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Welcome to the April 2023 issue of your Newsletter



April—famous for its showers that bring on May's flowers! There are lots of lovely things about April

.....now officially Spring time, with all the glorious colours that that brings, and we have the warmer weather and Easter to look forward to. Also, looking forward, we have the King's coronation next month. We have lovely people in the village who always work hard to ensure everyone has a good time at

such events—but they need the support of the rest of us to make these village celebrations a success. See pages 12 and 13 for how you can help

and become involved.

I can actually remember the Queen's coronation! Let's help to make some lovely memories for the children of the village.

Enjoy the month Cally (Editor)



Dates for the Diary

April

Saturday 1st All Fools Day Friday 7th Good Friday Sunday 9th Easter Sunday

May

Saturday 6th Coronation of King Charles III

Thank you Malcolm

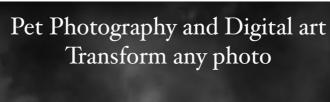
Malcolm, who has delivered the newsletter to residents on the Wetheringsett side of the A140

for over 10 years, is stepping down. This has not always been an easy task especially when the road is busy and the weather is wet and windy, so many thanks Malcolm for all the miles you have walked in the past to distribute the newsletter.

This means we are now looking for a new volunteer to undertake the task. If you think you could help, please contact sueanded35@hotmail.com or phone Sue on 07857 686067.

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

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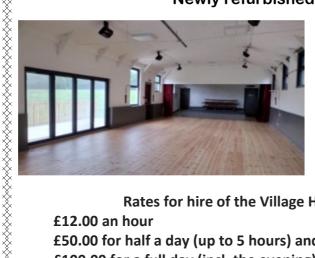


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Rates for hire of the Village Hall are:

£12.00 an hour £50.00 for half a day (up to 5 hours) and £100.00 for a full day (incl. the evening)









Despite the cold weather a small group of volunteers of all ages gathered outside the Village Hall with the aim of ridding the parish verges of litter. It was brilliant to see some children come along with their families, so thanks to everyone who was there, and to those villagers who, at other times in the year, stop to remove items of litter.

The scourge of takeaway food wrappers and drink cans was evident. 6 bags of rubbish were collected from Town Lane alone, especially the area close to the A 140.

Special thanks go to County and District Councillor, Andrew Stringer, who not only came along to help, but also provided a shuttle service in his electric car for volunteers working on the outskirts of the parish! A job well done. Thank you to all who helped.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
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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 at 10.00am in the hospitality area

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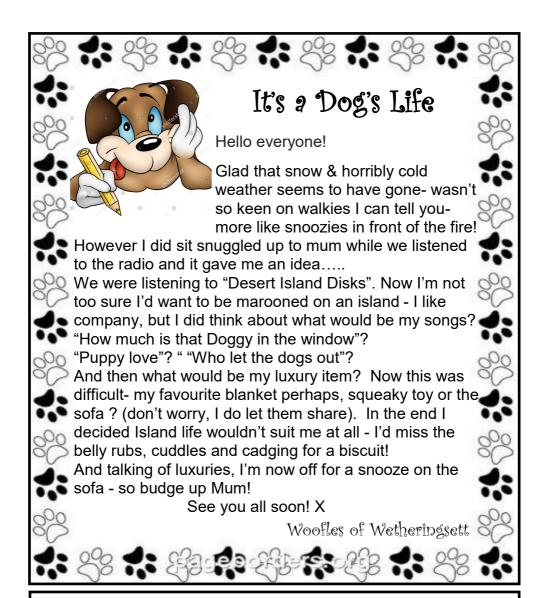






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What did the Dalmatian say after his meal? That hit the spot!

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An excellent cast with impressive performances by all and a real brain teaser of an ending (Be honest—how many of you who saw the show solved the mystery and picked the right murderer?)



A huge thank you to all those who worked so hard to 'get the show on the road'. With special thanks to Michelle Bullock and her helpers for the wonderful food we all enjoyed.

And a word from the crew and cast: "We all had a great time and are so happy that all the
hard work paid off and that everyone enjoyed the evening. We hope that people will continue to support us as
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Thank you, everyone".

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Open Mic Night Friday 24th February

Kevin and Dawn (Stand and Deliver) hosted another successful Open Mic Night in the Village Hall on the 24th February. Sue and Michael from the Middy Café provided food and Stephen Davies from the Middy Bar ensured that real ale and other drinks were available.

Thanks to everyone who came and supported the event, and especially to those who took to the stage and performed under the new spotlights.

In total, from donations and the raffle, £290.00 was raised for Village Hall Funds.



Stephen Davies

It was sad to learn on the night that Stephen Davies' time at the Middy Bar is coming to an end. He has provided an amazing service over the last 8 years and, under his guidance, the Middy Bar has proved a popular venue for villagers, and those from further afield. Stephen, you will be much missed. Thank you for all the hours that you have given to this community.



