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Welcome to the February 2023 issue of your Newsletter



February is the third month of winter, and in my books that means we're almost through to Spring! As I write this the aconites are out and the snowdrops are breaking through, getting ready to brighten up the February days, along with the early crocus. Enjoy your month, - with Spring and Valentine's Day to look forward to !

Cally (Editor)

February facts:-

- * February ends on the same day of the week as October-every year!
- * Once every 6 years February is the only month that has 4 full, seven day weeks. The next time this happens is in 2027.
- * This year the Chinese New Year is the Year of the Rabbit
- * February is the only month where it's possible to go the entire time without having a full moon.
- * February is one of the most misspelt words in the English language



Dates for the Diary

February

Tuesday 14th	Valentine's Day
Saturday 18th	Yummy Soup Lunch - 12pm at the Village Hall
Friday 24th	Open Mic Night - 6pm Village Hall

March

Friday 10th	Curtains Up - Sugar & Vice
Saturday 11th	Murder Mystery Evenings Village Hall

May

Saturday 6th	Coronation
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Stand and Deliver – Open Mic Night

The Middy Bar

The Middy Caterers

on

FRIDAY EVENING 24th February



Stand and Deliver = Kevin will be introducing
another *evening of local musicians*

Performances begin at 7.45

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millhouse123@btinternet.com

The Middy Bar = Stephen will be bringing his amazing Middy Bar,
with a selection of real ale, wines and other drinks -

Bar will be serving from 6.0 pm until 10.30

The Middy Tea Rooms = Sue and Michael will be serving delicious
garlic and lemon roast pork with apple sauce baps, hot dogs and
an assortment of cakes -

Food served between 6.0pm and 9.0 pm

So please come along for music, beer or food or all three!

No entry fee, but there will be a **raffle**, with

all proceeds to the Village Hall Fund

Children welcome if accompanied
by an adult.





Celebrities in the Village.

One of our light industrial tenants said she was outside her unit when Ed Sheeran walked by. She was quick with her phone and took a selfie with him!

It was not stated who he was going to see: the lawncare man, the (baby) photographer, the recording studio, the Love Soap people, any of the upholsterers, or the hair salon. However, if anybody needs a unit for a business that might attract any celebrity, please apply to me! AJA.

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

(Please refer to Disclaimer on page 2)



It's a Dog's Life

Hello everyone

& happy belated New Year!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas with lots of squeaky toys & sausages to enjoy!

We had a bit of a funny time to be honest. I don't know if Mum was trying to get out of all the shopping & preparation for Xmas but early in December she decided to throw herself up some steps and end up with a very funny looking ankle. I tried to help of course, giving lots of kisses while she sat on the floor but I don't think it helped much and by then her foot was a very funny colour & looked like one of my toys after I've attacked it!

Anyway, friend arrived (not to play with me I might add, but I did scrounge a biscuit) and carted her off to hospital, only to return with a very odd looking boot on said foot. She seemed to spend a lot of time on the sofa which was great for me! I helped by squeezing in to make sure she was comfortable although I'm afraid I did step on her foot a few times!

Anyway, now I'm the centre of attention as I had to go to the vet (not a favourite of mine) to have an operation. Very odd experience! Now I'm wearing a very fine line in headgear which is to stop me scratching or removing stitches....believe me I'm working on it!

To be honest I'm fine but I'm milking it for all it's worth and I'm loving even more fuss than usual!

I hope you are all fit and well...and stay that way!

See you soon!

Woofles of Wetheringsett

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Sweepstake Result – open mic night

Here in England, it was a cold wet evening in December when the last

kick of the 2022 Football World Cup took place.

32 teams had made it through to the final games in Qatar, and 32 people in the village waited to see if their ticket had won the sweepstake!

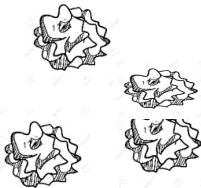
Argentina won the final on penalties, and the local winner of the sweepstake ticket donated their winnings to the food bank!

So, once again thank you to everyone who took part.

