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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the March 2023 issue of your Newsletter



March Hare

I'm sure I can't be the only one looking forward to Spring - the promise of it comes with the welcome emergence of the daffodils. There will be a wonderful display of them to see at Pitmans Corner where Paula and Mike Laycock continue work fostering a mini wildlife conservation area. See page 11.

On page 5 you can read about the success in the athletics world of one of our local youngsters, Aidan Wright. *Congratulations, Aidan.*

Other things you need to know? - you can find a full description of the new rules concerning voting on pages 32 & 33; the Parish Council is looking for new councillors and the local charity is seeking new trustees. (page 6); and the Village hall committee is looking for new members. Enjoy the month



Cally (Editor)

PS Don't forgetClocks 'Spring' forward on 25th/26th March

A favourite quote, by Charles Dickens: -

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.

Dates for the Diary

March

Wednesday 1st	St David's Day
Friday 3rd	Presentation of School's Vision 2:45 Village Hall
Friday 10th	Curtains Up - Sugar & Vice
Saturday 11th	Murder Mystery Evenings Village Hall
Friday 17th	St Patrick's Day
Sunday 19th	Mothering Sunday
Monday 20th	Vernal Equinox and the First day of Spring
Sunday 26th	Clocks forward 1 hour

May

Saturday 6th Coronation of King Charles III

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

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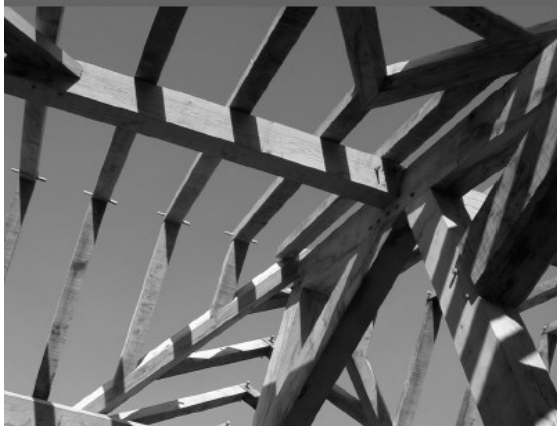


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Celebrating the success of our young local resident at the England Indoor Athletics Championships



Aidan Wright had fantastic success on the weekend of 11/12 February when he reached the final of the Under 15's 300m race at the England Indoor Athletics Championships held in Sheffield. He came 5th with his best indoor time of 39.44s and is currently ranked 6th overall in the U15 UK rankings at 300m.

Aidan, who attended Wetheringsett Primary School, is now in Year 9 at Debenham High School and is a member of Ipswich Harriers Athletics Club.

After achieving 3rd place in the 300m at the Eastern Athletics Championships last year, it is great to see him progressing to the National races and he hopes for continued success on the outdoor track this season.

We wish you every success in the future, Aidan

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
WETHERINGSETT-CUM-BROCKFORD

Coffee Mornings

Wednesdays 10:30 – 12:00

with the usual scrummy spread

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

Wetheringsett cum Brockford Church & Town Estate Charity Trustee Vacancies

The Charity was originally set up some 150 years ago for the benefit of the Church, Education and the Deserving & Necessitous of the village of Wetheringsett cum Brockford. The Charity has now modernised and considers and makes annual grants and donations for the benefit of children, young people, the elderly, the school, the church and community organisations in the village.

The Charity is run by a Board of Trustees and there are currently three Trustee vacancies. The Trustees are keen to fill the vacancies and would welcome applications from any parishioner, 18 years and over, who believes they would have an interest in helping to run the Charity.

Trustee Meetings are held in the village, usually at 7pm, four times per year (February, May, August and November).

If you think you may be interested in becoming a Trustee to help with this worthy cause please do email the Clerk at

wetheringsettcttrust@gmail.com

or telephone 01728 862001

for further information.

