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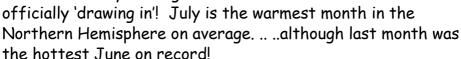
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Welcome to the July 2023 issue of your Newsletter

Well, we've had the Summer Solstice and unbelievably the nights are now



July brings Wimbledon and seasonal strawberries; barbeques and, for the USA, the celebrations of 4th July.







We had some lovely memories last month of the 'Cat and Mouse', (Thank you, Tony Proctor). It would be really good to hear of any other recollections of the village that you have so that we can include them in the newsletter. Contact details opposite. With the school holidays to look forward to ..

Enjoy your month

Cally (Editor)

Dates for the Diary

July

Monday 3rd Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Friday 7th School Sports Day

Saturday 8th Middy Market 10am —2pm

Saturday 22nd Debenham Shed

Friday 28th Last day of school term

Monday 31st Last day to vote on Neighbourhood Plan (p.10)

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SPEEDING

At the Parish Council meeting on 5th June, two parishioners expressed their concerns over the amount of speeding in both Wetherup Street and Park Green, in particular during early morning dog walks. Something I experienced first-hand at 7:45 on 9th June when about to step onto Wetherup Street from the footpath when a large, brown SUV narrowly missed me and my dogs. It was travelling well in excess of 30mph and probably over 40mph. Having looked after the VAS speed sign for the past 6 years, I have developed a good sense of the speed of cars.

According to ROSPA, pedestrians are 3.5 to 5.5 times to suffer a fatal accident when hit by a car travelling between 30 and 40mph, but for people who doubt that statistic, the basic fact remains that the faster a car is travelling when it hits a person, the greater the injuries and likelihood of a fatality.

The VAS data reports that only 36% of drivers drive within the speed limit in Park Green and Wetherup Street and there is no way of knowing whether the speeding drivers are residents in the parish, or not. Sadly, it will likely take that fatality before the Police take an interest.

So, will that fatality be one of the early morning dog walkers, one of our elderly residents taking a stroll, a child or a jogger? And will it be an SUV, van, car, resident, non-resident, grey, silver, brown, petrol or a quiet electric car?

As residents, we can do our bit to reduce that risk and keep within the speed limits.

Cllr Harvey

Wetheringsett-cum-Brockford Parish Council







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Collective Worship Theme: Respect

We have had a fantastic start to this Summer term and have been up to lots of exciting things!

Children's University Passports

We are excited to see some of our children pass their graduation and have begun their exciting journey

MySmiles

We are excited to announce Early years and KS1 have achieved their accreditation. We are officially a healthy tooth school. The children love brushing their teeth at school daily and have enjoyed learning about why it is important.

Ocean day

Early years and KS1 have entered a competition to celebrate ocean life. The children had to design their own under the ocean habitats.



Forest schools

All the children have enjoyed their parents/guardians joining in forest schools. They were able to share all the exciting things they get up to.

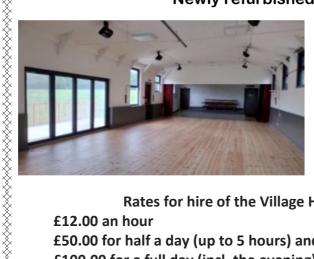
Quad kids

The whole school enjoyed going to Thomas Mills high school to join in a range of mini sports activities including running, vortex throwing and long jump. All the children tried their best and made us proud.





Wetheringsett Village Hall **Newly refurbished**



Bookings available at weekends. evenings and holiday periods Please contact Sue Stannard 01449 767752

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)



Wetheringsett cum Brockford Neighbourhood Plan Update June 2023

Unfortunately the Neighbourhood Plan Examination was suspended in May due to a procedural issue. The Steering Group are working to address this.

At the same time, 3 things happened which affect what happens next with the Neighbourhood Plan.

- 1. Mid Suffolk District Council published Part 1 of their Local Plan for public consultation in March. All sites proposed for development in previous versions of the Local Plan have been removed until Part 2 of the Local Plan is produced. This includes a site for 10 houses east of Brockford Street. Work is due to begin on Part 2 of the Plan in 2024.
- **2.** Outline planning permission was granted on appeal for 14 new houses east of Hockey Hill (on the former football field).
- **3.** Planning permission was refused on appeal for 11 houses east and (north) of Hockey Hill.

This pause in the process allows the Steering Group to check how the community feels about the potential for new housing . Neighbourhood Plans **do not** have to allocate land for new housing.



