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## NOVEMBER 2022



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## Welcome to the November issue of your Newsletter

Welcome to the November issue. This is the month of leaf clearing; of bonfires and the beginning of winter with the dark mornings and early evenings.



November 5th looms - and I make a plea again to remember our 4-legged friends who are terrified by the noise of fireworks (not only the bangs). Please limit your celebrations to one night only, and keep well away from where horses are kept.

Thank you

Armistice Day on Nov 11th when we celebrate the ending of the hostilities of WW1, followed by Remembrance Sunday when we remember the service and sacrifice of all those who have defended our freedoms.

From November 1st - there are only 8 weekends left before Christmas! With that in mind, you may find just the gift you were looking for at the Open Studio event See page 5 for details.

We will also have another ghost story in our December issue for you to look forward to. Enjoy your month ....

*Cally (Editor)*



## Dates for the Diary

### November

Saturday 5th

Friday 11th

Sunday 13th

Saturday 12th

Sunday 13th

Friday 18th

Sunday 27th

### December

Sunday 18th

Bonfire Night

Armistice Day

Remembrance Sunday

2 day Open Studio event

at Chapel Cottage, Brockford Green

Open Mic Night at the village hall

Vintage & Bygones Steam Day at The Middy

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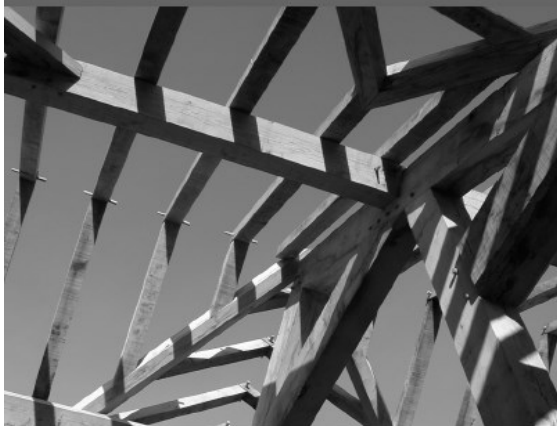


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## **Proposed increase in Village Hall hire rates**

As everyone is aware, increased energy costs are having an adverse effect on us all.

Unfortunately the village hall is not immune to this. All our costs have increased and our heaters use a lot of electricity.

We therefore have no alternative but to increase hire rates going forward.

We will advise the revised rates in the December newsletter and they will be effective from 1st December 2022.

Rates will still be very reasonable and we do want to encourage everyone to take advantage of the refurbished and most welcoming village hall.

The Village Hall Committee

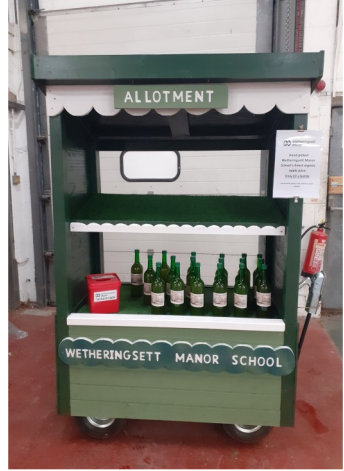


**Wetheringsett Manor**

## Wetheringsett Manor School News

The first term is almost over and we have been busy, with new pupils settling in.

Thank you to everyone who has tried our Apple and Pear juice, from our new stall that can be found at the end of the drive. It is £2 for a bottle and proceeds go to the Student's School Council.



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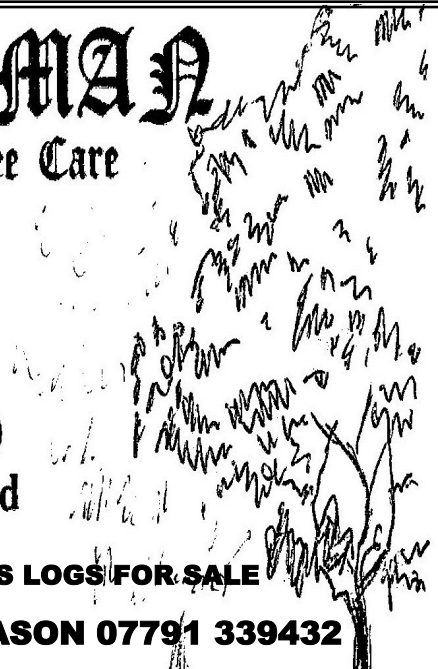
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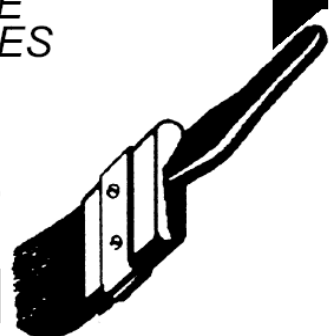
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Groucho Marx





