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DECEMBER 2022 – JANUARY 2023

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DECEMBER



Welcome to the
December 2022 &
January 2023 issue of
your Newsletter

JANUARY



Bumper issue this month! We have a free ticket offer for the Regal in Stowmarket; news of a 'Yummy Soup Lunch' in the Village Hall; and a Christmas Tree Festival running the whole of December with a Carol Service on the 18th - a taste of real Christmas spirit. There is our usual December Ghost story and a very interesting article on 'Tree Cover' that invites your thoughts and comments.

Woofles is back with a light-hearted look on staying warm. On a more serious note I hope that everyone *does* manage to stay warm through the winter months. Look out for adverts (on FB etc) for 'Warm Places' to help save a little on heating bills—Debenham Library is one of the many libraries designated as a 'Warm Place' that you can visit. Stay safe everyone and have a good Christmas. Happy new year

Cally (Editor)

Thank you

Newsletter Distribution

As this year draws to a close we want to thank all those who have distributed the newsletter throughout 2022. There are over 300 newsletters delivered within the

Parish on eleven months of the year. This is done by a small team of volunteers, whatever the weather!

So, a big thank you to:

Malcolm, Des and Angela, Gerda, Sue M, Sue S, Linda, Elizabeth, Lesley, Andrea, Fiona, Tim and Jo, Mike and Angie, and Shirley. Thanks also go to Isla and Nigel, who stepped in to cover holidays.

There are no more deliveries until the end of January, so thank you all, and enjoy the festive break.

Sue and Eddie Payne

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All Saints Church Wetheringsett

Christmas Tree Festival

Please join us from 10.00am-12.00

On the 3rd of December for refreshments and
Christmas crafts

The church will be open every day throughout December
from 9.30-4.00pm for you to visit.

If you would like to take part in the festival by decorating
a tree, big or small, please contact Emma Morris

Emma.morris@wvcpschool.com

The theme is your favourite Christmas story

We look forward to welcoming you to the Festival

and to the **Carol Service**

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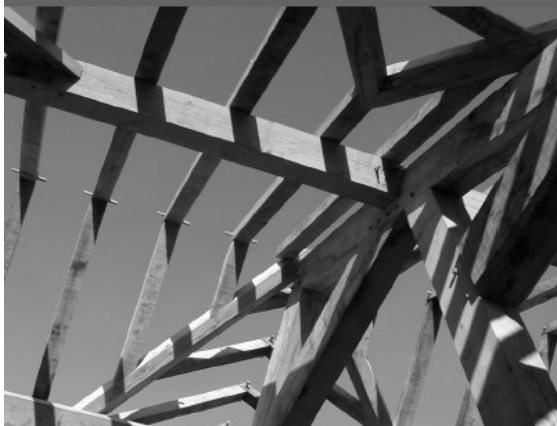


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Dates for the Diary



December

Christmas Tree Festival throughout December at the Church

Saturday 3rd

Christmas Crafts & Refreshments at the Church

Sunday 18th

Carol Service at the Church 6pm

January

Sunday 1st

1st Steam day at the Middy

Saturday 28th

Yummy Soup Lunch 12pm at the Village Hall

Debenham Library (as other libraries) will be operating during its open times as a **'Warm Place'**, with free hot drinks.

Date for your diary

Saturday 28th January
12pm—2pm

Wetheringsett Village
Hall



Yummy Soup Lunch



On the menu -
Various lovely soups (Homemade, of course)
Plus homemade cakes
Tea & Coffee

We have held these in the past and they have proved very popular

An event for all the family to enjoy

Further details from Sue—01449 797752

Thoughts for the New Year ...

He who breaks a resolution is a weakling; He who makes one is a fool.

F.M. Knowles

I don't know where I'm going from here, but I promise it won't be boring.

David Bowie

No matter how hard the past, you can always begin again.