MSDC's *'indicative'* housing figure for Wetheringsett between 2018 and 2037 is **10** new houses.

The current commitment (houses recently completed, under construction and with planning permission) is now **36**.

Please see over page - to place your vote ...

Do you think the Neighbourhood Plan should be allocating more land for housing (above that already permitted)?

Yes

No

Please return this slip to the box in the Church porch, or email your views to wetheringsettcumbrockfordndp@gmail.com by the 31st July 2023.
For further information go to http://wetheringsettcumbrockford.onesuffolk.net/neighbourhood-plan-2/



Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council Report on Parish Council meeting held 5 June 2023

Excess Speeding – the speed of vehicles travelling through Wetherup Street and Station Road areas was raised by parishioners. Excessive speeds have been confirmed by the VAS equipment together with very excessive speeds in Brockford Street. The Parish Council will continue to monitor and spend data to Suffolk Constabulary and it is intended these areas will take part in the ANPR scheme (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) carried out by Suffolk CC Highways. The Parish Council would also support parishioners volunteering to take part in the Speed Gun scheme. This is used widely throughout the county, will register the number plate of vehicles in excess of the speed limit which is forwarded to Suffolk Constabulary for action. If any parishioners are willing to take part in the scheme please let the clerk or a parish councillor know – this scheme has proved to be effective.

<u>Parish Council Vacancies</u> – as mentioned in the last magazine report following the May elections there are two parish council vacancies. It is really important that the parish council is fully represented, this ensures the council can carrying out its business democratically, that all areas of the village are represented and that meetings are quorate in order to go ahead.

Meetings are held on the first Monday evening of the month at 7pm at Wetheringsett Village Hall. Minutes of Parish Council meetings are available to view on the Wetheringsett website at wetheringsettcumbrockford.onesuffolk.net these will give an overview of the work of the parish council alternatively, meetings are always open to the public and anyone interested can attend a meeting to observe the council in action – you would be very welcome.

<u>County and District Councillor</u> – reports were received from County and District Councillor Andrew Stringer. The County Council has confirmed that £10m will be set aside to be spent over the next 20 months on the surfaces of smaller local roads where people live, in partnership with Milestone, the new highways contractor.

Cllr Stringer reported he had been elected portfolio holder for Heritage, Planning and Infrastructure at the District Council. He stated Babergh and Mid Suffolk was aiming to reduce the number of long-term empty properties and bring them back into use. There are an estimated 600 empty homes across the two districts. Houses for homes was a re-branding of the service in the hope people will engage better with the Councils to bring these homes into use. Anyone with knowledge of an empty property should let Cllr Stringer know.

Date of next meeting: Monday 3 July 2023, 7pm at Wetheringsett Village Hall.

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Suffolk Libraries

Did you know....?

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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.

If you went to the Suffolk Show you may have seen **PAWS-itivity** at the Suffolk Libraries stand—45 decorated Labrador dog sculptures created to raise funds. *Leopardor* by local artist Lily Hammond will visit Debenham soon! The Friends

have given £250 sponsorship.

At the People's Champion Awards in June Howard Simpson won the Innovation award for organising the Heavy Metal Day held last July, which raised over £2,000 for library funds by collecting scrap metal. He gave credit to his wife Jane for suggesting the idea! Unfortunately our manager Maureen John did not win the



Volunteer's choice award, but continues to give her excellent support to volunteers.

Lego Brickology Fun Day Workshop: Wednesday 9 August, 2-4pm. Ages 4+ (and adults!), sponsored by Denbury Homes.

The junior **Dungeons and Dragons group** will be launching soon. Speak to the staff for details.

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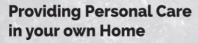
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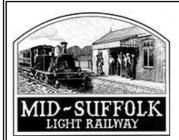






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Next event: - 2nd July
Steam Railway & Land Rover Owners Day

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

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

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.

Next dates: - 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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Leaving Well

Dear Friends.

This month I am writing to you all with very mixed emotions as I prepare to leave the churches and communities of South Hartismere.

I have been reflecting on an inspirational quote illustrated by Revd Lauren Moore:

'Life is a balance of holding on and letting go'

I have been here for 10 years, and I have always known that I would recognise when it was the right time for me to leave, and that time is now. As I let go of my duties and responsibilities, I will always hold on to the fond memories I have of my time here. However, I am not ready to retire, so my next post will be a good stepping-stone for me between full-time ministry and retirement.

