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SEPTEMBER 2022

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Welcome to the September issue of your Newsletter

The hot weather is abating a little although there is still very little green grass to be seen., and the leaves are falling early. See page 13 for a comparison with the dry summer of '76.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer time—but, perhaps looking forward to school starting once again?

Enjoy September

Cally (Editor)



Dates for the Diary

September

Saturday 3rd

Bat Walk ~ 7:30pm starting at the church

Saturday 3rd

The Middy ~

Sunday 4th

Moving and Gala Days

Saturday 10th

Suffolk Churches Ride & Stride (See page 5)

October

Sunday 2nd

Scarecrow & Harvest Trail



SAVE THE DATE

We have a few more events planned for the Church and village this year



**Harvest and Scarecrow
Trail Sunday 2nd of October**



**Christmas Tree Festival and Carol Service 18th
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Village Hall News

Thank you to those people who, in addition to the school, have booked the Hall over recent months. It has been good to see it being used as a venue for drama, a quiz, yoga, band practice and family celebrations. Sadly, Rachel Leech stepped down from our committee last month. She has been a great support over the last three years and, as well as being secretary, was a key player in organising the hall reopening celebrations and the Platinum Jubilee event.

Thank you for your help Rachel, you will be missed.

We urgently need new members to become involved in running the Village Hall. Our next meeting is Thursday, 1st September so if you are

Your Village Hall



Needs You!



**Next meeting is
Thursday, 29th September at 7.30 pm
in the Village Hall**

Would you like to be involved in running and planning the future of our Village Hall?

We urgently need new members for our committee which, while reporting to Parish Council, is responsible for raising funds to support the Village Hall and for ensuring that day to day running costs are met.

We are currently a small group of 4 people. We meet once a month on a Monday evening, and more frequently if there is a village event to be planned. The Village Hall has charitable status, and all roles are unpaid and voluntary.

Charles Harvey, Sue Payne, Ann Arnold and Sue Stannard

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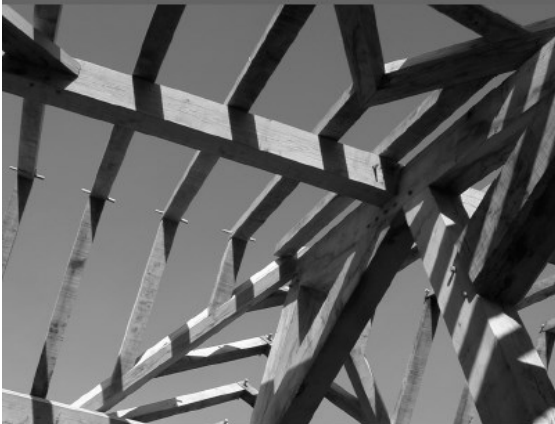
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SATURDAY

3RD SEPTEMBER at 7.30

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- There is no charge, - donations are welcome and will be shared by the church and the Suffolk Bat Group.
- Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult
- bring a torch and wrap up warm!

BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

Contact Revd Julia Lall
rev.julialall@gmail.com
01379 678064

Emma Morris
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7.30 Bat Activities/quizzes/colouring sheets

7.45 Introduction by Sue Hooton, Chair of the Suffolk Bat Society

8.15 Watch the bats emerge from the church and use a bat detector

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Snippets from the Village History:

The Able-Bodied Poor and Settlement Certificates (Chapter 9 in 'The Village History')

The sick and infirm in the parish were adequately cared for. The able bodied men without jobs had a rough time. If there was no work in their own parish, they could and did, seek for work elsewhere. But the other parishes were very wary of employing them since if they worked in another parish for a full year or moved into a house in another parish and stayed there for forty days, they gained what was called a settlement, which meant that the parish of their adoption had to care for them if they became destitute from sickness or for other reasons.

