# WETHERINGSETT-CUM-BROCKFORD NEWSLETTER



Her Majesty

Queen Elizabeth II

His Majesty King Charles III



OCTOBER 2022

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## Welcome to the October issue of your Newsletter

The nation lost a beloved monarch last month. Queen Elizabeth has been a constant in the lives of the majority of us



and I, for one, find it difficult to grasp that she is not still with us. I am old enough to recall standing for the National Anthem at the end of any cinema showing - in fact any public performance. We now enter a new era - a Carolean era - as her son ascends to the throne. It will not be easy for him to fill her shoes, or navigate these current turbulent times. We

must wish him well.

We start the month with 'A Right Royal

■ Scarecrow Trail' on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

and finish with Hallowe'en on

going to ■ the 31st.

British Summer Time (BST)

ends at 2am on 30<sup>th.,</sup> and although we

Saturday 29th October do get an extra hour in bed that night,

it does mean the beginning of darker evenings! Enjoy October

and Happy Hallowe'en to everyone,

Set your

Cally (Editor)

#### **Dates for the Diary**

October

Sunday 2nd Scarecrow & Harvest Trail

Wednesday 12th Community Open Evening at the school

Sunday 30th Clocks go back one hour

Monday 31st Hallowe'en

November

Friday 18th Open Mic Night at the village hall

December

Sunday 18th Christmas Tree Festival and Carol Service 6pm

Contributions from the village community for inclusion in the newsletter are welcomed

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on

Friday evening 18<sup>th</sup> November

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to some local musicians.

**Save the Date** – more details to follow in the next newsletter and on the village website



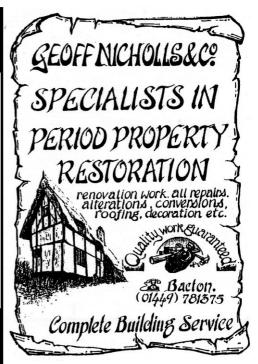
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We would love you to design and create a scarecrow with a Royal theme. You could make a King, a Queen, a corgi, or a Prince or Princess from history or from your favourite story: The Snow Queen, The Princess and the Pea, The Frog Prince ...





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# Vandalism

Unfortunately, the parish council has received a report of vandalism.



Stones were thrown at a property near White House Corner and windows broken.

We understand that the damage was caused by a group of boys on bikes and this has happened on more than one occasion.



Please feel free to contact the parish council website if you see anything similar, although we hope this will not reoccur



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In 1675 a family came to the parish bringing a certificate: -

'These are to certifie that wheras Robert Adams and Mary his wife Inhabitants of the towne of Thorndon in Suffolk are lately come into the towne of Wetheringsett and are about to settle themselves there And the townes overseers of Wetheringsett in the said countie find thereat fearing the said Adams and his wife and family may bee a charge to the said towne of Wetheringsett being poore people and hereupon have made there grievance known to us Wee the chaife Inhabitants of Thorndon hereby oblige ourselves and in the penalty of one hundred pounds of lawful money of England to remove the sd Adams his wife and family out of the said towneof Wetheringsett when the Inhabitants of the said towne of Wetheringsett shall require it and this wee promise to doe from time to time and from yeere to yeere as long as the said Adams or his family shall continue in the said towne of Wetheringsett cum Brockford and in the time wee owne him and his wife and family for Inhabitants of our towne of Thorndon'

5th January 1677: -

'Thomas Kirby has come into Wetheringsett and has married a wife there and was a servant for a whole year in Stoke Ash'

So he and his wife were removed to Stoke Ash.

### More on this subject next month

Footnote: - It can be seen that, if you were poor, your movement across local parish boundaries was no easy matter.

#### **Water comes Uphill**

Although we have had precious little rain in the last 3 months, water also comes uphill!

We hear about how much the Water Companies are losing through leakage and this summer the situation has got worse. As the ground dries out the clay soils creak and move and the very old metal water mains easily burst. The leaking water usually comes to the surface to be seen; however, it can find a drain and leak away unseen and undetected by anybody.

Recently we have suffered two leaks. Our pool has a hole in the liner (at the time of writing) losing 1cubic meter a day. The only way to find the hole is to empty the pool and get under the liner so that we can see the sky through the hole. Apart from the daily loss, the pool holds, or not, 10,000 gallons of water.

Our second leak was far more serious. At Dale Farm, where 200 pigs

need water, we had a break in a pipe, under concrete, with water coming out in the cracks in different places, losing up to a cubic meter - 220 gallons - an hour. After 3 ½ days and 8 holes in the concrete we found the break in an unmarked pipe that was on



a join between plastic and metal pipes, probably from 1961. Problem solved! But we now have to replace the metal pipe, under concrete, that is too rusty to continue.

So, I for one understand the predicament of the Water Companies. If they could pinpoint the major leaks... it would be a start!

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#### Great insults ....

