the parish precept for 2022/23. The precept will increase by 11% going forward which represents a total amount of £980 for the coming year.

This will be the first increase in precept for 3 years and we hope you will agree that it represents a very worthwhile investment in the village hall.

The hall is the main asset of the village and is used daily by the school and is of course available at a very small charge to all villagers for your own personal events.

This will now be a pleasant experience for children and villagers alike, rather than one pervaded by the smell of damp and rot!

We wanted to advise you in advance of the increase in precept.

If you have any comments please do not hesitate to contact the parish clerk. Her contact details are in the newsletter.

We would like to record here our thanks both to our anonymous donor and to the Town Estate Charity. Without them we would not now have what is to all intents and purposes a “new” village hall.

We are extremely grateful.

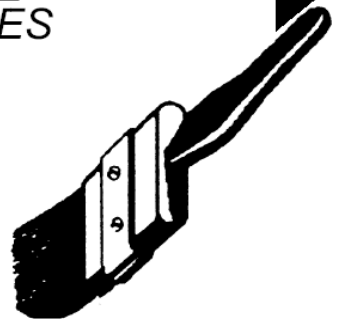
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Report on the meeting held Monday 10th January at the Village Hall

The Chair welcomed members, parishioners and County and District Cllr Andrew Stringer to the first meeting of the New Year.

Village Hall – refurbishment work has continued on the Hall by the Village Hall Committee assisted by parish councillors and District & County Cllr Andrew Stringer. The end result will be a completely refurbished hall for the benefit of the community and huge thanks were recorded to all involved in the work and funding.

Please see the separate report in the magazine from the Parish Council Chair and Chair of the VH. Please contact the clerk with your comments.

Planning Applications – three planning applications were considered for recommendation to MSDC Planning:

DC/21/03140 - Clay Cottage, Pitman's Corner – re-consultation for change of use of domestic outbuilding to workshop. Having considered the additional documentation provided by Mid Suffolk Planning, Parish Councillors reiterated their recommendation of support for this application.

DC/21/06866 - Green Farm, Pages Green – demolition of existing agricultural buildings and erection of 2 new residential units. Parish Councillors recommended refusal of this application on the grounds the proposal appeared to encroach into agricultural land and members believed there was a need for smaller family units rather than the two proposed executive dwellings.

DC/21/06605 – Land to rear of Ceva Logistics, Norwich Road – erection of 3 warehouse units, external storage and new access – Parish Councillors recommended refusal of this application on the grounds the proposal included an additional access directly on to a busy section of the A140 when it appeared the proposal could use the existing access.

Full details of the above can be viewed on the MSDC Planning Website.

Neighbourhood Plan – Mr Robert Townshend, Chairman of the Working Group, attended the meeting to give a progress report. The very first draft has been prepared. The Plan will provide the first ever community-led statutory planning policy document specifically for the village, a document for guiding the future of the village. The Chair thanked Mr Townshend attending and thanks were recording to the Working Group for all their work so far.

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A Celebration of Nature

Snowdrops

In February, we welcome the wonderful sight of drifts of snowdrops. According to the language of flowers, the snowdrop is the symbol of hope and consolation, which is rather apt at this time of year, particularly as we enter a further year of resisting the pandemic and also, environmental concerns. The green shoots of these flowers are the first to pierce the snow in late Winter, and they signal new life every spring.



Wetheringsett churchyard and the public footpath beside it offers a lovely display. Already, the shoots are up.

The flower is known as a 'drop' of snow in English, as is the case in many languages, a term believed to be derived from the German *Schneetropfen*, after the teardrop-shaped pearl earrings popular in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. There are other common English names and 'Candlemas Bells' is a favourite, along with 'Fair Maids of February'. The French have a name that represents how the shoots pierce the snow: 'peirce-neige'.

In Britain, there are snowdrop enthusiasts called 'galanthophiles', a word taken from the Latin, *Galanthus*. This 'obsession' began when soldiers returning from the Crimean War brought back bulbs of *Galanthus plicatus*. Realising there was more to snowdrops than the common *G. nivalis*, nurserymen and, as importantly, amateur growers began collecting.

Although the days can seem endlessly dark at this time of year, a walk amongst the bright drifts of snowdrops that are a feature of many East Anglian gardens will certainly be that symbol of 'hope and consolation' we all need.



National Trust properties have many walks where you can enjoy the snowdrops in early Spring. One of the most spectacular & well known is Anglesey Abbey, with as many as 350 varieties growing.

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Village Hall Refurbishment — Update

14th January 2022

There has been major progress over December and January.
The patio area outside the new south wall is complete



The outside rendering should start next week, if the weather holds
The new floor has been sanded and sealed and should be ready for walking on by next week.



The stage has been rebuilt and is ready for the new covering which will
be fitted in early Feb along with the new kitchen flooring.
The remaining new windows are to be fitted in the next few weeks as
well as the new electric heaters.
Hopefully everything will be finished by the end of February.



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February 2022

Wednesday 2nd February
Candlemas

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Thursday 3rd February

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Week 1

Sunday 6th February
*The 4th Sunday before Lent
The Queen's Accession (1952)*

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Wednesday 9th February
Thursday 10th February

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Week 2

Sunday 13th February
The 3rd Sunday before Lent

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Stoke Ash	10.30am	Holy Communion
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Wednesday 16th February
Thursday 17th February

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Week 3

Sunday 20th February
The 2nd Sunday before Lent

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Thornham Parva	10.30am	Worship for All
Wetheringsett	10.30am	Holy Communion
Thorndon	4.00pm	CONNECT

Wednesday 23rd February
Thursday 24th February

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm
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Week 4

Sunday 27th February
The Sunday next before Lent

On-line	9.00am	Worship for All
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South Hartismere Benefice

February 2022 Newsletter



What's happening in February?