No parish wanted to spend money on people from another parish. Employers were exhorted to dismiss employees before the full year was up. Parishes were allowed to evict people likely to become paupers (the means test used was that the incomers had to rent a house worth more than £10 a year), and because of the 40 days residence qualification, they were allowed to evict immediately. Anyone coming to the parish for a temporary stay must bring a certificate from his own parish agreeing to take him back if he should become chargeable on the rates.

There is a document in the parish chest dated 22nd October 1674 stating that a Willian Reve and his wife have come into the parish and 'will' not give security (to discharge the parish from all expense it might incur), and are in a house under the value of £10 a year. They are to be sent back to Yaxley. It was the duty of the parish constable to escort such unfortunate people to the boundary to the next constable of the parish and hand them over, and so on, until they reach their own parish. The expenses involved were often considerable.

More on this subject next month

Footnote to last month's article— Palfrey's shop is now Paxes House

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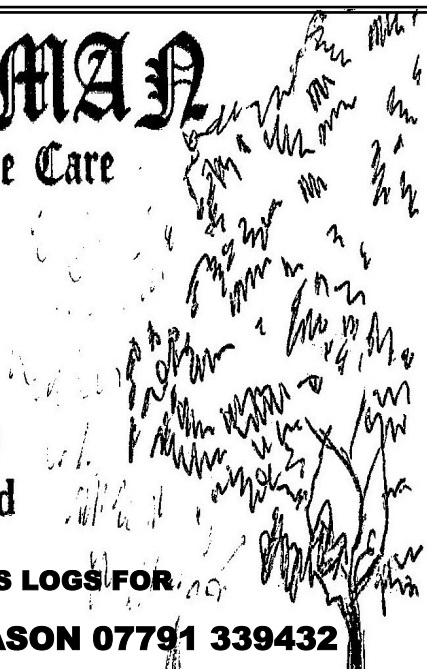
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What next will climate change bring us?!

AJA

The Dry Summer of 1976

- The 1976 drought started in September 1975, after an already dry summer.
- At the time, it was the driest 16-month period in more than 250 years.
- In response a minister for drought was appointed and Parliament passed the *Drought Act 1976* to ration water. Reservoirs dried out, and in many places water was rationed— with water mains being turned off and communal standpipes being erected



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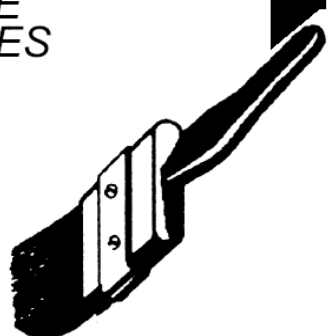
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The **Summer Reading Challenge** comes to an end in September and there will be a presentation to those children who completed the challenge by Cllr Matthew Hicks, on **Wednesday 7 September at 3.30pm**.

On **Sunday 4 September**, come to our **Afternoon Tea** from 1pm -4pm—the last of the year—and enjoy scones, cakes and hot drinks. Or cold drinks, if the current heatwave continues!

On **Sunday 11 September**, Simon Pyett and about ten others will be raising money for Suffolk Libraries on the London to Brighton cycle ride. Sponsor Simon at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/simon-pyett-london-to-brighton or in the library.

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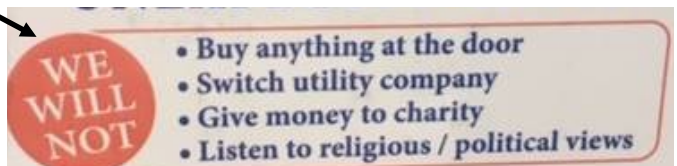
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South Hartismere Benefice

September Newsletter 2022

September is a real time for new starts: children and their parents starting a new school or a new school year, young people off to college or uni... there are so many ways we take those next steps on our journeys around the academic calendar.

