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Welcome to the March issue of your Newsletter



"March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb", so the saying goes. Let's hope that as March 'comes in' there is no repeat of the storms we experienced in February when many of us spent some time without electricity! We do start the month, though, with pancakes! Its Shrove Tuesday on 1st, and end the month with a move to British Summer Time, with a prior call out for Litter Pickers for Saturday 26th, see p.14 for details.



Enjoy March and the coming of Spring and promise of lighter evenings

Cally (Editor)

PS Don't forgetClocks 'Spring Forward' on 27th March

Look out for— *Memories of a Village Resident*

Iris Mills was born in Wetheringsett and has many tales of her life in the village. This month she shares her recollections of living close to the airfield during the war years. (See p. 5). We'll hear more from Iris in the coming months.

Do you have any memories of your life in the village that you would like to share? Please contact the editor—details opposite.

Justice of the Peace

Do we have a JP in the Parish? The Judiciary is short of JPs and would welcome applications 'to join the Bench'. Anybody suitable can apply and it is good to give back something to society rather than just taking from it.

Forty years ago the Judiciary did not want any more farmers nor housewives - I doubt if that is the case now!

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Memories of a Village Resident The War Years

Iris was born in the house she still lives in, overlooking the airfield in Wetheringsett. She was 8 years old when the second World War started



and has vivid memories of the activities of the American aircraft close to her home.

She lived with her parents and older sister, Gladys, plus two cousins from London who came to live with them. Living close to an airfield was perhaps not the safest place to be.

The table in the main room provided shelter for them all when any bombs fell.

Iris remembers a bomb falling one fine night in a field close by and believes it was a farmer – Jack – who was out ploughing at the time and it was the light he was creating which drew the attention of the bomber!

They all dived under the table and others, outside at the time – among them Sidney Rose and her cousin Jeff – all dived into the ditch! Scary times; also sad memories of USAF planes trying to reach ‘home’. Looking out of the bedroom window one night she remembers screaming at the sight of a plane all ablaze and seemingly coming straight at the house. One plane



B17 and crew at Mendlesham

crashed at the top of Town Lane and one close to where the Middy is now. But Iris recalls one, with all its windows shot out, that actually made a safe landing.

Planes, sat two by two, filled the airfield from Town Lane to Lacey’s Corner. The field hospital and Airmen’s quarters were situated close by Town Lane.

Iris’s memory of D-Day -

“There were so many planes flying over that you couldn’t see the sky”

Next month we will hear more of Iris’s memories

Dates for the Diary

March

Tuesday 1st	Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day!
Wednesday 2nd	Coffee mornings in the church start again
Sunday 13th	Suffolk Libraries Day— see page 29
Sunday 27th	British summer time starts—clocks go forward one hour
“	Also Mothering Sunday

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All appointments will be blocked off in the bookings calendar during the period so the public will not be able to book at these times. In addition, there will be a member of staff at the site to redirect the public should they turn up in error or without booking.

The nearest alternative sites are Ipswich, Hadleigh or Bury St Edmunds.

We will reopen the site as soon as we can and apologise to our residents for any inconvenience caused.

We will be putting a notice up on site and putting information on our social media channels and web pages.

Have your say

Dog Waste

As a responsible dog owner I am horrified at the amount of dog waste left on Public Footpaths and walking areas. It is so easy to dispose of in hedges and ditches where it will safely biodegrade and cause no offence.

It takes such a small effort. We are so fortunate to have green areas to walk our dogs.

Please don't spoil it for everyone.

A dog owning resident of many years



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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Yoga returns to the Village Hall.....



Amanda will be known to many of you as she has taught Yoga classes in Wetheringsett since 2013. Happily, she will once again be running these popular sessions from the beginning of this monthin the newly refurbished village hall!