Wetheringsett cum Brockford Grasscutting Required

Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council is looking to engage grass cutting services for the village Cemetery (not churchyard) at the centre of the Village and the Children's Play Area at the rear of the Village Hall

The Cemetery will require approximately four cuts per year plus some strimming around headstones and the cemetery boundaries – the cemetery is a large area and will require a powerful mower

The Play Area will require more frequent cuts and strimming – number of cuts to be agreed

Provision of grass cutting would be on a self-employed basis and own insurance cover provided. Please contact the Clerk at wetheringsettcum-brockfordpc@outlook.com

or telephone 01728 862001 as soon as possible or by 24 March 2023 for further information



It's a Dog's Life

Hello everyone!

Well as you know I'm fully recovered from my operation and back to my usual self however I did miss a grooming appointment so have been looking rather scruffy.

I don't really mind being groomed but of course I make sure that mum & Dad feel guilty when they leave me shivering & shaking.

The lady who beautifies me is very nice and I must say I do look rather gorgeous when she's finished (and smell a lot better apparently!)

Of course, my aim from then on is to roll in as much stinky and muddy stuff as possible after I've zoomed around the house, rubbed myself on all of the furniture and made the house smell like me again! I also make sure I give myself a good old scratch- not popular at 4am apparently but there you are!

I've been lapping up all the compliments from people telling me how handsome I look-

As if I didn't know that already!

See you soon and enjoy the sunshine!

Woolfes of Wetheringsett

What do you call a sad pup? - a mellon collie

What do you call a dog magician? - A Labrabacadabrador

What do you get when you cross a cocker spaniel, a poodle, and a cockerel? - A cockerpoodledoo!



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Sunday 26th March

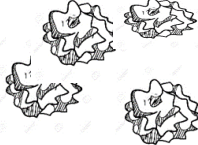
British Summer Time starts



Don't forget to –
put the clocks forward when you go to
bed on Saturday 25th March

Litter Pick

Sunday 5th March



Meet at the Village Hall—10am

Equipment -

litter picks & fluorescent jackets will be provided

Please bring your own gloves

We look forward to seeing you all there

Curtains Up!

Presents

Sugar and Vice

A Murder Mystery
set in Victorian England in 1888

Wetheringsett Village Hall
Friday 10th and Saturday 11th March

We invite all you sleuths out there to come
along and help catch the dastardly
murderer ...or murderess!

Prize for the winning table

Doors open 6:45 for 7:15pm Prompt start

Tickets: to include supper with dessert
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(Tickets will not be available on the door—
please book early to avoid disappointment)

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when booking

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PROJECT

Pitmans Corner, Wetheringsett



Here at Pitmans Corner, we are continuing to encourage the biodiversity of the ponds and verges adjacent to the track that provides private access to our four properties situated just off High Lane. The track runs along a designated Public Footpath (no. 19) and is 'unadopted', meaning that responsibility for its maintenance rests with the residents, as it has for fifty or more years. We are particularly mindful of the importance of ensuring safe passage for footpath users.

In November 2021, one thousand naturalising daffodils were planted along the length of the left hand verge, together with 100 wild garlic bulbs. This past autumn, some snowdrops and bluebells in the green were also planted. They are costly, though, and since our project is self-funded, it will be a few years before the snowdrops and bluebells make an impact.

Over the past year, too, the bug hotel has been refurbished, and there have been some tentative signs of interest shown in the new bat box.

The crowning glory, though, is the display of naturalising daffodils which have taken well. If last year is anything to go by, there will be a magnificent display this coming spring.

Paula and Mike Laycock



Did you knowthere are two moments in the year when the Sun is exactly above the Equator and day and night are of equal length; the vernal or Spring equinox in March, and the autumnal equinox in September

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Save this date!

Coronation of King Charles III
Saturday 6th May



Time for a village celebration?

We wondered if there is a support for a village celebration
on *Sunday 7th May*

Traditionally there have been street parties, but the
Village Hall has been a venue for local celebrations for over
a hundred years, and previous events there have been
successful.

We have some thoughts about how an afternoon event
might run but would

welcome ideas from the whole community

If you think it's a good idea and/or would like to get
involved please phone Sue Stannard on 01449 767752 or
email Sue Payne on sueanded35@hotmail.com

Once we know if there is local interest we will set up a
meeting to take things forward.

