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Welcome to the June 2023 issue of your Newsletter

June already! Spring's promise is realised in June with everything in the



garden coming into bloom. It is also a time of long days and short nights, with the summer solstice on June 21st. The beginning of summer—when we can take a rest from those worrying heating bills, and enjoy some more outdoor time.

This month we have a Wetheringsett—memory of the 'Cat & Mouse' for you to enjoy. For those new to the village this was our last remaining pub, much missed.



If you have any memories or tales — old or new — of your time in the village do think about sharing them with others through the newsletter. (We have a resident ghost-writer if you feel you need someone to pen them for you!) Contact details on opposite page.

Enjoy your month

Cally (Editor)

Dates for the Diary

May

Sunday 28th Monday 29th '40's Event at the Middy

Spring bank Holiday & '40's Event at the Middy

June

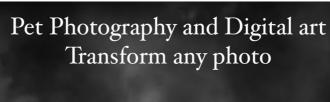
Saturday 10th

Middy Craft Market & Car Boot sale

Wednesday 21st Summer solstice

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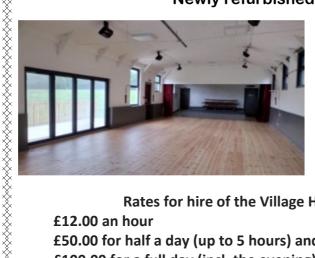


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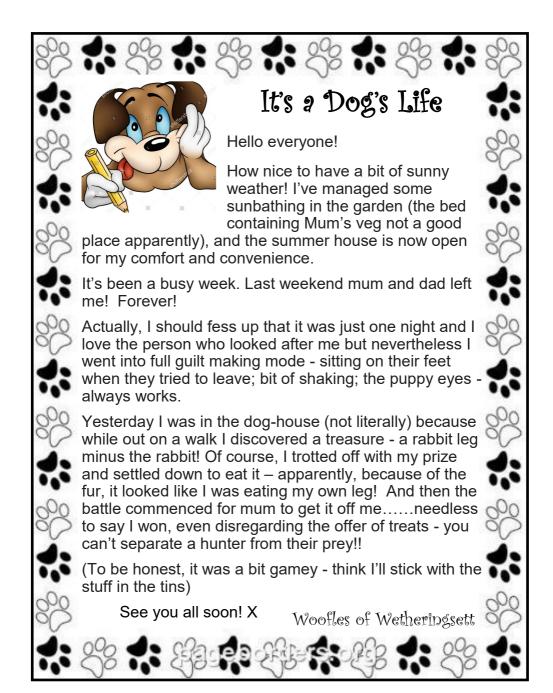
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Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council Report on the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting held 11 May 2023

<u>Wetheringsett cum Brockford Annual Parish meeting</u> a number of reports on community group activities were presented to the meeting, these included both Schools, the Church, the Middy, Neighbourhood Plan, Footpaths, Trees, Play Area, Village Hall, Wetheringsett Church & Town Estate Charity and Parish Council. Many thanks were recorded to all those attending.

Wetheringsett cum Brockford Annual Parish Council meeting

<u>Parish Council Elections</u> – congratulations to the nine parish councillors elected on 4 May. They are as follows: Mrs Elizabeth Aldred, Tony Alston, Mrs Elizabeth Cain, Mrs Lizzie Drury, Charles Harvey, Barry Lacey, Mrs Rachel Leech, Nigel Lingard and Mrs Kaylee van Zyl.

Mrs Ann Arnold and Mrs Hilary Green decided not to stand for re-election and thanks were recorded to them for their many years service to the parish council and community.

This leaves two vacancies to fill. It is important that parishioners are fully represented by a full complement of councillors. Please do let the Clerk know if you think you would be interested in joining the council or speak to a councillor about the role. Meetings are held monthly on the first Monday of the month (excluding Bank Holidays). Parish council work can be rewarding and interesting for anyone keen to ensure the wellbeing of the community. Any parishioner, 18 years and over is eligible to join. Our members would be very pleased to hear from you.

<u>District Councillor</u> – congratulations were recorded to District Councillor Andrew Stringer, he having been re-elected to serve the Wetheringsett district on behalf of Mid Suffolk District Council.

<u>Chair and Vice Chair</u> — Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Cain was elected Chair of the parish council for the forthcoming year and Cllr Mrs Rachel Leech was elected Vice Chair. Elizabeth and Rachel were thanked for taking on these roles.