# **PERFORMERS WANTED**

for

**“STAND & DELIVER”**

**Open Mic Night**

**FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> November**  
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The parish has an adequate network of footpaths so we ask walkers to keep to them, with their dogs on a lead. There are maps of the network on the parish website and are available publicly and it is the walker's duty to know where the path is, not for the farmers to have to correct every trespasser. The paths are marked with signs, even if not faultlessly, but adequately. If we plough a footpath and do not re-instate it immediately, we soon receive an order from the Council, so let us have equal treatment.

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with the usual scrummy spread

Short Morning Prayers precede coffee mornings  
at 10.00am in the hospitality area

### Jokes to groan to...!

In a competition I submitted 10 of my best jokes. I was sure that one would win. But no pun in ten did.

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# Open Mic Night

## Friday 18th November

This is a new venture for the Village Hall, although Kevin and Dawn, (Stand and Deliver), have been successfully running similar evenings in Debenham Sport and Leisure Centre for several years.

### ***“STAND & DELIVER”***

The format of the evening is that performers are invited to take a turn at the microphone. The stage, sound system and order of events are managed by Keith and Dawn, who also perform. Stand and Deliver are donating their time and skill. There will be a bar with real ale, advice, expertise and time donated by Stephen, who many of you will know from Friday evenings at the Middy during their open season. Also known from the Middy - Sue and Michael - will be serving baked potatoes with various delicious fillings.



So, what better way to spend a cold November evening, than with music, food, company and a glass in hand, all in the warmth of the Village Hall. Please help to make his new venture a success.

All proceeds will go to the Village Hall.

Who knows, if Framlingham can produce Ed Sheeran,  
what talent is hiding in  
Wetheringsett-cum-Brockford ? !





# South Hartismere Benefice

*For services held in church and online*

## NOVEMBER 2022

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| <b>Week 1</b><br><b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b><br><i>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent</i>  | Gislingham<br>Wetheringsett<br>Thorndon                       | 10.30am<br>10.30am<br>4.00pm                       | Worship for All<br>Holy Communion<br>CONNECT  |
| <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | Stoke Ash   | 10.50am  | Act of Remembrance  |
| <b>Week 2</b><br><b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b><br><i>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent</i>   | Mellis<br>Thornham Magna                                      | 10.30am<br>10.50am<br>11.30am                      | Act of Remembrance<br>Act of Remembrance &<br>Holy Communion  |
| <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>   | Gislingham<br>Thorndon<br>Wetheringsett<br>Yaxley<br>Thorndon | 10.50am<br>10.50am<br>10.50am<br>10.50am<br>4.00pm | Act of Remembrance<br>Act of Remembrance<br>Remembrance Service<br>Act of Remembrance<br>CONNECT and Licensing of<br>Emma Morris as a Families<br>Minister by +Mike |
|    |   |  |   |
| <b>Week 3</b><br><b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b><br><i>Christ the King</i><br><i>Sunday next before Advent</i><br><i>Safeguarding Sunday</i> | Thornham Parva<br>Thorndon<br>Yaxley<br>Thorndon              | 10.30am<br>10.30am<br>10.30am<br>4.00pm            | Worship for All<br>Worship for All<br>Holy Communion<br>CONNECT   |
| <b>Week 4</b><br><b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b><br><i>The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>   | Thorndon<br>Thorndon  | 10.30am<br>4.00pm                                  | Benefice Holy Communion<br>CONNECT  |

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

Telephone Church BCP Holy Communion is on Thursdays at 11.00am

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## SOUTH HARTISMERE BENEFICE

*November Newsletter 2022*



It is another beautiful Autumn morning; bright, crisp and mist beginning to clear. I am out in the garden cutting willow, and collecting berries and crab apples. I am getting ready for another Connect Session. This week the craft will be making Autumn wreaths.