Buddha

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

C S Lewis

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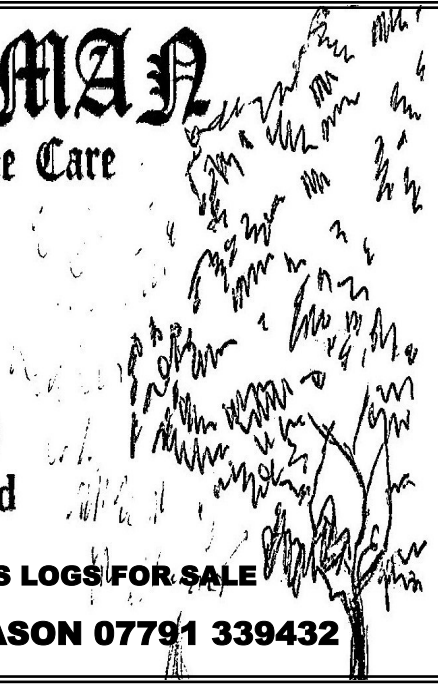
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railway volunteers are there)

With very best wishes to everyone
for a healthy and peace filled 2023

from the newsletter team ...

Bernie, Cally and Sue





It's a Dog's Life

Hello everyone, it's nice to be back!

Can't believe it'll soon be Christmas - mysterious parcels will arrive (lots of barking at the doorbell) - packages to investigate, helping with the wrapping etc etc....

Of course I've heard that everyone is having to cut down this year because of the state of the economy (I keep up with the news you know!) so here's a few of my tips to keep warm...

Squeezing in between mum & dad on the sofa or in bed is a good way to keep warm. Even better if there's a hot water bottle

Lying on newly ironed clothes is a quick way to get cosy (not a popular choice if I've just come in from a walk), also mum or dad's dressing gowns, especially if they've just taken them off. Toasty! Eat lots of snacks to keep energy levels up. I've found sitting by the treat cupboard is a good reminder ..(doesn't always work)

Make sure lots of toys are strategically placed around the house for games of tugsies & fetch... that will warm them up. Zoomies are also good but not just before bed apparently, especially from the garden, up the stairs and over the bed. Oh well.

Hope you all have a lovely time. I'm looking forward to new toys (hopefully a squeaky pig), nice walks and plenty of sofa snoozes!

Woofles of Wetheringsett



Wetheringsett Manor

Wetheringsett Manor School News

It has been a busy year so far and we look forward to the new year. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the staff and pupils at Wetheringsett Manor School!

Thank you to everyone who came by the stall and purchased some apple and pear juice and keep your eyes out as we may have chutney's and more on offer soon!



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Open Mic Night 18th November

Events have been held in Wetheringsett Village Hall since 1921, and it was good to see so many people attending the Open Mic Night on a wet Friday night in our refurbished Hall.

There was music, real ale, food, a world cup sweepstake and even a little dancing towards the end of the night! In all, a great success.....and thanks are due to the following :-

Stand and Deliver for the music. Kevin and Dawn assembled an array of talented singers and musicians, who performed pieces, old and new, to a high standard throughout. A range of voices and instruments filled the evening, with a rousing group performance at the end. The evening drew to a reluctant finale after 11.0pm.

The Middy Bar "on location". Stephen and his team of helpers conjured an amazing bar in one of the back rooms. The real ale was excellent, plus the range of other drinks gave plenty of choice for thirsty artists and spectators alike.

Food by Sue and Michael, served by Jess, again on location from the Middy cafe. In a very small kitchen, they produced baked potatoes with a variety of fillings, plus a selection of delicious home-made cakes.

Eddie, who organised a World Cup Football sweepstake, with the proceeds to be divided between the winner and the Waveney Food Bank. All 32 tickets were sold, the winner will get £32.00 (will it be England.....or Wales...Spain...or Senegal?) Some people made additional donations and a total of £70.00 is going to Waveney Food Bank. If you left before the team were drawn, please contact Eddie on sueanded35@hotmail.com for details of your team.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO CAME either to perform or listen. You made the enjoyable atmosphere on the night.

It was so good to see the Hall being used and we hope there will be other similar events in the future.