Amanda, also a keen runner, trained with the British Wheel of Yoga and has practised Yoga for over 20 years now. She began teaching Yoga 10 years ago and her classes are fun and friendly - and inclusive ...you don't have to be able to touch your toes to enjoy and benefit from them!

Classes are on a Wednesday evening at 6:30pm, starting 2nd March. For further details contact -

Amanda Wearing on 01449 711674
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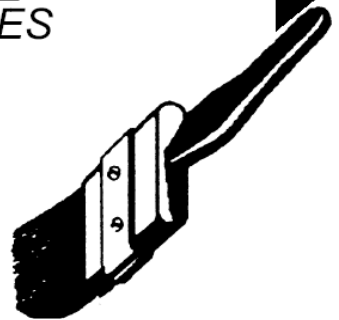
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To confirm new dates for the Panto: -
Friday 18th (evening) & Saturday 19th (evening and matinee)

Spring Forward!



Daylight
Savings
Begins

Sunday 27th March

*Don't forget to put
the clocks forward
1 hour*



Start of British Summer Time

Collective Worship Theme: Perseverance

Junior Road Safety Officers



Last term, we were pleased to appoint Junior Road Safety Officers from Year six. This team will be meeting regularly to discuss and address road safety issues affecting our school and will give talks in collective worship, run competitions and generally promote road

safety messages to our school community. Look out for communication from them in future newsletters.

Prayer and thinking area

As a church school we have always had areas in school for reflection. During the pandemic restrictions meant the children could not move around school freely but now the restrictions have been lifted we have been able to develop a new area for prayer and reflection. We have developed this area in the library for the children. It is a quiet space where the children can be away from the busy life of school. The idea of the space is to develop children's feelings towards their own spirituality.

Supporting children's wellbeing

We are pleased to have three members of staff trained to support children's wellbeing. The children who have taken part in ELSA (Emotional literacy support and Drawing and Talking this term have said they have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions.

ECHO



We have raised money for the Eualelina's heart foundation charity.

ECHO supports children with heart conditions and their families.

This charity has worked closely with one of our pupils. Bailey, who is in reception, was born with a heart defect and is still supported now. The children made a range of heart decorations in school and parents donated biscuits and cupcakes we could sell. We would like to thank everyone involved. The school raised £93.30.



Connecting the
Children's Heart
Community

Kind regards

Mrs Golding and Mrs Sheeran

Village Quiz

Opening Event at Wetheringsett Village Hall

Saturday 23rd April 7pm

**Come and join us on *St George's day evening* for our
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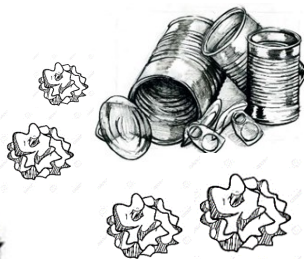
The Cedars Pool

Having had a few weeks of inactivity, the temperature is back to 84F and lessons are again taking place, as well as regular swimmers returning. For those wishing to swim in 2022, we are now taking registrations; please email



tonyalston@hotmail.com for details.

VILLAGE LITTER PICK



Please join us for a Community Litter Pick, which will take place on Saturday 26th March

We will meet outside the Village Hall at 10:00am.

We now own some litter pickers, so these and bags will be provided.
Please do bring your own gloves and hi vis jackets if you have them.

We would really appreciate everyone's help with this.
If enough people attend it should not take more than a couple of hours of your time.

Also it will also be an opportunity for parishioners to join together for a community event at long last.

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Message from the Parish Council

Dog mess on footpaths

The Parish Council has recently received several complaints from villagers who are increasingly finding dog mess and bags of dog mess on our footpaths. Everyone knows that this is not acceptable and it also poses a threat to the eyesight of small children, who if they touch it could catch a disease which causes blindness.

The Parish Council pays for several dog bins placed around the village, but if you can't find one please take your dog mess home.

Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council
Report on the meeting held Monday 8th February 2022

Spring Litter Pick – a community litter pick has been arranged for Saturday 26 March 2022, starting at Wetheringsett Village Hall at 10am. Volunteers to help would be really welcome. All equipment will be supplied, ie litter pickers, high viz vests, bin bags. Please do contact the Chairman or Clerk if you require any further information - your help with this important annual clean-up would be much appreciated.

Footpaths – Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Aldred was pleased to report the majority of footpaths were in a good condition. Some dog fouling issues have however been reported on footpaths, particularly in the area of the airfield. It would be much appreciated if dog owners could please pick up after their dogs to ensure the enjoyment of footpaths for all parishioners and children.

Excessive vehicle speeds – Cllr Charles Harvey reported on recent data from the VAS equipment at various locations around the village. Some disturbing speeds, in excess of 100mph, have been recorded particularly in Brockford Street. These are very worrying results and had occurred at varying times of the day, night and early hours of the morning. The data will be forwarded to the Police & Crime Commissioner and local Police Constabulary for action.

Village Hall – Cllr Mike Pease reported the new windows on the north wall funded by the Parish Council had been installed. The outside rendering was complete and would be painted in the spring. A cleaning weekend will take place over the last weekend of February and Cllr Pease was pleased to report bookings were now being taken.

Enormous thanks were recorded for the donation to rebuild the south wall and **on behalf of the Parish Council and community the Chair recorded huge thanks to Cllr Mike Pease for all the hard work he had put into the project, without his enthusiasm the refurbishment would not have happened.**

Cllr Pease went on to report on arrangements for the Platinum Tea Party celebrations on Friday 3 June, 2pm – 5pm. The Village Hall Committee had allocated funds up to £500 for the event and it was hoped sponsorship for the remainder could be obtained.

Children's Play Area – Cllr Barry Lacey reported on improvement works due to take place during the spring, these included removal of the sleepers and replacement with a grassed slope and a new bark surface under the climbing frame.

Date of next meeting: Monday 7 March 2022, 7pm at the Village Hall.

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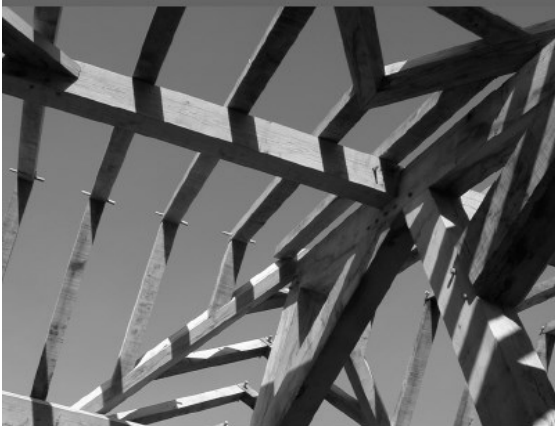
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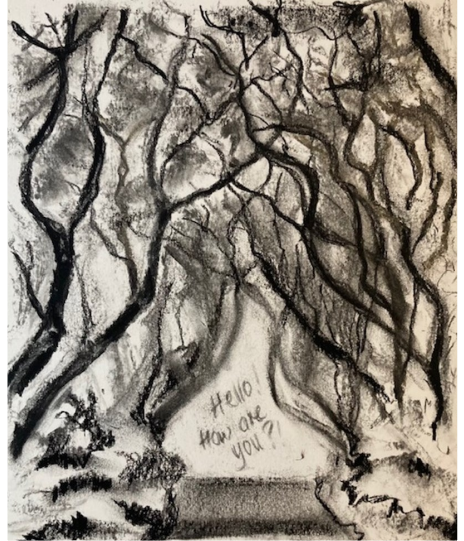
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A Celebration of Nature

Trees Talk to Each Other

Walking past trees most of us are probably unaware of the communication that exists between them. They are involved in great struggles and death-defying dramas.