In total
£102.00 was sent
to Waveney Food
Bank.

Litter Pick

Sunday 5th March



Meet at the Village Hall—10am

Equipment -

litter picks and fluorescent jackets will be provided.

Please bring your own gloves

We look forward to seeing you all there

Change of Date

Yummy Soup Lunch

**NOW: Saturday 18th February
12pm - 2pm**

Wetheringsett Village Hall

On the menu -

Various lovely soups (Homemade, of course)

... plus a roll - £3.50

There will also be homemade cakes

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While the Parish Council is responsible for leasing the Hall, a small local group is involved in raising funds, helping with events and ensuring that bills are paid.

Since the Hall has been refurbished, several people have left the committee and, if the Hall is to continue to operate on its present footing, we need people to join the team.

There are currently vacancies for a secretary and a trustee. We also need people who would be willing to help with events, albeit on an ad hoc basis. In addition there are some outstanding administrative tasks relating to the hire of the hall and a possible change in the charitable status



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The committee meets in the village hall for about an hour one evening a month. If you think you can help in any way please contact:

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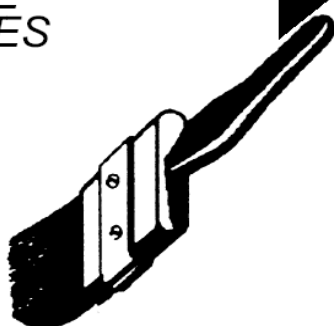
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Week 1

Sunday 5th February

The 3rd Sunday before Lent

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

Week 2

Sunday 12th February

The 2nd Sunday before Lent

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

Week 3

Sunday 19th February

The Sunday next before Lent

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

Wednesday 22nd February

Ash Wednesday

Gislingham	7.00pm	Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
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Week 4

Sunday 26th February

The 1st Sunday of Lent

Yaxley	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wetheringsett	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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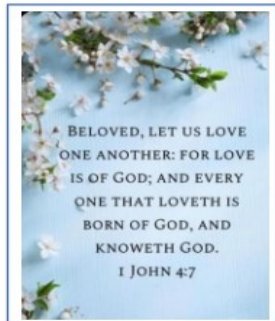
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South Hartismere Benefice

February Newsletter 2023



Some of my long-suffering family and friends are accustomed to finding, tucked into my Christmas card, a short list of quotations or other items that have caught my eye over the previous year. Some of these have an obviously religious dimension, others less so.

As there would otherwise be a gap in the Newsletter this month, I thought I would share some of them with a wider audience. (Said family and friends know that they don't *have* to read what I send them - **and neither do you!**)

'Bidden or not bidden, God is present.' - *Carl Jung*

~

'Where there is no argument, there are only ever lies.' - *the novelist Howard Jacobson*

~

'False news is news. With the pity edited out.' - *Simon Armitage, Poet Laureate*

'The Virgin's womb is full; the tomb is empty; and the mercy of God is wider than my imagination. That gives me hope.' - *Chloe Reddaway, of the Centre for Arts and the Sacred at King's College, London.*

~

'Some people still believe that you and I were not born to be creatures of nightmare, that we don't deserve to go extinct. People are acting as though we were still worth saving. And if there are people who think like that - **maybe they're right.**' - *the novelist A L Kennedy*

~

'The pearl of God gleamed in the mire' - *the biographer of St Hugh of Lincoln, describing how the saint was able to see the inner loveliness of even those most horribly disfigured with leprosy*

~

'God and I have become
Like two giant fat people
Living in a tiny boat.
We keep
Bumping into each other
And laughing.'

- *Hafiz, 14th Century Sufi poet*

~

Finally, a remark attributed to St Augustine in the 4th/5th century, preaching to his congregation at Hippo in North Africa. This one didn't make it to the Christmas cards, and (to the best of my knowledge) has *never* been heard from any pulpit in the South Hartismere Benefice:

'From the stench in this building, I surmise that I have given you rather a long sermon....'

Alan



What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's day?
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Update on the Wetheringsett cum Brockford

Neighbourhood Plan

Following the public consultation exercise held over the Summer of 2022, the Neighbourhood Plan was amended and submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC) at the beginning of December 2022.

