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MAY 2022

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Welcome to the May issue of your Newsletter

Maypoles were banned in 1644 by the Puritan parliament—apparently because of the 'immorality' that often accompanied the drinking and dancing! Fortunately it is now an enjoyable part of May celebrations.



Our Queen has been on the throne for 70 years now and the country will celebrate this fact with a long Bank Holiday weekend at the beginning of June,— The Platinum Jubilee.

For our village event Sue Stannard (01449 767752), would like to hear



from you if you have any ideas for the celebration or can offer your help in any way.

Summer is on the way, May is a beautiful month, and we have a once-in-a-lifetime celebration to look forward to.

Enjoy your month,

Cally (Editor)

Dates for the Diary

May

Sunday 1st

May day

Monday 2nd

Early May Bank holiday

June

Thursday 2nd

(Bank Holiday, postponed from May)

Jubilee

Friday 3rd

Flower Festival & Village Jubilee Celebrations

Week

Saturday 4th

Sunday 5th

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Saturday 25th

Rotary Club Walk (for Parkinson's)

Saturday 25th

'The Big 70s Night In' at the Village Hall

Quote of the month ~

Not every day is good ... but there is something good in every day



Alice Morse Earl

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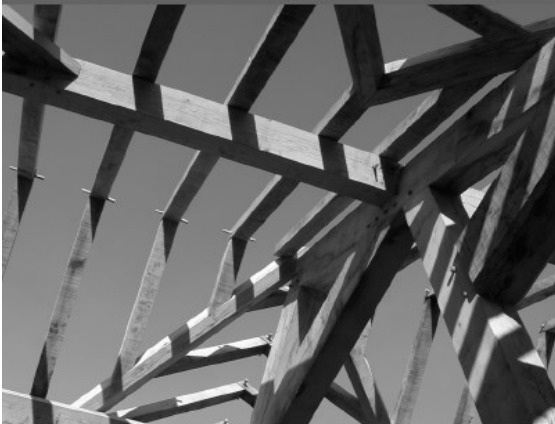
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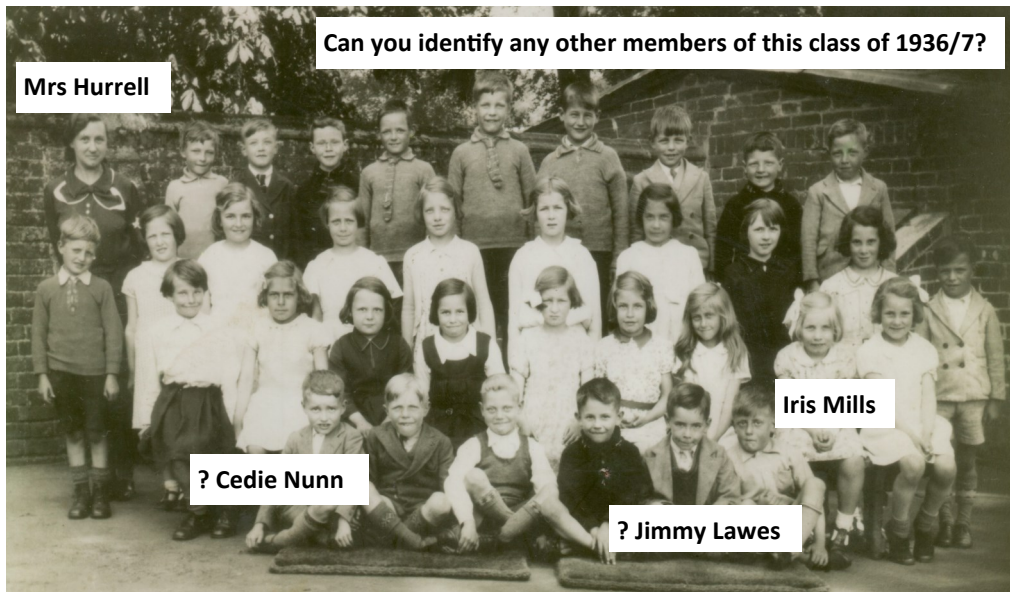
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Memories of a Village Resident

School days

A fireplace in the classroom and outside toilets; the playground partitioned so the boys and girls had to play separately! This was Wetheringsett School in the 1930s when Iris attended.



Iris attended Wetheringsett School from the age of five, and, as was the case then, she continued at the same school until leaving at the age of fourteen. Getting to school meant a walk from Park Green and back when she was five, but if it rained her mum would collect her on the back of her bike. Her older sister Gladys was able to ride to school as she had a bike of her own and when Iris was seven her father bought her a bike as well—but it needed wooden blocks on the pedals as it was a little too large!