Hoping to hear from you.....

Middy Café

*Open to the local community on Wednesday and Saturday
mornings 9am-1pm (when railway volunteers are there)*

Friends of Debenham Library

Suffolk
Libraries

Suffolk Libraries Day: we are celebrating Suffolk Libraries Day with a **Quiz** on **Saturday 4 March** at 7pm for 7.30 start. £5 per person, maximum six per team. To book a place pop into the library or call 07507 802360. Bring your own drinks, glasses and snacks. Cake and coffee/tea will be available for a donation during the interval. Raffle on the night. On **Sunday 5 March** from 1-4pm we will have **Afternoon Tea** with a book stall, bric-a-brac stall, lucky book dip, craft stalls, storytelling and raffle. These events are in support of Suffolk Libraries. Come and support us and have some fun!

Warm Spaces: Debenham Library are offering free hot drinks on a self-service basis, funded by Suffolk Libraries. Come and make yourself a drink while you browse the books, read or use the computers!

Books, DVDs, WiFi, Computers, Printing/photocopying/scanning, CDs and audiobooks, downloadable films/music/audiobooks/ebooks, free reservations. The room is available for hire outside opening hours.

School Corner, Debenham IP14 6PL (next to the Primary School).

Opening hours:

Tuesday: 0930 am – 1300 pm Wednesday : 1500 – 1930 pm

Saturday: 0900 am – 1300 pm Sunday: 1200 – 1600 pm

www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/locations-and-times/debenham-library

Facebook: DebenhamLibraryAndFriends

Email: debenham.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk Tel: 01728 861940



Update on the Neighbourhood Plan

This is your final opportunity to comment on the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan before it is examined by an independent examiner.

You have until Friday 10th March 2023

At this final stage, comments on the plan must be made in writing—so please follow the details on 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 in the porch of All Saints Church, Wetheringsett during the consultation period.

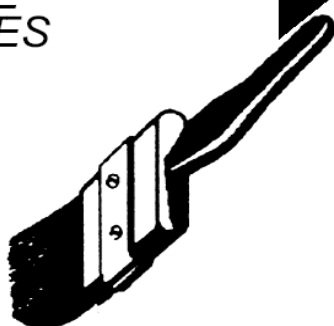
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Friday 3rd March	Gislingham	10.30am	World Day of Prayer
Week 1			
Sunday 5th March <i>The 2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	Gislingham Thorndon Thorndon	10.30am 10.30am 4.00pm	Worship for All Holy Communion CONNECT
Week 2			
Sunday 12th March <i>The 3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	Mellis Stoke Ash Thorndon	10.30am 10.30am 4.00pm	Worship for All Holy Communion CONNECT
Week 3			
Sunday 19th March <i>The 4th Sunday of Lent</i> Mothering Sunday	Thornham Parva Thorndon Gislingham Thorndon	10.30am 10.30am 10.30am 4.00pm	Worship for All Worship for All Holy Communion CONNECT
Week 4			
Sunday 26th March <i>The 5th Sunday of Lent</i>	Yaxley Wetheringsett Thornham Magna Thorndon	10.30am 10.30am 10.30am 4.00pm	Worship for All Holy Communion Holy Communion 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

March Newsletter 2023



As I write this, I am enjoying seeing first signs of new growth; in many of our churchyards snowdrops are a particularly beautiful sight – so perfectly small and hopeful.

As you read this, we will be well into the season of Lent. Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter. It starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Eve. But if you look in a calendar and count the days and they come to more than 40. Don't be perplexed – this is because you don't count the Sundays in Lent!

Rather like Advent, Lent is seen as a time of preparation. The church colour for both seasons is purple, which is traditionally a royal colour, helping us to remember that Jesus is King and that he died at Easter. If you go into a church doing Lent you will see that things like the altar cloth are purple to show this and when I am doing a service during Lent I will wear a purple stole.