Mid Suffolk are now intending to carry out further consultation on the amended plan between **Monday 23rd January and Friday 10th March 2023.**

Details of the amended Plan, the supporting documents and how to make comments are all contained on the Wetheringsett cum Brockford page of the MSDC website:
<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning-in-mid-suffolk/wetheringsett-cum-brockford-neighbourhood-plan/>

Hard copies of the Plan are available to view/inspect in the porch of All Saints Church, Wetheringsett, during the consultation period. Please return the hard copies to the Church once you have finished with them.

This is your final opportunity to comment on the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan before it is examined by an independent examiner at the end of March 2023. If the Plan passes the examination it will then be the subject of a Referendum later in the year.

As this is a formal stage, comments on the plan must be made in **writing** so please follow the details on the MSDC website.

The Cedars Pool

Over Christmas and the New Year we had the odd person determined to 'celebrate' in hardy fashion. Since then, and probably till the end of February, only the most determined have taken the plunge as the temperature has dropped somewhat. With the high price of oil we have not boosted the temperature much and the log boiler cannot keep up. However, we have started taking registrations for 2023, and half last year's swimmers have applied. These are mostly of the fairer sex -don't men swim?!

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Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council

Report on the meeting held Monday 9 January 2023

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PARISH SPRING LITTER PICK – SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023 – 10AM – 1PM

Volunteers from the village to help with the litter pick on the above date would be very much appreciated. Meet at the Village Hall just before 10am – Litter Pickers, High Viz Vests and Bin Bags will be provided. Please provide your own gloves. Please contact any councillor or the clerk if you require any further information.

A140 at Brockford Street – speeding: an automatic number plate recognition camera was located in Brockford Street for one week during December. It is hoped the data from the camera will be received shortly. Councillors have also discussed siting an Average Speed Camera in Brockford Street. Details have been sent to the County Councillor who will discuss this with County Highways.

Parish Precept – a precept sum of £12,500 was agreed for the forthcoming financial year 2023-24. This is an increase of approx. £2600 on last year and mainly due to the loan repayments for the Parish Council contribution to the village hall refurbishment, which has seen a much needed and huge improvement to the building for use by parishioners, and an allowance has been made for the parish council elections to be held during May this year. If the election is contested there could a cost of up to £1900 to the parish but is necessary to ensure due democratic procedures are followed.

Village Hall – the Village Hall Committee Chairman, Cllr Charles Harvey, reported on activities at the Village Hall – the Warm Space and Book Exchange will continue on Monday afternoons and thanks were recorded to Cllr Stringer for the grant of £1800 to help fund the events. There is an urgent need for more people to join the village hall management committee - anyone able to offer a little of their spare time to help, particularly with events, would really be much appreciated. Please contact Charles if you are able to help.

Trees – the availability of young trees for parishioners was reported. These include Field Maple, Oak and Wild Cherry. Please contact Elizabeth Aldred on 01728 860482 if you are interested.

Neighbourhood Plan – the final draft of the Plan was approved by the Parish Council at the December meeting. This has been submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council for comment before final consultation with the village probably during May. Thanks were recorded to the Working Group for all their work on the Plan to date.

Date of next meeting: Monday 6 February 2023 7pm at the Village Hall.

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Collective Worship Theme: Thankfulness

Panto workshop



The children thoroughly enjoyed having the Panto workshop in school to experience what it would be like to perform in a show. The children were taught movements to support them during the pantomime. We had a fantastic time watching the panto and it was so lovely to see the smiles on their faces.



Wetheringsett Manor school parcels



It was very kind of Wetheringsett Manor school to make us such wonderful gift boxes again this year. The children were very thankful and polite when they personally received their parcels.