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Oscar Wilde



#### Friends of Debenham Library

On Wednesday 7 September SCC Cllr Matthew Hicks presented certificates and medals to 40 children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge, Gadgeteeers. Bruce Leeke (Suffolk Libraries CEO) also dropped in to say hello, and you can see a photograph of all the children on our Facebook page (@DebenhamLibraryFriends).





On Sunday 11 September, Debenham resident Simon Pyett took part in the London to Brighton cycle ride to raise money for Suffolk Libraries. He writes: "All went very well on the cycle ride. It was a foggy journey down to London and a bit of an Autumnal start to the ride, but it cleared out lovely and was a perfect day for cycling through some lovely countryside on the way to Brighton. Ditchling Beacon was a bit of a test for the legs but I managed it without getting off the bike so was pleased with that and the views from the top were lovely. There followed a lovely downhill ride into Brighton itself and a seafront finish. I completed the 55 miles in a little over 4 hours and that included a stop

about 2/3rds of the way through. I think I finished 457 out of 4500. Not bad for a first long distance ride! Thank you to all who sponsored me and expressed their good wishes. All told I have raised £695.23 for Suffolk Libraries, but if anyone still wants to donate and get things over £700 then my Justgiving page is still open..." (www.justgiving.com/fundraising/simon-pyett-london-to-brighton).

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#### Jokes to groan to ...!

I asked my dog what's two minus two. He said nothing

What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta

I only know 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know y

Did you hear about the kidnapping at school? He woke up

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As October dawns the focus of our churches turns to giving and thanksgiving.

We celebrate our harvest festivals, that time we set aside to remember God's gift of provision for us. It is also a time when we recognise the giving of our time and talents in our service of others - our families, our work and our communities.

I am writing this letter to you on the day after we heard the news of the death of the late Queen Elizabeth II – our Queen. Hers was a life of giving and self-giving for our nation and the wider world. As we have started to come to terms with the news that shocked a nation, we are beginning to see messages of love and thanks pouring in – on the news, on social media and in the Books of Condolences that have been set up across the country, and in each of our churches

The Queen drew strength and inspiration from her Christian faith and let the Bible be her guide. In the early Christian church, the apostle Peter wrote a letter to a small and scattered Christian community around the Mediterranean, urging them to use what gifts God had given them to serve others. He encouraged them to live their lives in the best way they could and in doing so that "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others..." 1 Peter 4:10

In the days following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, as we reflected on her truly remarkable life, I was reminded over and over again of what a life lived in the service of others can look like. I was humbled to watch His Majesty King Charles III, less than a day after grieving the loss of his mother, walking out to be among the people – his people - to be with them in their grief. Then to hear his address to the nation, promising that same commitment to dedicated service.

Our servant Queen and the King she served, (Jesus) is a strong example to all of us to give of ourselves in the service of others. Whether we volunteer with an organisation, shop for an elderly neighbour, listen to someone in pain and distress or the many, many other ways we give of ourselves there are opportunities for service everywhere. We too, are called to serve God, who gave of himself through Jesus, a God who knows what it is to serve, and pours out that love and service on each of us.

God is with us every step of the way as we reach out to help those around us. May God bless you in your service, as he blessed our Queen throughout her life of service.

Blessings, Julia

#### News From the Parishes:

Wedding Congratulations: Ben Fenning and Hannah Fox, Yaxley, Aidan Innes and Lucinda Harvey, and Tom Hadingham and Shannon Monkton. Wetheringsett

#### In Loving Memory

David Massey, Thorndon; Pete Hawes, Gislingham, Olive Howlett, Thornham Magna

Photo of Queen Elizabeth by curtesy of Press Association.



#### **South Hartismere Benefice**

For services held in church and online

#### **OCTOBER 2022**

Week 1	Gislingham	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Thorndon	10.30am	Holy Communion
The 16th Sunday after Trinity	Thorndon	4.00pm	CONNECT
0 0	Yaxley	6.00pm	Harvest Celebration
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Thorndon	5.00pm	Harvest Celebration & Supper
Week 2	Mellis	10.30am	Worship for All
Sunday 9th October	Stoke Ash	10.30am	Holy Communion
The 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	The Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds	4.00pm	Lay Elders Service
Week 3	Thornham Parva	10.30am	Harvest Celebration & Holy Communion
Sunday 16th October	Gislingham	10.30am	Worship for All
The 18th Sunday after Trinity	Thorndon	10.30am	Worship for All
.5 .5	Stoke Ash	3.00pm	Harvest Celebration
	Thorndon	4.00pm	CONNECT
Week 4	Yaxley	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd October	Thornham Magna	10.30am	Harvest Worship for All
The 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday	Wetheringsett	10.30am	Harvest Celebration
Week 5 Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October The 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent	Thornham Magna	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion

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 5 September 2022

<u>Play Area</u> – the wooden sleepers in the play area are due to be removed very shortly and will be replaced with a grassed slope. The work has been delayed until children are back at school as it will involve closure of the play area for 2 or 3 weeks. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Barry Lacey for organising the work. Thanks were also recorded to Cllr Mrs Kaylee van Zyl for volunteering to clean the equipment during the closure.