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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 $Sunday 7^{th} May$

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)



Wetheringsett Coronation Celebrations

As part of the village celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III, the church would like to invite everyone who lives in the village and any community groups to make either a length of bunting or a pennant

The bunting can be made out of any material: wool, felt, fabric, card or paper.

It could be

knitted, crocheted, sewn, stuck, painted or drawn.

The theme can be anything related to King Charles III or royalty: the Crown jewels, corgis, plants, carriages etc.

The church will be open on the day of the Village celebrations on the 7th of May from 11-1.00pm for tea, coffee and cakes and to see the bunting, which we hope will cover the whole church inside. Then we can head up to the Village Hall for the afternoon tea, starting at 2pm.

If you would like to take part please could you leave your bunting in the porch of the church by **Friday 5th of May**

or contact emma.morris@wvcpschool.com

Friends of Debenham Library

We had a great time with our quiz to celebrate **Suffolk Libraries Day** last month with 38 people taking part. On the Sunday we had Afternoon Teas and several craft stalls, raffle, bric-a-brac, lucky book dip, tombola and storytelling going on in the School Hall. A total of £507



was raised for Suffolk Libraries. Afternoon Teas will continue once the weather is better outside!

FREE Craft and Story Trail workshop

A drop-in event on **Thursday 6th April** from 1-4pm at Debenham Library. Come along to help make craft items for our brand new Debenham Story Trail. There will also be a drawing challenge and the chance to vote for what you would like to see in the Trail. As well as making items we will use for the trail, you can



create an Easter decoration to take home. The trail is a community collaboration led by local author and illustrator Vibeke Flatman (author of At the End of the Rainbow, a story about a bird called Alvin) and supported by Get Suffolk Reading, Kelly's Crafty Corner and Debenham Library.

Did you know....?

There are almost 2,000 customers registered at Debenham Library. Thankfully they don't all come at once! Warm Spaces: Debenham Library continue to offer 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.

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Thorndon	4.00pm

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Mon	3rd,	Tues	4 th	and
Wed	5 th			

Thornham Parva

7.00pm

Sung Compline

Thursday 6th April
Maundy Thursday



Wetheringsett

11.00am 8.30pm Chrism Service (open to all) Holy Communion viail till midnight





2.00pm Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Good Friday Liturgy



Mellis 10-12 Thorndon 10 00am

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Week 2 Sunday 9th April Easter Day



Mellis	9.00am	Holy Communion
Stoke Ash	9.00am	Worship for All
Gislingham	10.30am	Worship for All
Thorndon	10.30am	Worship for All
Thornham Magna	10.30am	Worship for All
Wetheringsett	10.30am	Holy Communion
Yaxley	10.30am	Worship for All

Week 3 Sunday 16th April The 2nd Sunday of Easter

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Thornham Parva Gislingham	10.30am 10.30am
Thorndon	4.00pm

Holy Communion Holy Communion CONNECT

Week 4	
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Yaxley	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wetheringsett	10.30am	Worship for All
Thornham Magna	10.30am	Worship for All
Thorndon	4.00pm	CONNECT

Week 5 Sunday 30th April Mellis 4.00pm Benefice Confirmation and Holy

Communion

The 4th Sunday of Easter 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 (not on 6th)

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South Hartismere Benefice

April Newsletter 2023



Easter

I am sure we have all heard about the Taj Mahal - it was built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan to house the tomb of his wife and it has been declared one of the new 7 wonders of the world. We have all read about its beauty and maybe also heard from friends who have visited and seen for

themselves, and of course who can forget the iconic picture of Princess Diana sitting all alone by the reflection pool just outside the tomb. So, although we had heard about the blindingly bright white marble and how it changes colour as it reflects the sun-light at different times of the day, my wife and I needed to visit and to see and touch this for ourselves. So, many years ago, we visited the Taj Mahal at sunset one Easter Saturday and returned very early the next morning on Easter day, just before dawn to witness the sunrise.

This April in our church calendar, we celebrate the Easter story of the life, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The bible tells us about the events that took place on that Easter morning, 3 days after his crucifixion on Good Friday. We can read about Mary Magdalene, and how she was alone in the garden weeping in search of Jesus; what a picture that would have made - indeed there are many beautiful paintings of this. We hear too about how the angels appeared in shining bright white clothes and we read about those who rushed to the tomb and witnessed first-hand the risen Lord who appeared to them. Finally, we hear about those who doubted and wanted to go and see for themselves and so we read the story of doubting Thomas who only believed once he had seen and touched the scars in Jesus' hands and feet. The phrase 'doubting Thomas' is one that is still used regularly to this day.

