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Welcome to the  
July 2023 issue of your  
Newsletter



Well... June was the hottest on record,  
but July has been somewhat chillier!

Lets hope for a traditional warm and sunny August. Check out  
'Kids Pass' at [www.kidspass.co.uk](http://www.kidspass.co.uk) for some discounted  
activities to try during the school holidays. Also see what's  
going on locally in August, below, in Dates for the Diary.

We have two new advertisers in the newsletter this month—  
see if you can spot them .. Both local businesses, deserving of  
our support.

You may already have heard about the 'Giant of Brockford'?  
No? Find out all about this rather mysterious  
part of village history starting on page 8.

August facts ..? See page 15

Enjoy your month

*Cally (Editor)*



### Dates for the Diary

#### August

Thursday 3rd

Sunday 6th

Wednesday 9th

Saturday 12th

Saturday 12th

Sunday 13th

Thursday 31st

September

Saturday 9th

Sunday 10th

Library van in the village

Vintage Bus Day at the Middy

See page 30 for all August events at the Middy

Lego Fun Day at Debenham Library 2-4pm

Craft Market & Car Boot sale at the Middy 10-2pm

Craft Day at Debenham Shed 10am-2pm

Free buses running to/from Middy/Stonham Barns

See page 31 for further details

Library van in the village

Craft Market & Car Boot sale at the Middy 10-2pm

*\*Village Garage Sale\**

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Over the years the Hall has proved to be a good venue for social occasions and, for this to continue, we need to run a number of fund raising events throughout the year.

**Any suggestions from the community would be welcome**

Our next committee meeting is at 7.00pm, on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July in the Village Hall. Please come along if you are interested in getting involved.

To date we are planning :

A garage sale, with refreshments in the village hall on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September



A village quiz on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

A possible music evening in October and/or November



In addition the Drama Group are rehearsing for a performance – hopefully 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> October





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## It's a Dog's Life

Hello everyone or should I say  
'Och Aye the Noo!'

Maybe you noticed I was missing last month, well that's because I went on my holidays to Scotland. I should say I have no idea where Scotland is (I'm not good at map

reading) but I do know it was a very long way.

Now I think I've mentioned before I'm not keen on travel - it doesn't matter how comfy and safe I am in the car I make sure that I worry mum and dad by looking as pathetic as possible.

Anyway, after many wee stops we arrived and very nice it was too! The house was a bit different obviously, so needed a good sniff in every nook and cranny. I also bagged the best spot on the sofa so that was fine. The weather was a bit damp but that's ok with me, my coat is more waterproof than theirs and it was great fun discovering new walks- I even had a paddle in the loch- luckily no Nessie appeared!

I should say the haggis hunting wasn't very successful, they're obviously very elusive even though I investigated thoroughly. Better luck next time I say!

Woofles of Wetheringsett

How did the little Scottie dog react when he met the Loch Ness Monster?  
He was Terrier-fied!



# The Brockford Giant

## The Wonder of our times: <sup>4.3</sup>

BEING

A true and exact Relation of the Body of a mighty Giant dig'd up at Brockford Bridge neer Ipswich in Suffolk, this pretent November 1651. his height 10. foot, his Head as big as half a bushell; with a description of the severall parts of his body, and manner of his interring.

Certified in a Letter from a Gentleman in the Country, to his Brother (a merchant) in London.



Novemb. 18.

London: Printed by R. Austin, for W. Ley, at PAUL'S Chain. 1651.

Pamphlet printed in 1651

Opposite — the full text of the 1651 pamphlet 'The Wonder of our times': in the form of a letter from brother, I.G., to brother, with news of a giant discovered at Brockford Bridge



“

Loving Brother -

thought it worthy my writing to you, what this other day was discovered to many here the like of which few of our Predecessors have seen. For here, near the place of your Nativity, at Brockford Bridge, at the end of the street towards Ipswich, by the gravelly way, between the Lands lace (our cosen Rivets) John Vice and another were digging gravell in the Rode, and a litde within the earth found the carcase of a Giant (for so I think I may term him) for from top of his skull to the bottom of the bones of his feet was ten foot, and over-thwart his brest, from the ultimate of one shoulder to the other as he lay interred, and before stirring was four feet. His scull of the bignesse neer of an half bushell, the circumference of one of his thigh bones of the bigness of a middle-sized woman's wast, the nether jaw bone had in it firmly fixed 16 teeth of an extraordinary bignesse, the other none.

When the finding of this wonder of men was noised abroad, many of the people of the adjacent Townes resorted to see it, and divers out of mere folly, I think, than discretion, broke the skeleton to gain part, or small pieces of bones, to brag they had part of him.

Severall are the opinions of men in judging what time this man lived; some think him to be a Dane, others imagine he might belong to Prince Arthur, but for my part I shall suspend my judgement, and leave it to wiser men; only thus much I think I may say that there ham not lived such a man in England this hundred years: his head lay near a quarter of a yard lower than his feet, and the superficres of the earth was worn down within neer an handfull of his shin bones. He was buried North and South, his head to Ipswich-ward and his feet towards Norwich.