Of course, with these next steps come worries. What are you worrying about at the moment? Most of us carry a sack of worries with us! Family, job, cost of living, home, health... the list can feel never ending at times. It was just the same in Jesus' day. It's easy to say, 'Don't worry,' to one another, and indeed the Bible says, 'Don't worry,' too, but it's pretty hard to put that not worrying into action. Jesus gives us a practical alternative: 'Consider the lilies of the field,' he says. Sounds a bit weird, you say. Well, you can find the whole story in **Matthew 6:25-33** but, basically, it's an invitation to step off the treadmill of our busy lives and simply be in the moment, to see the beauty of the world around us, in detail. Today we might call it mindfulness, in earlier times they called it the sacrament of the present moment. In stopping for long enough to see the beauty and extraordinary colour and form of the flowers and leaves all around us we are entering into the gift of the world around us.

So, take a moment to stop, pause and look. Think about what you are worried about and take a moment to lay it down for a while. If it's your thing, you can allow God to hold your worry, if not, just try to set it aside and enjoy some peace and quiet. My peaceful time, when I am able to hand things over to God, is when I am doodling. Recently I saw a great quote that said, 'Listen and silent are spelled with the same letters. Think about it.' I did think about it – and I found it really powerful; because sometimes we think we are listening, but we aren't really because we haven't silenced all of the things that are churning round inside our heads. Sometimes to silence those things we need to name them.

Of course, none of this solves any of our worries but it might just give us the headspace or calmness to think things through more clearly. And remember, your church community is here to offer help too. If you'd like a listening ear, just get in touch.

Love and prayers,

Reverend Lauren



From the Parishes

Welcome to those who were baptised: Edith Bray and Maddox Gavin; Thorndon; Luna Lockwood, Thornham Magna; Jaxon Kohn, Wetheringsett

Congratulations to Vicky and Dale Stannard, Mellis; and Anna and Jeremy Moore, Thorndon on their Wedding Blessings



South Hartismere Benefice

For services held in church and online

SEPTEMBER 2022

Week 1

Sunday 4th September

The 12th Sunday after Trinity

Gislingham	10.30am	Worship for All
	12.30pm	Baptism
Thorndon	10.30am	Holy Communion

Week 2

Sunday 11th September

The 13th Sunday after Trinity

Mellis	10.30am	Holy Communion
Stoke Ash	10.30am	Worship for All
Mellis	1.00pm	Baptism

Week 3

Sunday 18th September

The 14th Sunday after Trinity

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

Week 4

Sunday 25th September

The 15th Sunday after Trinity

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

Online Worship services are on Sundays at 9.00am and Wednesdays at 7.00pm

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Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council

Report on the meeting held Monday 1st August 2022

Village Hall – approval was received from the Dept of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for the Parish Council loan of £16,867 from the Wetheringsett Church and Town Estate Charity. The loan has enabled the refurbishment of the Village Hall floor to be completed without which the Hall would not have been able to re-open. On behalf of the community the Council expressed its enormous thanks to the Charity for facilitating the loan which will be re-paid over the next 9 years at a 1% pa interest rate. Thanks were also recorded to the village hall committee and all those involved in organising and facilitating the refurbishment work which has provided the community with a hugely improved meeting place for years to come.

Defibrillator – there had been a suggestion of installing a defibrillator in Brockford Street. It was reported the defibrillator at the village hall had been used twice and that had been by the ambulance service. Members were of the view the current defibrillator was central and close to Brockford Street so it was decided not to progress this at present.

Parish Pond – Wetherup Street – following concerns raised that normally the water in the pond was deep it was agreed a Deep Water sign should be erected. This has been obtained by Cllr Barry Lacey and he will arrange for it to be put up near the pond.

Grasscutting – Cemetery/Play Area – due to the very dry conditions this year there has been very little grasscutting to date, the cemetery has been cut only once. It was agreed a cut and strim would be required in the cemetery before the end of the cutting season to ensure it looked tidy over the winter months.

Play Area at Village Hall – Cllr Lacey stated work on the proposed removal of the sleepers and replacement with a grass slope would take place after the school holidays and children were back at school as the play area would need to be closed for two or three weeks for the work to be carried out – this will involve the use of a mini digger. It was believed this would be a huge improvement and thanks were recorded to Cllr Lacey for overseeing the work.