So, coming back to the Taj Mahal on that Easter Sunday morning when I visited... some people had left it too late and as they came rushing in they shouted are we too late? Has the sun risen? To which I replied, He has risen indeed, alleluia.

Wishing you all a joyful Eastertime.

Tim Rowe, Churchwarden and Lay Elder.





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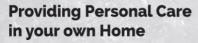
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Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council Report on the meeting held Monday 6 March 2023

<u>The Wetheringsett Annual Parish Meeting</u> will be held on Thursday 11 May 2023, 6.30pm at the Village Hall. Parishioners are welcome to attend. This is an open meeting enabling parishioners to raise any concerns relating to the village.

<u>The Debenham Project</u> – Mrs Carol Garrett attended the meeting to talk about the services offered by the Debenham Project, aimed at supporting any parishioners suffering from dementia or their carers. The Project covers the Wetheringsett area. Any parishioner or carer in need of support are encouraged to contact the Project on 01728 862003 or visit the Project website at www.the-debenham-project.org.uk

<u>Spring Litter Pick Sunday 5 March</u> – the litter pick was well attended resulting in the collection of several bags of litter. Councillors pass on their grateful thanks to those parishioners volunteering their help on the day – this was much appreciated.

<u>Village Hall</u> — Cllr Harvey reported on another very successful Open Mic Evening. £290 was raised and the evening made good use of the new lighting funded by Cllr Andrew Stringer from his locality budget. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Stringer for his continuing support.

Following a plea for further helpers to join the committee, one volunteer has come forward. Further help would however be much appreciated, particularly at events. Any parishioner/s able to spare a few hours of their time now and again please do contact Cllr Charles Harvey.

<u>Highways</u> – Cllr Stringer reported Milestone Infrastructure, part of M Group Services, had been awarded Suffolk County Council's new highways services contract. The contract, worth between £800m-£1bn will begin on 1 October 2023 and will last up to 20 years. The service will provide maintenance of roads, pavements, Rights of Way, drainage, hedges, construction of new roads and snow clearing etc. It is hoped this will be a more robust contract able to deal with ever increasing maintenance costs encountered during the last contract.

<u>Village Sign</u> – it was reported progress on completion of the maintenance and repainting of the village sign is nearly completion and it is hoped the sign will be reinstated in the near future.

<u>Date of next meeting</u>: Monday 3 April 2023, 7pm at the Village Hall, Wetheringsett. The meeting is open to the public and parishioners may take part during the public session.

Parish Precept

As you will have seen from the Parish Council report in the February newsletter, the Parish Council has had to take the difficult decision to increase the Parish Precept for the financial year 2023 to 2024. A precept of £12,500 has been agreed. This represents an increase

of £2,600 on the current year. An allowance has had to be made for the possibility of an election in May, but the main reason for the increase is again the cost of the much-needed improvements to the village hall. The loan repayments to the Townlands Trust are ongoing and take up much of the Parish income. Also, inflation is affecting our costs too and we

need to be prepared for unexpected expenses. We are hopeful that once the loan is repaid a reduction in precept may be possible.

The village hall is an important asset and we would urge you to make use of it as much as possible.

We continue to need volunteers for the hall committee. Contact details, as always, are in the newsletter.

The Parish Council

Fool-ish puns!

Do you know what happens on April 1st? Yes. I'm fooly aware of it.





April Fools'day Why was the band so tired on April 1st? Because they just had a 31 day March.

Why is April Fools' Day an egg's favourite holiday? They love practical yolks!

Quote of the month ~

The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year.

Mark Twain



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Wetheringsett Manor School News

Back at the start of the year there was a Climate Postcards Exchange at the British Embassy in Dublin, where our children and over 700 other pupils from across the UK

and Ireland produced creative postcards on the theme of climate.

Here are examples of the works of art which were created by pupils from Wetheringsett. They were on display in Dublin and also The Leicester Grammar School, who also recently hosted the exhibition.







Collective Worship Theme: Forgiveness



Science café

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Science Cafe. We hope you enjoyed taking part in the experiments. We know the children loved having so many of you there to support them as they broadened their scientific curiosity and investigative skills. Lime class is still

watching for any changes to the bread experiment!

Duxford

The children had a great time at Duxford. Their fascination about the aircraft they saw, their history and observations



about flight made us very proud. Their level of curiosity and exemplary behaviour was fantastic. They listened carefully and asked a range of amazing questions. It was lovely to see their reactions when we walked into the first hanger, their faces were a delight. The children enjoyed using their writing notepads to write about their experience at Duxford. We then had a school competition to see who's paper aeroplane would travel the furthest.

The top three finalists were Evaline 3rd, Toby 2nd and Antony 1st.