Of course, the most popular and well known tradition during Lent is to give something up, a tradition which originated from the stricter fasting practices. Maybe you have decided to give up a luxury during Lent this year?

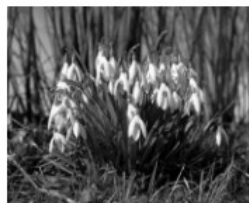
In my day job as a Primary Church School Headteacher we talk to the children about these things. It can be really amusing to hear them be very keen to give up their least favourite vegetable!

More and more there is a new tradition of people trying to do positive things during Lent. At my school we often participate in things such as '40 Acts of Kindness' or '40 Acts of Generosity'. It is a great way to put others first. Imagine the impact if we all tried to add in extra kindness or generosity every day.

Mothering Sunday also falls during Lent. Traditionally, in the 16th Century, this was when people were expected to visit their 'mother' church. If that was too far to travel they would go to their nearest Cathedral. Later on, it was a day when maids and servants had a day off to go back and visit their mothers and families. It can be a tough day for those of us who miss their mums. If you would like to light a candle, have a few moments of peace and quiet or join us for a Mothering Sunday Service or any other, whether it be with your family or in celebration or remembrance – you will all be very welcome.

Take care,

Reverend Lauren



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Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council

Report on the meeting held Monday 6 February 2023

Spring Litter Pick – just a reminder this will be held **Sunday 5 March 2023, meet at 10am at the Village Hall.** Volunteer help would be much appreciated. Litter Pick equipment will be available and bin bags provided.

Parish Council Elections – these will be held on **Thursday 4 May 2023** when the current 4-year term of the parish council comes to an end. Any Wetheringsett parishioner, 18 years and over, can apply to become a parish councillor.

Full details of the elections and nomination process can be found at:

www.electoralcommission.org.uk

or the MSDC website www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/

[elections](#)

Nomination papers will be available from 15 March 2023, they can be obtained from the Returning Officer at Mid Suffolk District Council (see above website), the Parish Clerk (see contact details in this Parish Magazine) or downloaded from the Electoral Commission website above.

Nomination papers must be returned to the Returning Officer at MSDC by 4pm on Tuesday 4 April 2023. They should be hand delivered by the candidate or by a person they trust to any of the following addresses:

Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX before 4 April '23

Eye Town Hall between 22-24 March 2023

Hillside Community Centre, Stowmarket between 30-31 March 2023

For the information of anyone interested in becoming a parish councillor – Wetheringsett has a quota of 11 Parish Councillors, meetings are held monthly on the first Monday evening of the month (excluding bank holidays) 7pm at the village hall. Meetings are open to the public. Parish councillors are at the grass roots level of the community, they are in contact with parishioners, the County Councillor and District Councillor to promote the interests and well-being of the village and community. Please do contact the Clerk should you require further information

ANPR – Automatic Number Plate Recognition – notification has been received from Suffolk County Council Highways the ANPR equipment will be deployed in Brockford Street during the spring

Footpaths – reports were received of an increase in dog fouling on some public rights of way. A number of dog bins have been provided in the village and these are emptied at cost to the parish by MSDC Waste Dept. Please clear up after your dog and make good use of the bins.

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

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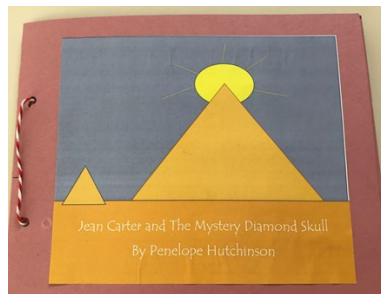
We have had a fantastic start to this Spring term and feel very proud of all the children's achievements.

Design Technology Day - 7th February

The children had a fantastic day learning a range of new skills. Lime class used sewing skills to create hand puppets



Sycamore class used their ICT skills and inspiration from pop up books to create their own Egyptian themed book.



Chestnut class used their learning about mythical beasts to create kite design ...