Village Hall Committee



Christmas Ghost Story

A sinking feeling

He said to himself in the mirror “I’m tackling the stream today”. The river Linnet was its proper name. It flowed through the abbey grounds of St Edmundsbury. The area beyond his fence was called the Crankles; you can still see the ditches which formed the fish farm although they are just indentations nowadays. It looks timeless but look closer, however, and you realise that it is neglected.

The river almost dried out in summer. In autumn the water was very slow moving. It was choked by duckweed, water mint and, in some places Himalayan balsam. Nettles and hemlock grew along the margins. The former stung everything within reach and the latter towered over people like trippids. Managing it seemed very much a David and Goliath situation.

So, this David (or Davey to give him his real name) decided to get on with it. Clear The Linnet. Or at least this little stretch of the Linnet. His first effort was thwarted by his wellies. They were shortie wellies and when he stepped into the water they had filled!

Next day Davey bought some longer, knee high, wellies. He bought a rake as well. Partly for use in gathering the weed and partly as a stabiliser. He went down the steep little slope by the bridge. Only a light nettling to add a little frisson. Into the water he went. Watching out for the brambles as well as any underwater hazards, he began clearing duckweed and water mint.

The aroma of mint was lovely and the dappled sunlight through the shrubs and brambles made him smile. He was making progress. It felt underfoot like some of the watercourse might have been paved with bricks. There were old bricks in a herringbone pattern in places. Perhaps the monks had built watercourses for the fish farm. Anyway, he moved a little towards the left bank.

He edged over a bit. Suddenly it was very soft underfoot. So soft, in fact, that within moments he was sinking. There was nothing to grab except the most vicious looking bramble. Before he could even grasp the bramble, he had sunk into the slime. The smell was awful but the sensation of being sucked down was more frightening. In seconds he was waist deep in water and slime. His boots felt like weighted hands pulling him down. Trying to lift his feet was impossible. His racing mind struggled with the horror of what was happening. This was just a little ditch - how could this be happening? “Help!” he shouted, “help, please!!”.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH
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Coffee Mornings

Wednesdays 10:30–12:00

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



Help came; the sinking stopped. He was enveloped in a cocoon of slime. It felt like a death hug. Slowly he was hauled out. He just lay on the ground exhausted. When he came around and looked to thank those who had helped him, there was no one there. He thought he had seen someone wearing a brown overall; had they gone to summon help? Eventually, managing to get home, he hosed himself off. He had been very frightened and now he was so exhausted he went to bed.

He woke in the night. He was sweating and gasping for air and crying all at the same time. In his dream it had felt like hands pulling him down. He was choking and there was laughter. It was a nasty sadistic laughter; there were voices telling him that he belonged to them now and he would be in agony forever.



He lay awake, shaking. The bedsheets were soaking with sweat. Eventually he dropped off to sleep. The dream came again. The voices were laughing at him and telling him that he could never escape. He was terrified. He felt himself drifting away.

He was found the next day on the river bank. Perhaps he walked in his sleep; we'll never know. He seemed smaller. He was shrivelled. His skin had a dark, slimy sheen. The coroner noted, as well, that there were bruises around his ankles. Could he have been grasped by very strong hands? It couldn't be explained. And from time to time, at night, people nearby could hear desperate cries for help as well as a strange laughter. That couldn't be explained either but those that heard it were haunted by it in their dreams.

Iain Carruthers-Jones



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Tree Cover in Mid Suffolk

Mid Suffolk and Babergh councils have published a report on their website on tree canopy coverage, from the consultancy Treeconomics. The report analyses tree cover down to ward level across the two Council areas. It makes interesting reading, particularly that the average in Mid Suffolk is 8.5% (Babergh is 10.4%). This compares to a national average of 16%. In our own ward, the figure is 7.2%.

As well as identifying the many benefits of trees to ourselves and to wildlife, the report also attaches monetary values to at least some of the benefits. So, for example, for Mid Suffolk, the report quantifies added value from carbon storage of £186,000,000 and a further annual £33,182,000 from carbon sequestration, pollution removal and avoided runoff - 'ecosystem services'.