Wise old mother trees feed their saplings with liquid sugar and warn their neighbours when danger approaches. It's all happening in ultra-slow motion that is 'tree time', so that what we see is one moment frozen in time. Trees are far more alert, social, sophisticated, and even intelligent, than we realise. It is thought that two trees living in close proximity share



sunlight and their root systems are closely connected. When one dies, the other will follow suit, because they are dependent on each other. Trees of the same species are communal, and will often form alliances with trees of other species.

It is underground that the real action is taking place. This has led to it being called the 'wood-wide web'. Trees are connected to each other through underground fungal networks. They share water and nutrients through the networks, and also use them to communicate. Scientists call these mycorrhizal networks. Fungal filaments join with the fine hair like root tips of the trees and together form the basic links of the network. A sort of economic exchange takes place. The fungi consume 30% of the sugar that trees photosynthesize from sunlight and this in turn fuels the fungi while they gather nitrogen, phosphorous and other mineral nutrients which are then absorbed and consumed by the trees. For young saplings in deeply shaded parts of a forest it offers a lifeline and they survive because big trees, including their parents, pump sugar into their roots through the network. There are many other forms of communication that are just being understood. So when we walk amongst trees we shouldn't take them for granted. Like us they live, communicate and care for each other.



South Hartismere Benefice Recovery Worship Rota

For services held in church and online

March 2022

Wednesday 2nd March
Ash Wednesday

Thornham Magna

7.00pm

Holy Communion &
Imposition of Ashes

Thursday 3rd March

Telephone Church BCP Holy Communion 11.00am

Friday 4th March

Gislingham

10.30am

World Day of Prayer

Week 1

Sunday 6th March
The 1st Sunday of Lent

On-line

9.00am

Worship for All

Gislingham

10.30am

Holy Communion

Thorndon

10.30am

Worship for All

Thorndon

4.00pm

CONNECT

Wednesday 9th March

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm

Thursday 10th March

Telephone Church BCP Holy Communion 11.00am

Week 2

Sunday 13th March
The 2nd Sunday of Lent

On-line

9.00am

Worship for All

Mellis

10.30am

Holy Communion

Thorndon

10.30am

Holy Communion

Stoke Ash

10.30am

Worship for All

Thorndon

4.00pm

CONNECT

Wednesday 16th March

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm

Thursday 17th March

Telephone Church BCP Holy Communion 11.00am

Week 3

Sunday 20th March
The 3rd Sunday of Lent

On-line

9.00am

Worship for All

Thornham Parva

10.30am

Holy Communion

Wetheringsett

10.30am

Worship for All

Thorndon

4.00pm

CONNECT

Wednesday 23rd March

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm

Thursday 24th March

Telephone Church BCP Holy Communion 11.00am

Week 4

Sunday 27th March
*The 4th Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday*

On-line

9.00am

Worship for All

Yaxley

10.30am

Holy Communion

Thornham Magna

10.30am

Worship for All

Thorndon

4.00pm

CONNECT

Wednesday 30th March

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm

Thursday 31st March

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South Hartismere Benefice

March 2022 Newsletter



What's happening in March?

Spring is finally on its way and we celebrate Pancake Day, saints days, World Book Day - and at the end of the month British Summer Time begins. After the long winter months, and the even longer period of Covid restrictions, we begin to look forward with hope to better and brighter days ahead.

This month we continue the 'What's happening' series by taking a look at key events, festivals and special days. March begins with one of my favourite days - Shrove Tuesday. Pancake Day or Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent begins, when people would traditionally use up all their fat and eggs by making pancakes. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Christian festival of Lent. Lent is the period of forty days before Easter when traditionally Christians would fast and pray, in remembrance of the forty days that Jesus spent fasting in the desert whilst being tempted by Satan. Nowadays people either give up something they like during Lent, or give to charity or take on a challenge, such as 40 Acts of Kindness.