<u>VAS and ANPR</u> – Cllr Harvey gave an update on recent data recorded by the VAS equipment. Worryingly the data showed excessive speeds in the village particularly in Brockford Street, Station Road and Wetherup Street. Vehicle speeds will continue to be monitored by the VAS equipment and the data sent to Suffolk Constabulary for action. Notification has been received from Suffolk Highways that the Automatic Number Plate Recognition equipment will make a further visit to the village later in the spring/early summer.

<u>Town Lane Containers</u> — Cllr Stringer stated these were still the subject of enforcement action by MSDC. An update was due shortly.

Date of next meeting: Monday 5 June, 7pm at Wetheringsett Village Hall.

Village Memories



The Cat & Mouse Pub (1985—1993)

(Formerly known as The White Horse)
Wetheringsett

Memories provided by Tony Proctor

I still have fond memories of

the Cat & Mouse pub, Broad Green, from the early 1990s. The pub, run by Anne and Roy Booth, was an important factor in our lives and so I would like to share those memories with readers.

It was so relaxed but uniquely quirky, adopted as the headquarters of the Mid Suffolk Mountain Rescue Service (a lovely thought for such a flat county). The back garden was a little overgrown, but with animals like goats and geese padding around. When my girlfriend of the time, Dorothy -- now my wife -- was visiting from London, we would cut across the fields from Park Green and be drinking cider in the garden, but then (as now) we'd often be found "necking". I still recall with embarrassment Anne politely coughing as she brought out two more pints to us lying in the grass.

One lunchtime, we took my brother, Steve, and his wife over with us, and we heard talk of a forthcoming charity pram race. Well, after a couple of drinks you would volunteer for anything, and so we did—but we didn't have prams. Someone came to the rescue with a couple of dilapidated pushchairs from their shed. Bent axles, no tyres, brake stuck on, etc., but we were game. However, this made it very tough as we had to push our partners around a fairly long course, dressed in drag, while getting water-bombed by bystanders!

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The event took place on 1st April 1991, and we used whatever "spares" we could find for the drag outfits. Through a monumental effort, Steve did really well considering the state of their pushchair. Note the wheels in this picture:

But that effort had repercussions: shortly after this next picture, Steve had to go behind the bench to throw-up:





Dorothy and I came in second-to-last, partly because the brakes had to be manually held off; however, we did get our picture in the Stowmarket Mercury on the 4th. When the photographer shouted to us "Can you pull 'em togeth-



er", he actually meant the four of us for a group picture, but this next picture clearly shows how shell-shocked I was as I thought he meant the fake breasts.

When our first daughter was a couple of years old, she attended Anne's Wetheringsett under-5 pre-school, and I do wonder whether Anne recalled our sunny afternoons in her grass. That daughter has just completed a four-year degree course in Trinity College Dublin, and her younger sister is just a couple of years behind with her degree.

How time flies!

Tony Proctor

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Suffolk Libraries

People's Champion Awards: our manager Maureen John

has been shortlisted for the Suffolk Libraries Volunteer's choice award, in recognition of her support of volunteers, and Howard Simpson has been shortlisted for the Innovation award, awarded to a volunteer who drives a successful new idea or initiative within their local library—in his case the Heavy Metal Day held last July. Awards will be presented at Woodbridge Library on Thursday 8th June.

A fund-raising scheme called **PAWS-itivity** will involve life-size Labrador dog sculptures, decorated by local artists, in all 45 Suffolk libraries this summer. One will visit Debenham—we don't know when yet!

Did you know....?

There is a disabled car parking space for the Library, available during opening hours.

Lego Brickology Fun Day Workshop:

Wednesday 9 August, 2-4pm. Ages 4+ (and adults!), sponsored by Denbury Homes.

Reading Challenge: look out for the Summer Reading Challenge, starting on 15 July. This year's theme for 4-11 year olds is *Ready, Set, Read.* Adult volunteers would be very welcome to help with this; speak to the staff.

A Dungeons and Dragons group now meets monthly in the library, with a junior version to launch soon too.

Warm Spaces: Debenham Library continue to offer free hot drinks on a self-service basis, funded by Suffolk Libraries and the Debenham Library Foundation.

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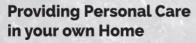
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Coronation Village Tea Party

Despite many days of weather watching we were so lucky to have a warm sunny day to celebrate the Kings Coronation. So many of you turned up to help with the many jobs to do on Sunday Morning -putting up tents, setting up tables and chairs and generally make everything look great for the afternoons celebration.

What a turn out we had the sky was blue and the sun continued to shine.







A great afternoon of musical talent from The Brinkleys, and from Laura and Beththey certainly kept us entertained.



The children had fun with crafts and Face Painting kindly done by Jungle Cubs, also the Friends of Wetheringsett School were nearby with some fun games for all to have a go at.