Although the report at some points seems to be coming from an urban perspective, it does recognise that in rural areas trees are often confined to 'hedgerows, highways and small corners of woodland'. Therefore, tree cover in rural areas can be lower than in urban or suburban locations, however counterintuitive that may seem. Nevertheless, it recommends a target increase to 15% tree canopy cover, with a longer-term ambition of 20%, for both Mid Suffolk and Babergh.

The Council states that it is currently working on a tree planting strategy - so it's not yet known whether the recommendations of the report will be adopted as they stand, and if so whether the approach would be to concentrate any new planting in particular locations, or to try and achieve the target through more widespread planting across the wards - or a mixture of both.

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Cont. from page 15Given the scale of the environmental threats we face, the ambition to increase our tree cover must surely be supported, and the right mix of planting could provide both utilitarian benefits and enhance our wildlife. But it does beg the question of how achieving this target could be achieved without compromising the other demands on the land or other kinds of habitat. The Village History records a tree planting strategy around the millennium and maybe something similar will be needed now.

I'll look out for the Council's plan and will be happy to provide further updates on the strategies that are proposed, and I would be very interested to hear others' thoughts and views.

Douglas, Rectory Cottage, Wetheringsett

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Report:

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/environment/planting-schemes/tree-planting-strategy/>



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022

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you*

A big thank you for your generous support of this year's poppy appeal. A fantastic amount collected for such a worthy charity. Money raised enables The Royal British Legion to support and help so many veterans, young and old, in times of difficulty after leaving the Armed Forces.

I have a wonderful band of collectors, local businesses and schools to thank for their help in raising these funds.

The Total for whole District **£2540.00**
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The Regal Experience



The Regal has undergone a major redevelopment which was completed last year - costing £3.71 million.

It has had over 100,000 visitors in its first year and Manager, David Marsh says: "I never tire of the surprise and delight expressed by first time visitors at the quality of the venue. Screen 1 is one of the largest in East Anglia and all three of our auditoriums are equipped with the latest laser projectors. This provides an outstanding experience, and reminds you that there is simply nothing that compares with seeing a film on a big screen."



What's on offer?

The Regal has been designed to be used for a wide range of purposes. They include theatre performances, live music, comedy nights, cinema, live streaming of concerts, bar and café services, private parties, conferences, groups and societies, school visits, dementia friendly screenings, training sessions and business meetings.


As a community owned facility, prices are kept at an affordable significantly level lower than those charged by the chains who operate in cities and larger towns.

The Regal's Pocket Money Movies screenings on Saturday & Sunday mornings make a family trip to the cinema even more affordable to all. Children's tickets are just £3 and include free admission for one accompanying adult. These screenings feature family favourite films and take place on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

To find out what's on offer at the Regal

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The 1936 Cafe Bar

The 1936 Café Bar at the Regal is proving to be the ideal meeting place for a coffee with friends, a pre-film lunch or even an evening cocktail. You don't need to use the cinema as everybody is welcome to enjoy the spacious café area!

There is always a selection of cake and drinks available along with tasty offerings from the Breakfast, Brunch and All Day menus.

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The Regal Redevelopment



The redevelopment project has involved experts from up and down the country. They have helped to provide the experience and expertise required to create a high quality facility within the approved budget.

However three of the key roles on the team have been performed by businesses closer to home. The Project Managers have been Northmores of Cambridge who, amongst other projects, have overseen the master planning for the expansion of the Addenbrookes Hospital. The Architects have been Purcell based in Colchester who have overseen the restoration works at the Houses of Parliament and the main contractor has been local building company, Mixbrow based in Needham Market.

The redevelopment has managed to retain the character of the original 1936 building whilst adding the modern facilities that are expected by today's audiences. With extensions to both sides the Regal now has three auditoria, a new front of house space, plush new seating, a new café and bar area, better staging and changing facilities and enhanced sound and audio equipment.

The opportunity has also been taken to improve the surrounding area including resurfacing the Ipswich Street Public Car Park immediately next to the Regal.