The new post will be part–time, about 4 days a week plus Sundays, and it is a small rural benefice close to Bury St Edmunds, with 3 parishes, 4 churches, and 1 Church of England Primary school. It was a difficult decision to make at first, but I feel very affirmed that it was the right one.

It is time for someone new to lead you through the next chapter in the life of our churches, and to build on all that we have achieved together. I am so grateful for all the encouragement and support I have received, and this time with you has been one of the happiest times in my life.

My last service here will be on 3rd September at Thorndon Church at 10.30am, followed by a picnic lunch. My licensing service in the Rougham Benefice will be on 5th October at 7.00pm, - details to be confirmed - and I would love it if you could join me at either or both of those services.

In the meantime, I leave you with Paul's words to the Corinthians:

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. And the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. And the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

With love and prayers, Julia

From the Parishes: May 2023

In Loving Memory: Lucy Muskett, Thorndon; Jennifer Charles, Gislingham;

Malcolm McCartney, Wetheringsett

Congratulations: to Jake Field and Lauren Packer on their wedding at Yaxley



South Hartismere Benefice

For services held in church and online

JULY 2023

Week 1	
Sunday 2 nd July	
The 4th Sunday after T	rinity

10.30am Yaxley

Benefice Holy Communion

followed by bring and share

lunch

Saturday 8th July

Mellis

10-12noon

CONNECT with cake & company

Week 2 Sunday 9th July The 5th Sunday after Trinity Mellis Stoke Ash 10.30am 10.30am Worship for All

Holy Communion

Week 3

Sunday 16th July The 6th Sunday after Trinity Thornham Parva Thorndon

Gislingham

10.30am 10.30am 10.30am Holy Communion

Holy Communion Worship for All

Saturday 22nd July

Thornham Magna

6.00pm

Sung Evensong for the Feast

of St Mary Magdalene, followed by refreshments

Week 4

Sunday 23rd July The 7th Sunday after Trinity Wetheringsett Thornham Magna 10.30am 10.30am

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Week 5

Sunday 30th July The 8th Sunday after Trinity Gislingham

10.30am

Benefice Holy Communion

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My oldest child is starting school in September and with uniforms and PE kits, the costs are already mounting. We're already pretty stretched, so I'm not sure how to cover these new costs. Is there any extra help I can get?

The start of a school year can be tough for many people's budgets, so you're not alone in your worries. But there is help available.

On the National Citizens Advice website, we have lots of information on the support you might be entitled to for school-related costs. If you're claiming benefits it's worth checking if you can get extra help for things like school lunches, transport and uniforms. This information can be found at citizensadvice.org.uk/family/education/help-with-school-costs. If you are not online, Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can advise on the telephone or in person.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals. For older children, you can apply for free school meals if you claim certain types of benefits. The full list is available on the Citizens Advice website, and includes Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit and Income Support.

Schools can advise on finding cheap or free second hand uniforms. Often the school will have a second hand uniform shop, where the cost is much cheaper. A lot of schools accept cheaper non logo items rather than official logo school uniform, so do check with your school if this is the case.

If your child is disabled or has a health condition, you can also claim Disability Living Allowance (this isn't means-tested).

A lot of peoples' budgets are feeling the squeeze at the moment, but it's important to remember that help is available with starting school costs.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, finances, employment, benefits and family/relationships. You can contact them on 01449 676060, visit in person at Milton House, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us.

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Wetheringsett Manor

Wetheringsett Manor School News

During the half term we had some art work displayed at the Suffolk Show for the "Save our Seas Exhibition". We have lots more planned for the Summer term, which is now underway.

So far, six pupils have already completed a Duke of Edinburgh walk and camped for one night! There are more trips planned and the pupils will be going to London Dungeons and staying at Bawdsey Manor.

The exams have now been completed and we wish all pupils who completed them good luck for their results.

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- S: Evidence removed.
- P: DME volume unbelievably loud.
- S: DME volume set to more believable level.
- P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.
- S: That's what they're for.
- P: IFF inoperative.
- S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.
- P: Suspected crack in windshield.
- S: Suspect you're right.
- P: Number 3 engine missing.
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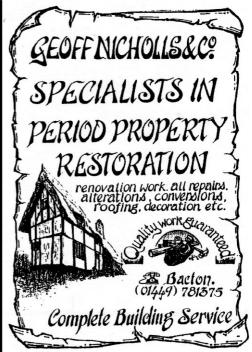
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