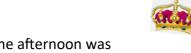


We had a great display of Vintage Toys from Antony Hammond with some very nice cars on show to. We even had a Royal Quiz. Everyone put in so much effort.



Stephen had a busy afternoon with the bar which was

enjoyed by many.



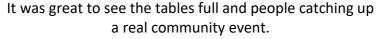
The afternoon was completed by a great afternoon teathe tables were laden with wonderful cakes and savouries for all to enjoy.



And centre piece - we had a special Great Coronation Cake made by Emma Morris.







The Village Hall Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank *everyone*, those who generously offered party tents, which was great; the many of you who generously provided the scrummy eats; the musicians; the Bar; the Raffle; help putting up and taking down of flags, and the clearer-uppers afterwards! The jobs were endless, but in true Community Spirit so many of you came forward and helped make this lovely afternoon happen.

Thank You

The great news is, between the Bar and the Raffle just over £440.00 was raised for Village Hall Funds



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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

***** NEW - The Middy Market *****

Easter weekend saw the beginning of something new at The Middy –the start of a series of craft fairs / car boot sales - 'The Middy Market' 10am—2pm

These will run every second Saturday morning of each month during the summer season 10th June, 8th July, 12th August 9th September.

Free pitches - to book a space go to www.mslr.org.uk/middy-market

No trains will run on these days but the Tea Room and Museum will be open

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confidential, independent and impartial advice. Demand for the charity's services has continued to increase, and the wonderful team of volunteers are paramount to the help Citizens Advice provide.

The team are seeking volunteers from all kinds of backgrounds to support local people with their problems. No experience is necessary as full training will be provided.

Citizens Advice volunteers come from all walks of life and choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. Volunteers are often looking for ways to make use of their skills or to gain valuable experience and make use of the fantastic training. They also enjoy the opportunity to meet different people and be part of a friendly, welcoming team of existing volunteers. They find it rewarding to support local people and make a difference to their lives.

Current volunteers at Citizens Advice said:

"You gain skills and experience that stay with you for life. There is a great support system in place...it makes you feel like you are part of something great." "The most enjoyable part of volunteering is seeing the difference we make. You meet a person who might be nervous and not know what will happen to themin some cases they will be quite distressed. At the end of the day they leave smiling and thanking you for all that you have done for them."

"As a volunteer, you're made to feel an equal and valued member of the team. Volunteering with Citizens Advice is not only mentally stimulating but also very rewarding."

"I volunteered to help others, but didn't realise how much I would get back! I love the feeling of satisfaction at the end of the day and the feeling you get from being part of a brilliant, friendly, professional and happy team."

Interested in volunteering? Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk would love to hear from you! Go to midsuffolkcab.org.uk/volunteer or call 01449 676060 for an informal chat.



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Week 2 Sunday 11 th June The 1 st Sunday after Trinity	Mellis Stoke Ash	10.30am 3.30pm	Holy Communion Coronation Songs of Praise
Week 3 Sunday 18 th June The 2 nd Sunday after Trinity	Thornham Parva Gislingham Thorndon	10.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Worship for All Holy Communion Worship for All
Saturday 24 th June	Gislingham	7.00pm	Holy Communion in celebration of St John the Baptist's Day - with refreshments afterwards at The Old Guildhall
Week 4 Sunday 25 th June The 3 rd Sunday after Trinity	Yaxley Wetheringsett Thornham Magna	10.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Worship for All

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June Newsletter 2023

'Called to Serve'

I am writing to you in the aftermath of a joyous weekend of Coronation celebrations, when I enjoyed being part of some of our wonderful community lunches and teas. This month I

am reflecting on the theme of the Coronation Service, 'Called to Serve'.

Almost a year ago we were celebrating together in our communities for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and reflecting on her extraordinary service during the 70 years of her reign. King Charles has a hard act to follow, and his Coronation has raised questions about the role of the monarchy in modern day Britain; but whatever our personal views may be, he has been called to serve the nation, whether we are of various faiths or none, and he is there to represent us in all of our diversity.

We don't yet know what sort of king Charles will be, but we do know about his care for the environment, and concern for young people, giving them hope and purpose.

As Prince of Wales, he has engaged in a number of initiatives to protect the planet, most recently standing as a key figure during COP26. In 1976 he used his Navy severance pay of £7,400 to set up the Prince's Trust, which has helped 1,000,000 young people to date and supports more and more each day.