Manager David Marsh says: "The fact that the venue is so much easier to get to than other entertainment venues has proven to be very appealing. The transport links into the town are really good and rarely congested and there are nearly 200 parking spaces within 200 yards of our main entrance."

Wetheringsett Village Hall

Newly refurbished



**Bookings available at weekends, evenings
and holiday periods**

Please contact Sue Stannard 01449 797752

Village Hall News

As detailed in last month's newsletter, the rates of hire for the Village Hall will increase from December 1st .

The new rates will be:

£12.00 an hour

£50.00 for half a day (up to 5 hours) and

£100.00 for a full day (incl. the evening)

Please continue to contact Sue Stannard to make a booking.

The Village Hall Committee urgently need members. The role of secretary is currently vacant, and we would welcome new ideas for possible events. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Sue Stannard (01449 767752), or Sue Payne (07857 686067) for more information.





South Hartismere Benefice

For services held in church and online

DECEMBER 2022

Saturday 3 rd December	Wetheringsett	10 - 12noon	Christmas Tree Festival
	Wetheringsett church will be open daily for anyone wishing to visit, until the 4 th January		
	Stoke Ash	11am - 4pm	Christmas Tree Festival
Week 1	Gislingham	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 4th December	Stoke Ash	11am - 4pm	Christmas Tree Festival
<i>The 2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	Thorndon	4.00pm	Christingle
Tuesday 6 th December	Thorndon	7.00pm	Memorial service
Week 2	Mellis	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th December	Wetheringsett	10.30am	Holy Communion
<i>The 3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	Stoke Ash	3.00pm	Carol Service
	Thwaite	4.30pm	Carol Singing
Tuesday 13 th December	Gislingham	7.00pm	Make way for Christmas Concert
Week 3	Thornham Parva	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th December	Gislingham	10.30am	Worship for All & Baptism
<i>The 4th Sunday of Advent</i>	Thornham Magna	3.00pm	Carol Service with GSB
	Wetheringsett	6.00pm	Carol Service
Tuesday 20 th December	Thorndon	6.00pm	CONNECT Living Nativity
Wednesday 21 st December	Mellis	7.00pm	Carol Service
Friday 23 rd December	Thornham Parva	7.00pm	Carol Service
Christmas Eve	Gislingham	3.00pm	Crib Service
	Yaxley	4.00pm	Crib Service
	Thornham Magna	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion
Week 4	Gislingham	9.30am	Christmas Worship
Sunday 25th December	Mellis	10.30am	Christmas Worship
<i>Christmas Day</i>	Thorndon	10.30am	Family Service & Holy Communion
	Wetheringsett	10.30am	Family Service

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

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SouthHartismereChurches/>

January 2023: The service on Sunday 1st January will be at 10.30am at Stoke Ash and it will be a Benefice Holy Communion
Please check on church notice boards, or FaceBook for the rest of the services for January



The Great Invitation

You are invited.... I wonder what is the best invitation you have ever received?

When I was a child, my mum always propped up invitations on the mantelpiece as a reminder of something exciting to look forward to. It felt very special to be invited to a party, a wedding, an anniversary or other special occasions.

At Christmas time we will hear again the words of the angels to the shepherds, '*bring you good news that will cause great joy for all peoples.*' It is an unending song of invitation, echoing through *all* ages, for *all* people. It is an invitation to know the love, hope and salvation offered by Jesus. Shepherds were the lowest in society, and would be among those who were not invited. They must have thought that they would not be welcome at the birth of a king, yet they were the first to receive the invitation, and the first people to see the new-born child.

Following a series of difficult Christmases, our churches are hoping that Christmas 2022 offers a chance for everyone to take part in services and events that haven't been possible recently. We are encouraging everyone to share the joy of gathering together to celebrate the birth of Jesus with your family, friends and neighbours - especially after two years where this has been impossible for many.

This is the great invitation to follow the star as the wise men did, to lead you to wonder again at the miracle of the Christmas, and to enter into a story that lasts long after Christmas has finished.