Mothers day

What a great turn out for Mothers day lunch. The children loved sharing their lunchtime with you! We look forward to Fathers Day lunch in June



Website

If you would like to see what the children have

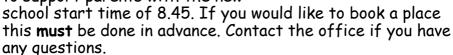
been up to during the school week you are able to look on the website. Go to the latest news tab and you will find photos of all the fantastic learning experiences we offer, including the latest photographs from Duxford. We update the newsfeed a few times a week.

Children's passports

It has been lovely signing so many of the children's passports this term. I can see they have been up to some fantastic learning at home from cake baking, woodland hunts and lighthouse research.

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I ordered a watch online for my partner's birthday. The company has since gone out of business. I keep phoning and emailing them but can't get through to anyone. If they don't send the watch, what should I do?

If the company has gone into administration, it may still be able to fulfil outstanding orders, but if the company is already in liquidation, you'll need to try to get your money back. If you're unsure about what state the company is in, the Citizens Advice website has information on how to find out.

As the company hasn't responded to your calls or emails, is there a shop or office you can visit or write to, to get an update on your order or request a refund? If that isn't possible, the next steps depend on whether it's a limited company (it will have ltd or plc after its title) or if it's a sole trader (someone who runs their own business) or partnership.

If it's a limited company, you'll need to get details of the administrator or receiver - the person dealing with settling the trader's debts. The names of those administrators will usually be on the website of the company that's gone bust. You should register your claim as a creditor on the GOV.UK website. Fill out the form with details of what you're owed and send it to the administrator dealing with the trader's debts. Unfortunately, there's only a small chance you'll receive any money back because you'll be last in a long list of creditors who need to be paid.

If you paid by credit card, you could also try getting your money back with a Section 75 claim to your card provider or bank. Full details about both these types of claims can be found on the Citizens Advice website. If the seller was a sole trader or partnership and not a limited company, pursuing a Section 75 is your best option.

Every case is different when traders go under, but you can call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline to find out exactly what your rights are on 0808 223 1133 or visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer

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Wetheringsett Manor School

Wetheringsett Manor

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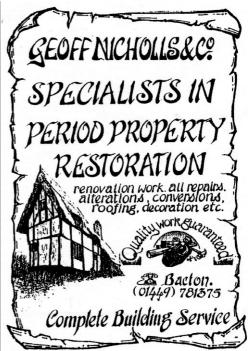
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Debenham Shed

Our next Craft Day will be on **Saturday 15 April** from 9am to 12pm, which will include more **candle making from recycled wax** (maximum six people), **creative craft activity** (contact us for more details) and will finish off the glass terrarium construction. 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 chairman@debenhamshed.org.uk.



Our "west wing" construction has now started, which will enclose the lean-to area to enable safe storage of goods for renovation and/or sale and larger tool and equipment; also a larger working area which may be used for spraying or painting in the future. We are grateful for grants from Debenham Parish Council, Mid Suffolk District Council, Adnams Community Trust and Suffolk Community Foundation. The photo shows a corner unit upcycled by Jo and now sold for Shed funds—we have many other projects on the go and need the space for more. Goods are sold on Facebook Marketplace and elsewhere. Recently we had some visitors who want to start a Shed in Sudbury, who came to us for advice as apparently our Shed is "exemplary"! One issue was whether to call it a Men's Shed so that men feel at home, or to give it a neutral name to avoid putting off women? It's a difficult one, but rest assured that people of all genders are very welcome at Debenham Shed.

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.**

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



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 charles@the-harveys.org

Sue Stannard (Bookings) Tel – 01449 767752 Sue Payne (Treasurer) email- sueanded35@hotmail.com

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9th & 10th April - two day Easter Steam-Up

For Easter weekend the emphasis will be on entertainment for families with an Easter Bunny Hunt and prizes for the children

7th & 8th May Gala Coronation Steam-Up.

Despite the title we are running trains and not trying to compete with the royal celebrations, but, we will have two locos in steam plus our award winning diesel 'Shreddie' and our Wickham Trolley all in action during the weekend.

'Middy in the 1940's', bank holiday weekend 28th and 29th May, is one of the big event of railway's calendar, when in addition to the railway attractions, there is a full programme of displays, military vehicles, live music, memorabilia, visiting 'soldiers, sailors and airmen', perhaps even a famous face or two. Even a Battle of Britain Memorial Flight flypast weather permitting (tbc). See the web site for full details of this very popular event.

At every opening there will be steam train rides in genuine Victorian 4-wheel carriages and the Museum, cafe, Restoration Shed, souvenir shop and Middy's real ale bar will all be open too.

For the full programme and entry prices see www.mslr.org.uk

The Spring events pave the way for a full programme of open days every Sunday and Bank Holiday from 4th June to 3rd September.

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@g.mail.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

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