A special moment for me in the Coronation Service was when the king, dressed in plain shirt and trousers, knelt at the altar after being anointed – a humble acknowledgement of his call to serve, based on the example of Jesus, and his declaration at the start of the service:

In his name, and after his example, I come not to be served but to serve'

Our churches are called to serve one another and our communities with humility, compassion and kindness, and we strive to respond to human need by loving service. The greatest impact comes when we see church and community organisations working together to help others. Every time we seek to do something good, every time we help someone find dignity, purpose, and hope for the future, we too, are following the example of Jesus, the King of Kings, and those monarchs through the ages, like our Queen, and now King Charles, who take seriously their call to serve. In our churches, we give thanks for all those who volunteer in many different ways for the benefit of our communities, and this is our prayer for you today:

Living God, you bring us together in community, and teach us to love one another as you have loved us. May we be beacons of your light in the communities in which we are set, that through truth, justice and action we may see your kingdom come upon the earth, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings, Julia

From the Parishes, January - April 2023

In Loving Memory: Joyce Youngman, Mellis; Johnny Marland, Gislingham

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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. More details of activities available will be in future updates, or you can sign up to our mailing list at www.debenhamshed.org.uk on the





We now have a "pay as you go" membership option for those who can only come occasionally: £10 p.a. and £1.50 per session, as an alternative to £50 a year or £25 for six months. This will be attractive to those who are working full-time during the week.

The MG Midget restoration project continues: now resprayed (courtesy of PPG) it has returned to Debenham Garage, where the mechanical wizards will refit all the bits and pieces ready for resale. We are very grateful to them for their generosity to this project. New carpets are being fitted too.

Our "west wing" construction should be completed this month, with a concrete floor already laid and steel sheeting in place. Final fitting out with doors, lighting etc will be done soon.

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.

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Coronation baking competition

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Egghead competition

Congratulations to William, Hugo, Tallulah and Caitlyn for their winning eggs.



Coronation gift from Friends



The children loved receiving their coronation key rings brought by friends. During Art all the children made a self-portrait of themselves and Friends made these into keyrings as a keepsake to remember the special event.

Gardening club

The children have been enjoying the warmer weather and getting the planters and plant pots ready for the summer. They have started off by planting strawberries and Mrs Hall has got sweetcorn and peas ready to go!





Stained glass windows

The children were very excited when Bishop Mike came in to judge their window designs. He found it very difficult to choose the winning design. We would like to say a big well done to all the children! The winners were Lexie, Vivi, William and Oliver. Their designs will be created for the classroom windows.

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to Chris Hall for coming to talk to the children about his experience running the London Marathon. The children had lots of questions and had a fantastic time looking at the medal. They were surprised how heavy it was!





Church Street, Wetheringsett,

'Flaming June'
By Frederic Lord Leighton
(1830—1896)

Flaming June

Flaming June was originally nothing to do with early summer heat; rather, it was the title of an aesthetic late-Victorian painting by the artist Fredric Lord Leighton completed in 1895, a year before his death. Perhaps because reproductions of this painting have always been popular, the phrase "flaming June" has seeped into the national conscience, despite frequent contrary evidence. Regulars at Glastonbury and Wimbledon, for instance, can attest to the capricious, and often soaking, weather that June can provide.





School News





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- P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.
- S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.
- P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.
- S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.
- P: Something loose in cockpit.
- S: Something tightened in cockpit.
- P: Dead bugs on windshield.
- S: Live bugs on back-order.
- P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.
- S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.



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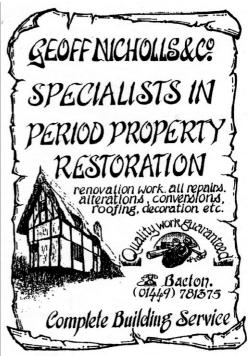
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The Cedars pool was well used over the Easter holiday, and we have managed to



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In brief the answers were: -

Royal Residences

- A Osborne House
- B Y Bwthyn Bach (Little House made for the princesses—at Windsor)
- C Kensington Palace
- D Palace of Holyroodhouse
- E Windsor House
- F Buckingham Palace
- G Sandringham House

There was a clear winner and the prize of a tin of Coronation Biscuits has gone to Michael Churchill's mum, MonicaCongratulations!

Name that Monarch

- A William the Conqueror
- B James I of England (and VI of Scotland)
- C Queen Victoria reigned for 7 years less than Queen Elizabeth II
- D Henry VIII
 - Catherine of Aragon
 - -Anne Boleyn
 - -Jane Seymour
 - -Anne of Cleves
 - -Catherine Howard
 - -Catherine Parr
- E George V (on L) & Tsar Nicholas II (R)
 Both wearing German military
 uniforms in 1913
- F King John
- G Edward VII
- H Charles II

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