As winter comes to an end, February is the month for Half Term holidays, St. Valentine's Day and National Trust Snowdrop Trails. Visit <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk> for 50 Things to do in Winter!

I have just 'Googled' What's happening in February, and come up with a huge list of special days and observances in the UK and around the world! These include World Nutella Day, Groundhog Day (in the US the emergence of groundhogs from hibernation signals the start of Spring), Harry Potter Book Night, World Ukulele Day, Chinese New Year and the Winter Olympics.

One of my favourites is Random Acts of Kindness Day on 17th February, with its message 'Make Kindness The Norm' It is good for all of us to try and generate a culture of kindness and affirmation in our communities and organisations; but perhaps on that day, Thursdayth17 February, you might set aside time to send a card or letter to someone, drop them a text or email to let them know you're thinking of them, or leave an unexpected gift of flowers or chocolates on someone's doorstep.

In our weekly CONNECT sessions at 4.00pm in Thorndon Church we will be celebrating St Valentine's Day on Sunday 1st February– why not pop into the café for some Valentine themed refreshments and a chat? On Sunday 2nd February, we'll be holding a Pancake Party with the traditional pancake races, pancake flipping, and pancakes for you to eat!

In our churches we will be praying during Fairtrade Fortnight, which begins on 21st February. During this time, Fairtrade farmers, workers and campaigners up and down the country highlight the difference Fair Trade can make to lives and communities, and this year there is a particular focus on the G7 summit and COP26. Visit <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

I hope that you might find something to interest you during the dark days of winter, and do come along to any of our regular services, events and activities. If you find the winter months difficult, or are feeling isolated, please contact a member of our team for a visit or a chat, or if you require transport to any services or events.

Blessings, Julia

News from the Parishes:

Welcome to Wyatt Davis, baptised on 28th November at Thornham Magna

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Following the successful village event last August, the Village Hall Committee have been asked to consider the potential for organising a Village Tea Party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

We would hope that this will take place on the afternoon of June 3rd, which is a Bank Holiday.

We would welcome suggestions and ideas about the event and hope that, as before, villagers will get involved to make it a success.

If you would like to get involved in the planning of the event, or are happy to help in any way, please contact Sue Stannard (01449 767752) or Rachel Leech





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Easter Steam Up

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I would like to thank all those who helped with this year's Poppy Appeal. A difficult year with Covid to ask volunteers to collect and for business's to be happy to have poppy trays on their premises and yet all supported this year's appeal. Thanks to them and you for giving, we managed to raise a fantastic amount for the poppy appeal.

The annual Poppy appeal is when we remember and reflect on those, past and present, who gave so much for us all and a time to raise invaluable funds for this worthy charity to help those in need.

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Snippets from the Village History

This report from the Village History is pertinent to recent experiences as it tells of the school being closed due illness epidemics!

Sickness ~ Dental and Medical Inspection

There were many long spells when the school was closed because of scarlet fever, whooping cough, influenza, chicken pox and measles epidemics. The Hartismere Deanery Magazine records that the school was closed for 3 months due to measles:

January 1905:

The Day School was reopened on January 16th, and as it has been closed for three months for measles, it is hoped that parents will do their utmost to send their children to school regularly and that no more valuable time may be lost.

Children had to be suspended if they had been in contact with any of the infectious diseases. One case of water pox was recorded. In 1894 Mrs Moore from the Manor distributed cough mixture and cough sweets as the school had an epidemic of coughs and colds.

It is interesting to record that there were quite a number of deaths among the young children, these being mainly from pneumonia and one dead from tetanus. There are also records of young children staying at home during the winter months as they were "too frail" to attend school.

The first record of a dental officer visiting the school appears in 1921 and the first doctor's visit was in September 1924. In 1927 the first eye inspection was made. At this time the school nurse began her visits.

More snippets next month



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What did the paper clip say to the magnet?
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Hello everyoneand a very belated happy new year!

It seems a long time since all the kerfuffle of Christmas and New

Year....too be honest Christmas was quite quiet but we did have visitors staying for New Year which was nice...someone else to play with my new toys!

I thought you might like to hear what my New Year resolutions are: I don't know if Mum & Dad have made any (Mum says she never keeps them anyway) but here are mine....

. Take more snoozes, especially on the new throws (surely they were for me??)

. Do more exercise. By that I mean have a quick jog around the garden between 3am and 5.30am. Not popular for some reason.

. Improve my mental health by encouraging lots of tummy tickles, ear rubs and back scratches.

I should be able to stick to these I think!

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February

Monday 14th

St Valentine's Day

March

Tuesday 1st

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Wednesday 2nd

Coffee mornings in the church start again



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You don't say exactly what repairs are needed. If you have problems such as electrical wiring that you think might be faulty, or there's damp, or an infestation by pests, the landlord has a legal obligation to put things right.

Landlords are also responsible for the maintenance of the general structure, and fittings such as boilers and radiators; basins, baths and toilets; and the drains.

The first step is to contact your landlord again, in writing. Include photographs of the problems. Keep a record of all communications and evidence relating to the disrepair.

If that doesn't prompt any action, the advisers at Citizens Advice can help with next steps. These could include contacting your local council (who will have dedicated officers for dealing with disrepair in private rented properties) or asking for a visit by the environmental health team.

Tenants can take their landlords to court to force them to carry out repairs. However, it's worth getting some advice and thinking carefully before embarking on this route.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, employment, benefits and family law. You can contact them on 01449 676060 or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. For more information and our opening hours go to midsuffolkcab.org.uk.

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