It may be you may say I might have employed my time better than in troubling you with this letter, but I assure you of the truth of this, and the wonder of the thing commanded me to impart thus much unto you.

Your loving brother I. G. ”

See over page for more details ..

# The Brockford Giant

Continued ..



From Hodkinson's map of Suffolk, 1783; Showing Brockford crossed in a north-south direction by a turnpike (the modern A140) and diagonally by a lane between Mendlesham and Thorndon (now known as Griffin Lane). The River Dove is not shown.

Further research on this fascinating tale has been expertly done by **Matt Salusbury and Tim-Holt Wilson** and can be found on <https://depositsmag.com/2020/06/05/body-of-a-mighty-giant/> as can further reference materials. Well worth a read.

The story has also been covered by The Foxearth and District Local History Society: <http://www.foxearth.org.uk/blog/2005/01/brockford-giant.html>

Matt Salusbury and Tim-Holt Wilson have dispelled the mystery somewhat ....turns out the remains found are far more likely to have been proboscidean than human! Find out more from their research reported in Deposits Magazine (link above).

And should you walk down the 'ancient lane' (the footpath leading from Griffin Lane), you will certainly see evidence of the 'gravelly way' they refer to.



Bridge over the River Dove at Brockford



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## Sidings Holiday Carriages & Campsite

In spite of foreign travel having delay warnings, our holiday accommodation is not fully booked. However, as all similar sites report, everybody is making last minute bookings. We take several bookings at 24 hours notice and just for Friday and Saturday nights.



All these bookings are advised that the Middy bar and cafe are open, and some Friday nights are busy, especially when there is music added!

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# **Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council**

## **Report on Parish Council meeting held 3 July 2023**

**Speeding Wetherup Street/Park Green** – two members of the public were in attendance at the meeting to voice their concerns over vehicle speeding in the above areas. Cllr Harvey stated he would be making application to Suffolk Highways for use of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition equipment to be used in the Wetherup Street and Park Green areas – use of the equipment has to be approved by Suffolk Highways. It is already used periodically on Brockford Street. In addition setting up a Speed Watch Scheme was suggested. This would involve at least 6 volunteers training to use a speed gun at approved sites in the village. Following the appeal in the last parish magazine three/four volunteers have come forward. Please do contact the clerk or a councillor if you would be prepared to volunteer to be part of a Speed Watch Team.

**Parish Council Vacancies** – following the May elections there are still vacancy/vacancies on the council. Please do contact the clerk or a councillor for information if you think you would be interested in joining the council, our members would be pleased to hear from you.

**District Cllr Andrew Stringer** reported on construction of Gateway 14 off the A14 at Stowmarket. This will be the construction of Suffolk's largest shed - a state-of-the-art distribution unit for retailers and businesses and as well as a new base for manufacturing, logistics and R&D businesses, there is also a proposal to build an Innovation Hub, the delivery of the Hub was a condition of the Freeport Status agreed by the previous District Council. These Hubs are typically a group of offices and work spaces, including conference facilities. The District Council is looking at various options for the building as at present the largest share of the build cost is due to be met by Mid Suffolk District Council.

Cllr Stringer also reported on some changes into the way Planning Committees operate at the District Council to ensure presentations are policy focused and presentations to be allowed virtually from parish council representatives.

**The District Council is due to install new electric vehicle charging points** across its various car park network during the next year. This is thanks to a grant from the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles. Each charging point will be able to charge two vehicles at the same time thereby improving access to chargers for local residents and visitors. The first stage of installations will take place at car parks in Stowmarket.

**Date of next Parish Council meeting – Monday 7 August 2023, 7pm at the Village Hall, Wetheringsett. Meetings are open to the public – All Welcome**



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(Please refer to Disclaimer on page 2)



## Friends of Debenham Library

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This month on **Wednesday 9th August** is the **Lego Brickology Fun Day Workshop** from 2-4pm, sponsored by Denbury Homes.. It is for children 4+ accompanied by an adult. Booking is essential: call in at Debenham library, phone 01728 861940 or e-mail [maureen.john@suffolklibraries.co.uk](mailto:maureen.john@suffolklibraries.co.uk)

The next **Afternoon Tea** at the Library will be on **Sunday 10 September**, from 2-4pm. Come and enjoy cake, scones and hot drinks while you browse the books, read, chat or use the computers—or enjoy the garden outside, if the weather is fine.

### Did you know....?

Our Home Library Service is available for customers who cannot access the library.