For anyone who hasn't been to a Connect Session or heard about Connect yet, let me tell you a little bit about it.

**CONNECT** is a welcoming and safe space for people of all ages to gather. It aims to connect church and the wider community by building on a sense of community, tackle social isolation and offer a meeting place for those who work during the week. Connect runs weekly at 4.00pm on a Sunday at Thorndon, we have monthly Connect celebrations that run at Thorndon and Wetheringsett on Sundays and at Mellis (usually on a Saturday). There is also a Connect After School Club at Wetheringsett C of E Primary School.

The idea of each session is that there is something for every age:

**Café Connect** – a café style area serving hot drinks, cakes and biscuits. This is a safe space to chat and relax, there is a play area for children of all ages

**Connect Crafts** – craft activities for **all** ages, using recycled materials or sustainable products.

**Connect Outdoors** – supporting and maintaining the churchyard to be an eco-friendly environment for wildlife, trees and plants

**Connexions** - Table Talk, prayer stations, and prayer requests. Someone is always on hand if you want to chat or share a concern

**Connected** – a short act of worship with drama/storytelling, music and a thought for the day.

**Sustainability** is very important to us when planning crafts. During the Covid lockdowns we did several zoom sessions with craft ideas. We didn't want anyone to have to go out to buy anything, so all the crafts we showed were from things you may have in your home.

We make sure that all the craft activities use either recycled or natural materials. This year we have not spent a single penny on craft materials - some examples are Willow wreath, Christmas decorations from wood and pebbles, and flowers made from old buttons.

We look forward to welcoming you to join us at Connect anytime!

Best wishes Emma Morris, Lightwave Schools and Families worker

### News from the Parishes

**Welcome** to those who were baptised: Cecil Whiting, Mellis

**Wedding Congratulations:** Harry Eves and Rachel Killock, Thornham Magna

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# **Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council**

## **Report on the meeting held Monday 3 October 2022**

**Play Area** – Cllr Barry Lacey reported on the improvement works carried out – the removal of the rotted sleepers and replacement with a grassed slope. This was now complete and the area would be closed off for a few weeks to enable the soil to settle and the grass seed to germinate. Thanks were recorded to Barry for overseeing the work.

**EV Charging** – County Cllr Stringer reported on Suffolk County Council’s successful bid for funding towards new EV charging infrastructure. The £2.75m funding will focus on community-owned carparks where charging can be accessed 24/7. Parish and Town Councils were being invited to express an interest should they wish to consider taking part in the scheme. Parish Councillors believed the Village Hall car park would be an ideal location for a charging point. An expression of interest has been registered on behalf of Wetheringsett

**Electric Buses** - In his District Council role Cllr Stringer reported a new group of District Councillors had been set up at MSDC to oversee the procurement of two electric buses agreed in the last District Council budget. The group had met and agreed the demand responsive model using an existing service provider was the best way forward. Councillors have asked the District Council to progress this as soon as possible.

**See the Light** – Cllr Stringer went on to report that Photovoltaic panels were now among the cheapest ways of generating electricity, with current government policy encouraging its use on lesser quality agricultural land. With rocketing prices for wholesale energy the pressure to build out grid scale solar was relentless, however recent applications have seen significant resistance from host communities with the most recent application for 4 acres of grade 3c land in Rickinghall refused, many councillors stating that they preferred solar panels to be installed on new buildings rather than agricultural land, however a recent planning application for 3 commercial warehouses in Wetheringsett with a roof space of almost 3 acres was approved, with plans showing not one square metre of Solar Panels in the whole project.

These cases outline the challenges of a slow-moving policy framework in a fast-moving energy transition.

**Royal British Legion** – two Parish Council Wreaths have been ordered, one for the Memorial Service at Wetheringsett and the other for the USAAF Memorial at Mendlehsam. Cllrs Mrs Elizabeth Aldred and Mrs Ann Arnold will lay the wreaths on behalf of the Council.