1st March is also St. David's Day. He is the patron saint of Wales, and celebrations include wearing daffodils and leeks, eating traditional Welsh food and wearing Welsh national costume. St. Patrick's Day on 17th March celebrates Ireland's patron saint. The day is celebrated all around the world with Guinness and shamrock decorations. When I was a child my Irish granny always sent me shamrock on a bed of moss in a special little green box.

Our schools will no doubt enjoy celebrating World Book Day, 3rd March and joining in with Red Nose Day on 18th March - the day when people raise money for good causes in the UK and around the world.

In our churches we will be celebrating the World Day of Prayer on 4th March at 10.30 in Gislingham church. This is a global day of prayer when more than 170 countries join in prayer and action for peace and justice, and it brings together races, cultures and churches in fellowship and understanding; and on 27th March we will be celebrating Mothering Sunday with the opportunity to give thanks, remember, light candles and receive traditional posies of flowers.

CONNECT will be holding 2 Community Celebrations at All Saints Church - a Pancake Party with pancake races and 'decorate your own pancake' on 27th February, and Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea on 27th March, both at 4.00pm

Whatever you do this month, may you look forward with hope to better and brighter days.

Blessings, Julia

News from the Parishes:

Congratulations to Geoffrey Hunter and Eleanor Puttock married at **Thornham Magna**

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It's a Dog's Life

Hello everyone

I should say straight away I am in the dog house. Not physically you understand, I wouldn't dream of sleeping outside (far too many odd noises and creepy crawlies for my liking) but I did something wrong apparently. Let me explain....

So a week or so ago I took Mum and her friend for a nice long walk. (I know they think they take me ...) I have to say I'm always impressed how they can walk and talk at the same time but they can. Anyway we had a lovely time. I Did my job of investigating every blade of grass for interlopers on my patch and had 274 wees.

When we came home I thought the obvious thing would be for them to sit down on the sofa, making room for me to get comfy in between for a snooze but no! They sat in the kitchen drinking coffee and ignoring the various toys I offered them... very strange. Perhaps they weren't interesting enough.

Anyway I decided I would go upstairs to find something that would engage them. This is where it went a bit wrong because what I actually found was Mum's new slippers. Now, in my defence I was only doing what dogs do and that is attack this vicious thing and tear it up. For some reason that wasn't a popular choice.

Apparently my pocket money has been stopped. I didn't even know I got any...

In case you're worried, I have been forgiven!

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has 12 hours of daylight
and 12 hours of darkness.



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Congratulations on your new role. It can feel awkward telling your current employer you're moving on. The time between telling your employer you've found a new position and you actually leaving is known as your notice period.

If you've been in your current job for less than a month, you won't have to give any notice period (unless your contract says otherwise). If it's more than a month, you'll have to give at least one week's notice. Your contract should make it clear exactly how long is expected.

If you don't have a contract, and your employer has no written record of you agreeing to a notice period, you should give at least one week's notice.

It's worth waiting until your new employer has confirmed your employment, for example by giving you a start date before handing in your resignation. It's then best to resign in writing (email is fine), so that you have a record of the date you told your employer. On the Citizens Advice website we have a section on resigning with tips on how to write this letter. This can be found at citizensadvice.org.uk/work/leaving-a-job.

You can work a longer notice than the one in your contract, if you agree it with your employer. If you're keen to move on sooner rather than later, it may also be possible to negotiate a shorter notice period than your contract says. If you want to go down this route, it can be useful to reassure your current employer that you will tackle any urgent work before finishing.

Fixed-term contracts are a bit different, as you won't need to give notice if you intend to leave on the last day of contract. Leaving early would usually mean giving at least one week's notice, unless your contract says otherwise.

Don't forget about your holiday days during your notice period. If you have unused paid holiday you should speak to your employer about either taking these during the notice period or being paid for them.

Finally, sometimes people can change their mind about moving jobs or find their circumstances alter. If this happens to you, you should speak to your current employer to see what the options are and if you can stay in your current role.

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