<u>Cemetery grass cutting</u> - Cllr Lacey stated he would arrange for one further cut and strim during the autumn towards the end of the grass cutting season.

<u>Parish Pond</u> — Wetherup Street — a deep water sign has been obtained warning of the deep water in the pond. Cllr Lacey has offered to put the sign up when the ground is softer.

<u>Tree for Life Scheme</u> – District Cllr Andrew Stringer reported on this MSDC scheme which is open again for 2022 applications and **offers a free tree for new parents.** 

The scheme is open to all families in the district who have or are welcoming a newborn, or newly adopted child, between 1 January and 31 December 2022. Parents who may have adopted during the same period are also able to apply for a free tree. The initiative offers parents the chance to mark their arrival by planting a tree. It also aims to benefit families, communities and the environment by boosting tree coverage across the district.

So far the district council has given out well over a thousand trees through Tree for Life, with 450 families applying in 2021.

Also open to those without a garden, a selection of the trees continue to be planted at key locations in the district including Needham Lake, Gallowsfield Wood in Haughley and Sproughton Millennium Green.

40 families have already applied to the 2022 scheme, but the District Council is encouraging even more people to <a href="mailto:apply-for-their tree on the councils">apply for their tree on the councils</a>' website before the 10 January 2023 deadline.

Date of next meeting: - Monday 3rd October 2022, 7pm at the Village Hall, Wetheringsett. ALL WELCOME

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# Community Open Evening 12th October 2022 3.30-5pm

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'The Mustard Seed'

'It is the smallest of all seeds but when it grows up it is the biggest of all plants. It becomes a tree, so that birds come and make their nests.' Matthew 13:32

The children have explained how the story impacts us as a school. In the children's words they have explained:

"Teachers help us to learn new skills and knowledge to grow."

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Then in December there are the **Santa Specials** (see website for dates if you wish to book now)

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Coming up in the new term, we have a mobile zoo joining us- with lots of animals attending! From Rabbits, Chickens and corn snakes to guinea pigs, chameleons and beetles!

Thank you to everyone who attended our open day in September











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Please send your thoughts about any of the articles in the newsletter - or any other matter, to wetheringsettnews@gmail.com

(Please refer to Disclaimer on page 2)

#### **Debenham Shed**

Following the successful event in August we are now running a Craft Day on Saturday 8th October from 9am to 1pm, open to all. It will be similar to the event held in August, though the activities may differ somewhat. Please let us know if you are



interested in coming (or would like to come but can't!), by phone/text on a number below or by email to vicechairman@debenhamshed.org.uk.

We suggest a donation of £5 for this session on 8th October to cover costs of materials, hot drinks and other expenses. The session is free to members.

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What is Debenham Shed? A place to make things by yourself, with guidance or with others. It could be in metal, cloth, wood or plastic. We have lots of tools and sourcing materials. You may want to repair or make new—the limit is your imagination. It is also for social connecting and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge, and of course a lot of laughter. Debenham shed is open to all.

#### 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.



I've got loads of problems with my house that I've been putting off fixing - a faulty boiler, a window that won't shut properly, broken light fittings. The list goes on! I want to sort it out but I've had bad experiences with dodgy builders in the past. How do I find someone I can trust?

Making home improvements can be stressful, but there are a few steps you can follow to help it go smoothly.

First, find a Trading Standards 'approved trader'. It's also worth checking if they're a current member of a trade body. Trade bodies have codes of practice and can help resolve problems if things go wrong. Ask who they're registered with and then check the trade body's website.

For any gas and electric fixes, only use certified traders - it's dangerous to use someone who doesn't know what they're doing. You can check the Gas Safe Register at gassaferegister.co.uk for a list of traders and use a registered electrician from electricalcompetentperson.co.uk who can certify their own work.

It's always helpful to get references or recommendations where possible. Ask your friends, family or neighbours if they know of anyone they'd recommend. You can also ask the person you hire for examples of work they've carried out in the past. Try to avoid contractors who won't give references - it's a sign they could be dishonest.

When you find someone, ask for a written quote - this is different to an estimate. A quote is legally binding and the tradesperson can't change it without a good reason - for example, if you ask for extra work to be done. It's worth comparing quotes from several contractors to make sure you're getting a fair price.

Next, get a written contract. This should cover exactly what you're paying for and everything you've agreed on, including timings, payments, who will pay for materials and any subcontractors if needed. When it comes to payment, it's best to opt to pay in stages rather than upfront. Try to pay by card if you can - this can give you extra safeguards if something goes wrong.

Finally, make sure your trader is fully insured. Keep copies of receipts and your written contract. These will be important as evidence if things go wrong. It's also helpful to take photos of any problems if they arise.

If you have a problem with a contractor and you're not sure what to do, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

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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