Iris attended the school when Mr Hurrell was the headteacher. Headteachers and their families lived in the adjoining schoolhouse at that time. She recalls being taught by Mrs Hurrell—the headteacher’s wife, and also remembers teachers called Miss Baylam and Miss Elliott (who was ‘especially nice’!) School dinners were provided and cooked on premises in the Village Hall. Mrs Brett was the Head Cook. However, Iris preferred to take sandwiches for lunch— made with homemade bread baked in the oven next to the fire. “Trust me to be different!”, comments Iris

More memories from Iris next month

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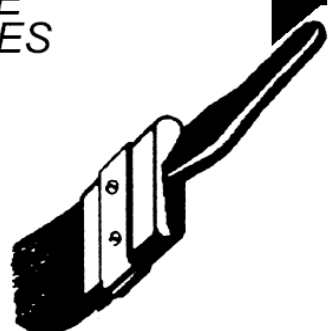
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Many items were made of plastic, and many had held food or drink, hopefully enjoyed, but then the packaging discarded for someone else to clear away.

We live in a beautiful part of Suffolk and litter detracts from the landscape. It can also be a hazard to our wildlife.....so **many thanks** to all who took part on the day, and to those who had contributed by collecting litter in the days before and at other times.



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Mid Suffolk

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk are looking for volunteers to provide vital support in the community – can you help?

The charity supports people all over Mid Suffolk from their office in Stowmarket, providing free, confidential, independent and impartial advice. Demand for the charity's services has continued to increase, and the wonderful team of volunteers are paramount to the help Citizens Advice provide.

The team are seeking volunteers from all kinds of backgrounds to support local people with their problems. No experience is necessary as full training will be provided.

Citizens Advice volunteers come from all walks of life and choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. Volunteers are often looking for ways to make use of their skills or to gain valuable experience and make use of the fantastic training. They also enjoy the opportunity to meet different people and be part of a friendly, welcoming team of existing volunteers. They find it rewarding to support local people and make a difference to their lives.

Current volunteers at Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk said:

"I wanted to help in some meaningful way in the local community.

Volunteering at Citizens Advice has made me feel that I am doing something useful. After three years of retirement, it is nice to have a form of regular commitment and I enjoy interacting with the others in the office."

"When my youngest started school I had some extra time, so decided to volunteer, and haven't looked back! The team are great here, so the atmosphere is consistently very welcoming."

"I believe what we do is important to the community as evidenced by the increasing demand. I like to volunteer as it keeps my brain active and the camaraderie and social interaction is enjoyable as well as important."

Interested in volunteering? Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk would love to hear from you! Go to midsuffolkcab.org.uk/volunteer or call 01449 676060 for an informal chat.



Starting soon



At the Michael Burke Wellbeing Centre
(Behind Hartismere Hospital)

Fortnightly meetings for Ukrainian refugees and their hosts

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Wetheringsett Church of England Primary School

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Announcing

After School Clubs

From Next term we are excited to be able to offer after school clubs to support working parents with after school care.

The launch of our new website

We have been working behind the scenes to update our website to make it easier for parents to access information. You are also able to contact us through the website using the email address. In future newsletters, letters and general information such as dates can be accessed here <https://www.wetheringsett.suffolk.sch.uk/>

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Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council

Report on the meeting held Monday 4 April 2022

Parish Council Vacancy – huge thanks were recorded to Mike Pease who has decided to retire from the council due to other commitments. The Parish Council is grateful to Mike for all his work on behalf of the council and in particular his efforts in co-ordinating the refurbishment work on the village hall – now a hugely improved building available for the enjoyment of the community. Mike will continue as a contact for the defibrillator at the village hall and will continue to carry out fortnightly checks on the equipment.

The parish council vacancy is currently being advertised, if any parishioner, 18 years and older is interested in joining the council please do speak to a councillor or the clerk for further information, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Meetings are held monthly on the first Monday of the month (unless that day is a Bank Holiday), please do attend to observe a council meeting in progress if you think you may be interested.

Annual Parish Meeting – the village meeting will be held on Monday 9 May 2022, 7pm at the Village Hall. There will be an Open Session for parishioners – an ideal opportunity to make comments/suggestions about the village plus reports from community groups. Mr Robert Townshend, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group will attend to give a report on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and its benefits to the village and community. The meeting is open to all.

Following recent issues surrounding the Neighbourhood Planning process and administration, District Cllr Stringer reported on a MSDC proposed motion to re-affirm its support for communities working on or who have made Neighbourhood Plans and was pleased to report the motion was approved.

Development at Brockford – the Parish Council had been asked by MSDC to suggest a road name for the new development on Brockford Street. The suggestion of Ribbons Way was put forward in memory of the former owner, the late Mrs Ribbons. This has been accepted by MSDC.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – on behalf of the Village Hall committee Cllr Mrs Rachel Leech gave an update on preparations for the celebrations on 5 June next, a grand Tea Party on the Village Hall field. A separate report on arrangements is available in the magazine.

Date of next meeting – the annual parish council meeting will be held on Monday 9 May 2022 at 7.45pm at the Village Hall, Wetheringsett. The meeting will be open to the public and parishioners may take part in the meeting during the public session.

The meeting will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting

May (?)Facts

May used to have a very different name in Old English. Back then, the month was referred to as the "month of three milkings." Unsurprisingly, this meant that during this month, you could milk your cows up to three times per day!

May was once considered an incredibly ill-omened time to get married. There's an adage for it actually, which goes: "Marry in May and you'll rue the day." It's not clear where exactly the saying comes from, but there must have been a pretty good reason not to get married in one of the most beautiful months of the year!