Village Sign – it was reported refurbishment of the Village Sign damaged during the February gales was progressing. It was hoped this would be complete by the autumn.

Planning – a number of planning applications were considered for recommendation to MSDC Planning. Full details of these are available on the MSDC website.

Date of next meeting: - Monday 5th September 2022 – 7pm at the Village Hall, Wetheringsett. ALL WELCOME

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Jokes to groan to ...!

Which knight invented King Arthur's Round Table?
Sir Cumference

What do sprinters eat before a race?
Nothing. They fast



Did you know?
These things actually have a name

The wire cage that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne is called an agraife..

The 'na na na' and 'la la la', which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of songs, are called vocables.

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The Wetheringsett-Cum-Brockford Church and Town Estate

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I have been planting about 1000 trees a year since 'plant a tree in 73' but we don't have 50,000 more than 50 years ago. 1976 was a very dry year, and several more have had hot dry spells with high losses. We try to look after them but the nettles and brambles have vigorous growth even after we spray round the sapling, and some do not survive. Also, latterly, we plant more shrubs which are low light tolerant, to put some bottom into the woods, which, after 20 years, would be too dark even for the nettles and briars.

Trees in the countryside should be no problem to anybody. But what about the trees next to the roads, oft with power or phone cables entwined? And, of course, those near houses or buildings? Should we cut down all these magnificent oaks, or perhaps commission Michael Fish's successor to give a month's warning of the next 1987 storm.

If you are in your new house on Hockey Hill looking upwards at a splendid Ash tree, which would cross the road if it fell, you might ask yourself: Which came first, the tree or the house? Then ponder as to the maxim that there is no such thing as an act of God

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We have also now reinstated our changing room, so please feel free to try on anything you are thinking of purchasing. Also, if you keep your receipt, you have up to 14 days to exchange or return your item.

Donations can only be accepted each morning up until 12.30pm, and we have to limit it to 2 bin bags/boxes or equivalent per donation, due to lack of sorting/storage space.

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Mid Suffolk

The cost of energy and food is so high now. With the kids home from school for the summer, I'm having to pay more for lunches and snacks. I'm worried about how I'll put food on the table. I'm on a prepayment meter and I'm really scared we're going to be left without any gas or electric if I can't top up. What can I do?

First of all, I'm really sorry to hear how tough things have been for you. You're doing the right thing in reaching out for support and there are things you can get help with.

As a prepayment meter customer, your energy supplier will be able to give you temporary credit if you can't afford to top up your meter. They might add this to your meter automatically, but if they don't, you can call them and ask them to do this.

If you run out of temporary credit, speak to your supplier to explain your situation. They may give you extra temporary credit if you're struggling with living costs. There are other reasons why they might give you extra credit too, including if you're disabled, have a long-term health condition, or you have children under the age of 5. You'll have to pay back anything extra you get, but you can agree how to do this in a way you can afford with your supplier.

As you say, the cost of living is really high but there is help available. If you pay council tax and you're in bands A-D, you should get a payment of £150 automatically. It could take until the end of September, but if you've not had it already you might need to make a claim.

You might also be able to get help from the Household Support Fund, which helps those experiencing financial hardship. They can offer support with energy bills, with food or other essentials.

For more information on the £150 payment or the Household Support Fund, email Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council on housingsolutions@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk or call 0300 123 4000.

There's more government support coming from October in the form of a £400 payment to help you with your energy bills. If you have a prepayment meter, you'll be given vouchers in the first week of each month from October, via text, email or post. Make sure your energy company has your up-to-date details.

To help manage other costs, it's also worth checking you're getting all the benefits you're entitled to. There are benefits calculators you can use online or Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can complete a benefit check for you. If you can't afford to buy food, Citizens Advice also can help you get a referral for a food bank.

We know this is an extremely worrying time and everyone's situation is different. Don't struggle alone.

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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