Children's University

We are excited to announce we are part of The Children's University, it is a charity that works in partnership with schools to develop a love of learning in children. We do this by encouraging and celebrating participation in extra-curricular activities in and outside of school. The impact of these activities is proven to be positive which is why we're committed to creating a level playing field of opportunity for children. If the children participate they will be able to attend a graduation



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As the weather has turned colder, I've noticed mould and damp in our flat. It's mainly in our bedroom, including some black mould on the carpet. I've been chasing our letting agency, who say they'll speak to our landlord. I'm really worried about how this might affect our health. Our tenancy agreement isn't up for eight months, what can I do?

It's good that you've already raised the issue with your letting agency. Unfortunately, it isn't always easy to work out the cause of mould or damp. This can make it difficult to work out if your landlord is responsible, unless there's an obvious cause, like a leaking roof.

There are many causes of damp that properties can get. The most common are rising, penetrating, construction and condensation damp. On our website there is information that may help you work out what type of damp you have, who is responsible and what you can do. Check your tenancy agreement too for mentions of repairs and damp, and reach out to Citizens Advice on anything you're unsure about. A landlord will have to act in relation to damp if it makes the property unsafe for someone to live in. This could be for example, if it is making the tenant or a member of their family ill. The landlord will also be responsible if the damp is related to repairs they should have carried out, like if heaters are broken. If the damp has damaged items that the landlord is responsible for, such as carpets and window frames, they'll likely have to cover the cost of repairs.

One of the most common causes of damp is condensation. To prevent this, it's important to keep homes well-heated and well-ventilated, but for a lot of people this will be trickier to do given the colder weather and higher heating costs. You may be eligible for help to insulate and heat your home, and should visit our website to find out more.

On our website we also have advice on things that can make damp worse and may impact the landlord taking responsibility for repairs. These include drying clothes on heaters or blocking air vents.

If your landlord is responsible for the damp in your property but doesn't act, there are steps you can take, such as reporting them to the local authority. If you're in social housing you might also be able to use the landlord's formal complaints procedure. There is more information about this on our website. If it reaches the point where you want to get out of a fixed term tenancy agreement early, speak to Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk first, as there might be better ways to approach the issue. You may also find helpful information on <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/housing/renting-privately/during-your-tenancy/dealing-with-repairs/>

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this and other issues, 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. More information and our opening hours can also be found at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us

Debenham Shed



Our next Craft Day will be on **Saturday 11th February** from 9am to 12pm, which will include the following craft activities:-

- Candle making from recycled wax (one session, with return to collect and finish off)
- Glass terrarium construction (three sessions; there may be an additional charge for plants, hanging chain and gravel)
- Bird feeders from pine cones (one session)



To cover the cost of craft materials and refreshments there will be a charge of £10 for members, £15 for non-members. **Advance booking and payment are required for these sessions: please email chairman@debenhamshed.org.uk with your preference.** Online payments can be made to: Debenham Shed, sort code 30-96-26, account 48063868, with reference Surname/Craft. Future craft days are **Saturday 11 March** and **15 April**,

Meanwhile our 39 members continue with their own projects or communal projects; currently we have 35 live projects registered and 46 completed so far. Comfortable seating is being built in the galley, while other projects in hand or recently completed include a new village sign for Mickfield, possible renovation of benches for Debenham Bowls Club, a bicycle renovation (sold) and a welding repair for a table in Dove Cottage.

Our 1976 MG Midget now has operating windows, headlights and other minor improvements. New suspension springs are on their way after a long delay, and following their installation at Debenham Garage it will be moved to Cambridge for a free respray. Once complete it will be sold to generate funds for the shed, including a defibrillator.

We have raised so far over £1,000 through sale of donated tools, furniture, renovations and other items. To protect these goods and larger equipment from the weather we have applied for grants to enclose a lean-to area on one side of the shed, providing storage space and at the same time a wheelchair ramp to our composting toilet; planning permission has been granted.

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). We are open on Monday mornings 9am-12pm, Friday afternoons 2-5pm and normally the second Saturday morning of each month. Chairman: Dennis Morley 07976 925016. Treasurer: Tony Hutt 07906 614328. Visit our website at www.debenhamshed.org.uk (sign up to newsletters on the Contact page) Email info@debenhamshed.org.uk. Like our Facebook page at 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 adults.



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