Carol services, Crib Services, Christingles and outdoor events are waiting for you to respond to the invitation. Follow the star, push open the door and enter into the joy of Christmas.

Details of Christmas services and events in all our churches can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

Wishing you every blessing for Christmas and the New Year.

Julia

From the Parishes:

In Loving Memory: Geoffrey Mountford, Rishangles; John Stenhouse, Yaxley; Joyce Spence, Mellis.

Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council

Report on the meeting held Monday 7 November 2022

Joe's Lane – disappointment was expressed at the removal 8 Black Poplars from the roadside verge on Joe's Lane. This appeared to be unauthorised removal as notification had not been received by the Parish Council from MSDC and there was no evidence the trees were diseased. District Cllr Andrew Stringer was present at the meeting and offered to look into why and who removed the trees and added permission should have been obtained either from MSDC or, due to the amount of timber involved, a licence from the Forestry Commission. Cllr Stringer would keep the Parish Council informed.

Village Hall – the Chair reported on progress made by the Management Committee: following the refurbishment work and a much improved hall and also due to increased electricity charges, the hire rates for the hall have been reviewed and will increase to £12.00 per hour with effect from 1 January 2023. A number of village events are in the pipeline and will be advertised including a regular book event/warm space for parishioners.

ANPR – the Parish Council had agreed to take part in this scheme (automatic number plate recognition) and has been notified a camera will be in the village during December.

Damaged Magpie Sign, Little Stonham – the Chair had reported at the last meeting the sign, which was Grade II Listed, had been damaged during the summer by a passing lorry resulting in it having to be removed. Stonham parishioners are keen to reinstate the sign it being one of a handful of villages in the country with such a landmark sign. But reinstatement could run into some thousands of pounds and to help with the cost Stonham Parish Council has set up a Just Giving fund. As a neighbouring village and as a gesture of goodwill Wetheringsett Parish Councillors were asked to consider donating to the fund. Councillors were of the view this was an historic landmark sign and believed it should be reinstated if finances permitted. A donation of £100 towards the fund was agreed.

Neighbourhood Plan – the working group are in the process of preparing the final draft of the Plan and this will be presented to the Parish Council at the December meeting for consideration before final submission to MSDC.

Wetheringsett Village Sign – it was reported the repair work was nearing the final stages – the sign was now in the process of being repainted.

Date of next meetings: Monday 5 December 2022, Monday 9 January 2023, Monday 6 February 2023. Meetings are held at 7pm in the Village Hall, Wetheringsett. **Parishioners are very welcome to attend.**

In the meantime your Parish Councillors take the opportunity to pass on their very good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Curtains Up!

Curtains Up! Is a drama group based in Wetheringsett with members drawn from several surrounding parishes

We've been going for almost 20 years now with the group's main production being our popular winter pantomimes which regularly sell out over three performances.

Sadly, we have had to make the decision to not go ahead with the Pantomime this winter but we will be back—

Oh, Yes we will!

**The good news is that the Curtains Up! team is busy preparing an exciting programme for 2023 and we will share details soon
So, WATCH THIS SPACE!!**

In the meantime, we're looking for new members to join our friendly group. Absolutely no experience necessary.

**So, if you fancy helping out with the many jobs behind the scenes or even "treading the boards",
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You will be given a warm welcome!!

Jokes fit for a Panto

What was the name of the Egyptian who was buried with chocolate and nuts?

Pharaoh Rocher

Man walks into his doctor's and says: 'Help me, doctor, I'm shrinking'

You'll just have to be a little patient', says the doctor.

My friend went completely bald years ago, but he still carries a comb with him.

He just can't part with it



Collective Worship Theme: Compassion

Harvest

It was a fantastic turn out for Harvest Service at the church. The children enjoyed having so many parents turn up and there were so many generous donations sent to the food bank along with a £27.20 collection.