Safer internet day - 6th February

The children looked at ordering a range of experiences online to recognise how serious these could be and how they would affect people. The children talked about how these situations would make them feel and what they could do if they experienced a situation like this.

School Vision Day

We would like to invite all parents, carers and the community to join us in celebrating the school's vision. Please come to see the children's presentation of their work at 2.45 in the village hall on the 3rd March.

Children's University Passports

We are excited to see some of our children have begun their journey on The Children's University challenge. We look forward to seeing them graduate in the summer.



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See pages

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Soup Lunch-Saturday 18th February

It was great to see the number of people who came to the Village Hall on the 18th February to enjoy home made soup, rolls, tea and cakes. There was a choice of five different soups and even more choice of mouth-watering cakes.

Thanks must go to all those who cooked, served, washed up and cleared away

The lunch raised £105.30 for Village Hall funds

The lunch provided an opportunity for people to get together and there is already talk about something similar in the future.....

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CONDENSATION

Have you suffered from condensation in the house this year?! It must be the weather!

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Secondly, if the house has all doors and windows always shut and a warm atmosphere, in a muggy situation- kettle left boiling etc, then there will be condensation, usually on the windows first. Open the windows and reduce the humidity. What? After spending so much to heat the place?! The alternative is to buy a dehumidifier, and enjoy the distilled water it produces - very good with whiskey!

Condensation needs ventilation for evaporation.

AJA

Help Urgently Needed

Wetheringsett Village Hall Committee urgently needs people to help to keep the Village Hall running.

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



**WE WANT
YOU**

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:

Charles Harvey (Chair) email -
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If you think your pay is wrong, or you haven't been paid for extra hours worked, the best thing you can do is talk to your employer and find out what's going on. If you and your employer can't agree on how much you should have been paid, you can challenge them. You should act quickly though – it'll be harder to get your money after 3 months from the date the problem arose.

You should start by checking your payslip if you've got one. This will help you see how your pay has been worked out. Check things like:

Whether you've been paid for the number of hours you've actually worked

If you've been paid at the correct rate

If you've been paid overtime, a commission or a bonus

Whether you've been paid any sick pay

If your employer has deducted any money that you weren't expecting

Ask your employer to explain anything you don't understand on your payslip or why you haven't been paid what you believe you are owed. If you disagree with anything, explain why. If your employer has made a genuine mistake, ask them to pay you the money you're owed straight away – you should not have to wait until your next pay day.

If you need more help, you can contact Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk to get advice on the next steps.

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 midsuffolcab.org.uk/contact-us. More information and our opening hours can also be found at midsuffolcab.org.uk/contact-us.

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.

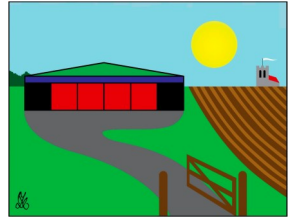
These are mostly of the fairer sex -don't men swim?!



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Debenham Shed

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



~ Motorbike electrics, especially vintage machines a practical session in the barn (charge £5)



~ Glass terrarium construction (second session of three, but you can still join in if you missed February's session). To cover the cost of craft materials and refreshments there will be a charge per session of £10 for members, £15 for non-members. Advance booking is required for these sessions: please email

There will be a further craft day on Saturday 15 April. We had an enjoyable session in February making candles and working with glass.

An interesting renovation project arising from house clearance is to get this 19th C barrel organ working again—a patent organ manufactured by John Lincoln, High Holborn, London. Meanwhile our MG Midget restoration has required a second-hand gearbox, but soon it will have its paintwork stripped prior to re-spray in Cambridge.



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

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- Local elections
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections
- UK parliamentary by-elections

Recall petitions

From October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections.

Accepted forms of photo ID

You can use any of the following accepted forms of photo ID when voting at a polling station.

International travel

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
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- Oyster 60+ Card
- Freedom Pass
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- Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
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Local Elections 4 May 2023 *continued ...*

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- National identity card issued by an EEA state
- Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland

[Voter Authority Certificate](#)

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If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID

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- you don't have an accepted form of photo ID
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