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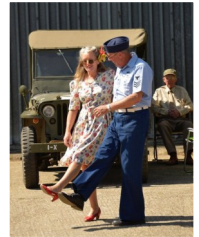


Middy in the 1940s

28 May 2022 - 29 May 2022

So as not to clash with the celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday, this year's Middy in the 1940s event will take place over the Saturday and Sunday before.

There will be a grand array of displays and exhibits and, of course, many of our favourite re-enactors and 'personalities', including the friends from the German Alpine Corps, who joined us for the first time last summer.



This year will also feature some of the contributions made by women at the time with displays from and about the WVS, Women's Land

Army and American Women in East Anglia. There will be a range of military and civilian vehicles of the period and stalls selling everything from clothing, collectables, toys, military memorabilia, wartime paperwork and magazines. And a flypast from the Hawker Hurricane of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight is scheduled for Saturday 28th May, as ever, subject to weather conditions.

Both days will feature 1940s style music from Kitty Collins on Saturday 28th May and the Laxfield Community Choir on Sunday 29th May.



Tickets available in advance from the Middy web site
www.mslr.org.uk
and at the Ticket Office on the day.



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Wednesday 4th May

Thursday 5th May

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Week 2

Sunday 8th May
The 4th Sunday of Easter

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Mellis	10.30am	Holy Communion
Thorndon	10.30am	Holy Communion
Stoke Ash	10.30am	Worship for All
Thorndon	4.00pm	CONNECT

Wednesday 11th May

Thursday 12th May

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

Week 3

Sunday 15th May
The 5th Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday 18th May

Thursday 19th May

Mid-week Worship On-line 7.00pm
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Week 4

Sunday 22nd May
The 6th Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday 25th May

Thursday 26th May

Ascension Day

Thorndon	7.00pm	Benefice Holy Communion & PCC Service / Refreshments
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Week 5

Sunday 29th May
The 7th Sunday of Easter

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

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Hello everyone and I hope you had a lovely Easter!

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dad into giving me, no matter how hard I try)

However I did get some special treats. Let me tell you about it.

We had visitors and as I've said before I like visitors.

However One of these visitors was a small person and for some reason I was not allowed to give my usual effusive greeting- who wouldn't want to receive lots of sloppy kisses from a slightly wiffy, hairy hound? They didn't, apparently. Oh well.

Anyway, the small person had very kindly bought me a present! Very exciting...

It was a soft toy shaped like a carrot. I say was.....

Unfortunately I get a bit carried away with these types of toys. I believe I broke my previous record but within a minute the carrot had been disembowelled on the carpet and I was being discouraged from eating the filling. I may be cute, spend hours on my back with my legs in the air but believe me I can be very savage with a soft toy carrot.

Grrrrrrrr.

Woofles of Wetheringsett

Jokes to groan to ...!

You know people say they pick their noses... but I feel like I was just born with mine!

*I went to the zoo and saw a baguette in a cage.
The zookeeper said it was bread in captivity*



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On Sunday 13
March at
Debenham we
raised just over

£500 for Suffolk Libraries Day. Suffolk Libraries are a charity, and though most of the funding comes from the contract with Suffolk County Council, other

funding is increasingly important. The contract has been extended to 2023 but has to be advertised to public tender for the following 10 years.. We sincerely hope Suffolk Libraries win the contract again, but there is no guarantee. Whereas in many counties libraries have closed during “austerity”, all libraries in Suffolk are still open and some new ones have opened too.

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Debenham Shed

On 9th April Giles Godart-Brown gave a live demonstration of 3D Printing, showing us the various stages of solid design, slicing and printing, while the printer was busy making keyrings. Costs have come down considerably in recent years, and he demonstrated the free software he uses. It was fascinating!



Our next demonstration will be on **Saturday 14 May**, when Clive Bignell will show how to sharpen tools. See the website or Facebook page for more details, or email chairman@debenhamshed.org.uk.

Our AGM will be held at 4pm after a normal Shed session on **Friday 27 May**. This will be followed by a barbecue—all welcome (except dogs, unfortunately).

We will have a stall at DebFest on Saturday 11 June, showing what we're up to and selling some surplus tools and other items.

Jamie, one of our members, had a stroke in February 2021 due to a bang on the head and trauma. Once he was home from hospital, his mental health suffered and along with crippling fatigue he was unable to return to full time work. The shed was seen online, and Jamie's wife got in contact as Jamie loves repairing and building things. Jamie attended the Shed to help with the refurbishment of the new containers. He really enjoyed being useful again and a part of team. As he was a volunteer there was no pressure or expectation. The work he completed gave him the confidence to return to work, although currently part time.

We meet on Friday afternoons from 2-5pm. Just turn up (no dogs please) if you'd like to join in or have a look.

Debenham Shed is at 2 Fields, Low Road (IP14 6BJ). Affiliated to UK Men's Sheds Association. Debenham Shed Officers: Les Wright 07793 470694, Bernard Rose 07538 974119, Tony Hutt 07906 614328. Visit our new website at www.debenhamshed.org.uk, where you can sign up to our newsletters. Like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DebenhamShed.



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