**Date of next Parish Council meeting – Monday 7 November 2022, 7pm**  
**Village Hall, Wetheringsett. ALL WELCOME**

## Collective Worship Theme: Generosity

### Phonics cafe

It was lovely to see so many faces at the phonics cafe! The children loved showing you what they do and were very excited once you left.

### Maths day

On Tuesday 12th we took part in a maths day. All the classes learnt a range of mathematical skills based on a film. Lime class looked at *A bug's life* and KS2 looked at *Muppets treasure island*. The children then enjoyed watching the film during the afternoon with some popcorn



### The aim high science and robotics day

Two children were selected to participate in a STEM challenge day. It is a science, technology engineering mathematics event run by Ian Botwright who was one of the participants in the program robot wars. The children have had a fantastic time contributing their ideas. They had the opportunity to build their own robot.





## Celebrations

We will be celebrating our values each week. This term we have been looking at generosity. The staff will choose some children each week who have demonstrated the value. Alongside this we will be giving star of the week certificates out. These certificates will celebrate the growth of knowledge and skills linked to our school vision. This week's certificates for generosity were awarded to William AW, Antony and Rachel. Stars of the week were Penelope and Max

## My smiles

The children have loved learning about their teeth. In Lime class we are working on achieving the My Smile accreditation. My Smile is a programme to provide a tooth friendly environment for the children they care for. Once achieved, a certificate is awarded to the successful settings. The children have absolutely loved brushing their teeth first thing in the morning.



Church Street, Wetheringsett,

## Did you know?

These things actually have a name .....

The dot over an 'i' or 'j'  
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# Debenham Shed



A recent project for the Debenham community was to make some custom bookshelves for the telephone box on the village green, using recycled wood.



Model sailing boats are being repaired, furniture renovated for resale, bicycles restored and numerous small projects undertaken. "It's like the shed at the bottom of your garden, but all your friends are there," said a recent article in the Guardian.

Our 1976 MG Midget renovation is being held up by availability of replacement springs, arriving from Malaysia next year - or we hope earlier. Once fitted we can take the car for respraying. Debenham Garage are continuing

to help in this project.

Debenham Shed is at 2 Fields Farm, Low Road (IP14 6BJ).

Officers: Les Wright 07793 470694, Bernard Rose 07538 974119, Tony Hutt 07906 614328.

Visit our website at [www.debenhamshed.org.uk](http://www.debenhamshed.org.uk), where you can sign up to our newsletters on the Contact page. Like our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/DebenhamShed](http://www.facebook.com/DebenhamShed).

*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.*

My granddaughter told me I was overdramatic—so I just changed the wi-fi password.  
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*From 'Othello'*



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You're not alone in struggling with rising costs, but it's important to know there is support available.

If you're finding it hard to stay on top of bills, make sure you know what money you've got coming in and out each month. Citizens Advice has an online budgeting tool that can help with this - visit [citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money](https://citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money) to find this tool and more.

It's also worth finding out if you're eligible for any benefits or support with your energy and living costs. On the Citizens Advice website [citizensadvice.org.uk](https://citizensadvice.org.uk) there's a benefits calculator, advice on how to reduce living costs and information on other ways to increase your income.

The good news is there is help with rising energy bills. From 1 October 2022, there's a limit on gas and electricity prices for most households - this is called the Energy Price Guarantee and will be in place for two years.

From October you'll also get £400 off your electricity bill. This is called the Energy Bills Support Scheme.

You don't need to do anything to get the money and you won't have to pay it back. The money will be paid in six instalments, you'll get £66 in October and November followed by £67 in December, January, February and March.

You should automatically receive the energy discount if you pay by direct debit, standard credit or payment card.

If you have a prepayment meter that isn't a smart meter, you'll get the discount via vouchers or as an automatic credit when you top up at your usual top-up point. Your supplier will let you know how they will issue it.

If you have a smart prepayment meter, the credit should be automatically added to your meter.

If you can't pay your bills, speak to your energy supplier as they have a responsibility to help you come up with a solution.

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](https://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us). For more information and our opening hours go to [midsuffolkcab.org.uk](https://midsuffolkcab.org.uk).



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