Earth day

The children have been celebrating Earth day and looking at what they could do to help and take action themselves. Every child has written their own pledge that they are going to try and do. Some lovely examples are Paloma is going to try and switch lights off when rooms are empty and Toby is going to try to litter pick. Ks1 also enjoyed using recycled materials and plastic to make their own sea life animals. The children were shocked at sea pollution.



Remembrance service

The children went to church on Friday 11th November at 9am. We had a short service led by Rev Julia. KS1 will laid a poppy wreath and ks2 presented short poems. It was great to see so many parents attending to pay their respects.

Christmas tree festival

The children are super excited about participating in the festival! Each class has chosen their own story (Lime class- The Christmas gift, Sycamore class- The Nutcracker and Chestnut class- The night before Christmas). Children will make decoration in the theme of their story to decorate their own class tree. These will be available to view at the church.



Driveway

We are aware the pot hole is becoming large. We have been informed by the contractors the work will be completed by the end of the year.

Warm space café and tuck shop

On a Monday at 3.15 the school will be running a book café for everyone in the community young and old to attend. There will be warm drinks, snacks and books provided. Books can be swapped weekly or purchased with a small donation given. Schools friends will also be providing a tuck shop where you are able to purchase further snacks. Information about special craft weeks will be available on the website or phone the school office.

If you are interested in having a stall one Monday please contact the school.

Friends

We would like to say a BIG thank you to Friends for their contributions to our outside area. They have kindly brought us trellis, water trays, small storage sheds for maths and English resources and some maths resources to update our early years

Kind regards

Ms Wallis and Mrs Sheeran



Church Street, Wetheringsett,



School's Out!

How did scrooge win the football game?

The Ghost of Christmas passed!

Why does Father Christmas go down the chimney?

Because it soots him!

Why is it getting harder to buy Advent Calendars?

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## Footpaths

We try to encourage people to keep on the Footpaths, with their dogs tethered. Now we have to ask those on horses to keep off the Footpaths! During the very dry summer the surfaces were hard, but with recent rains the surfaces are soft and hoofprints can be 2-3 inches deep thus making safety precarious for walkers.

NB We try to reinstate a ploughed footpath as soon as possible but if attempted in really wet weather the surface would be impassable. We would like to be able to control the weather, but then no two people would agree. AJA

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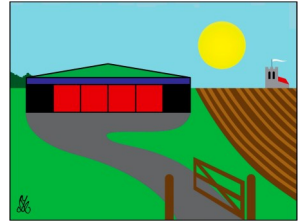
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# Debenham Shed

At our Craft Day on 12 November we had a full house making coloured glass decorations (foiling), feathered baubles, plant printing and other activities.



Our craft days will resume in February.



On Saturday 3rd December Debenham Shed will be providing roasted chestnuts at the Christmas Market outside St Mary Magdalene church, from 1-4pm.

Do you have any tools or workshop equipment you no longer need? We would welcome donations or offers.

Debenham Shed is at 2 Fields Farm, Low Road (IP14 6BJ). Officers: Les Wright 07793 470694, Bernard Rose 07538 974119, Tony Hutt 07906 614328.

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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.*

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Be wary of people contacting you out of the blue on social media sites or via text and email offering an item for sale or deal on something.

Do your research. If you're buying from a website you haven't used before, spend a few minutes researching it. A good place to start is finding a website's terms and conditions. You should also look up the company's address, this can normally be found in the website's 'contact us' section and should have a street name, not just a PO box. If it's a registered UK company you can check its details on the Companies House website at [gov.uk/get-information-about-a-company](http://gov.uk/get-information-about-a-company)

Check to see what people have said about the company. It's worth looking at different review websites to see other people's feedback – don't rely on reviews the company has put on its own website.

Scammers will often ask you to pay in an unusual way, or very quickly. For example, you're asked to send money through a transfer service like MoneyGram or Western Union or pay via vouchers.

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If you've transferred money, speak to your bank and the police. You should also contact the police if the scammer is in your area or you feel unsafe.

Don't feel embarrassed about reporting a scam – scammers are clever and it can happen to anyone.

Reporting a scam helps track down and stop scammers, helping to prevent it from happening to others too.

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