The **Summer Reading Challenge** “*Ready, Set, Read!*” started on Saturday July 15th and runs through the holidays until September 10th. Come and sign up for some Summer Reading Fun! You need to read six books during the summer holidays to complete the challenge, collecting stickers and other fun prizes as you read along. In September we have a presentation party with a certificate and medal presented to all those children who have completed the challenge

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**We've booked a package holiday to Spain. It's our first time booking this sort of getaway, and a friend recently had a terrible experience when things went wrong on a similar trip. What sort of help is available if something does go wrong?**

Hopefully you'll have a lovely time but if something does go wrong with your package holiday, the National Citizens Advice website at [citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer](https://citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer) has lots of information about what to do if something goes wrong with your holiday and what compensation you may be eligible for.

Firstly, tell the company or travel agent you booked with as soon as possible. This way you're more likely to be able to get it sorted quicker. If you don't say anything until you get home, you might get less or no compensation at all.

If the holiday you went on turned out to be lower in value than the one you originally booked you can make a claim for 'loss of value'. For example you paid for a deluxe room but only got a standard one, if it wasn't sorted out at the time you can claim back the difference in value.

You can also claim compensation for any extra money you have to spend while away, for example the hotel was a bus ride away from the beach rather than across the road as advertised. This is called claiming for 'out-of-pocket expenses'. If this does happen make sure you keep all your receipts for things like bus journeys.

If big parts of the trip you booked didn't happen or services weren't provided, for example a planned two-day excursion was cancelled and no alternative was organised, you can make a claim for 'loss of enjoyment'. You can also make this claim if something happens that causes you distress or disappointment, such as the pool was closed for the whole trip.

It's worth noting that there's no there's no strict guidance on how much you can claim for loss of enjoyment but any claim you make must be reasonable. You can't get compensation if you simply didn't enjoy the holiday or if the problem was out of the holiday company's control - like bad weather.





Mid Suffolk

Cont. ....

Check the information you received when you made the booking to see what you're supposed to get. If you don't get the service you've been promised, you may be entitled to compensation for breach of contract. You

might also be able to claim from your travel insurance – check if your policy covers this.

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For more information go to [midsuffolkcab.org.uk](http://midsuffolkcab.org.uk).

## Smile awhile - final few ...

Continuing from last month ... more actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' pilots and the solutions recorded by maintenance engineers.

(P=The problem logged by the pilot) (S=The solution & action taken by mechanics)

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S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

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S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel -

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S: Took hammer away from midget



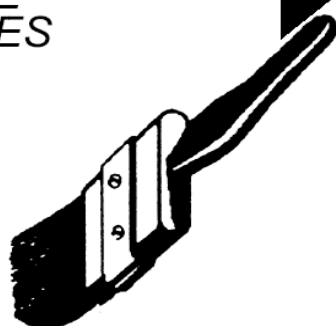
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## Fly-tipping in the parish

We appear to be suffering from several occurrences of fly-tipping within the parish, over various sites

**If you see this do please report it on the Mid-Suffolk web site: -**

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services/everything-else-in-waste/report-litter-and-fly-tipping/>

The following are recent examples: -

### **The Village Hall**

Ancient paint tins, part of a bannister and other rubbish.

### **Collingsford Bridge**

This area sadly is very popular with someone. We have had a fridge (still with fridge magnets), building rubble and all the rubbish associated with recent building work.

### **Griffin Lane, Brockford Street**

Regular walkers who use the public footpath here have commented that someone is regularly dumping their garden rubbish next to the footpath. Occasionally rubble too.

This may be someone who can't afford to pay the council for a brown bin, which is unfortunate, but it is still unacceptable and antisocial. It spoils a popular footpath for regular users.

Do please feel free to contact a member of the Parish Council if you are aware of any fly-tipping but the council web site is quick and easy to use.

The Parish Council

**NB The upper limit for fines for littering and fly-tipping have recently been increased: -**

- The maximum amount those caught fly-tipping could be fined will increase from £400 to £1,000
- The maximum amount those who litter or graffiti could be fined will increase from £150 to £500

<https://deframedia.blog.gov.uk/2023/07/10/coverage-of-new-higher-fines-for-litter-graffiti-and-fly-tipping/>



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# South Hartismere Benefice

August Newsletter 2023



## Into the unknown...

July is the month when school, colleges and universities break for the summer. For some this is a happy time as the long holiday begins. For others it is a period of anxiety, exam results, leaving education and looking for work. Or at the other end parent's anticipation of the start of school for their young children. Such different emotions and expectations.

Life is full of new beginnings and adventures and courage is needed at every turn. Courage to say goodbye at the school gate and watch your child head into school. Courage to apply for apprenticeship and interviews for jobs. Courage to change jobs.

In relationships we again find we have to be courageous. When we choose a life partner, we have to be courageous in our honesty and vulnerable as we share our love and lives. In our later years we need courage to care for ill loved ones and say goodbye at the end of life. I wonder what the next few months hold for you, holidays, caring for family, juggling work, and children.

On the first of July I was ordained priest at Bury Cathedral. I look back over the last two years and consider all that I have learned and all the people I have met. I remember my call to Suffolk. A big step into the unknown. It took courage to trust God to care and guide me. God has been faithful throughout. My next steps take me once again into the unknown, as I will be able to facilitate couples in their weddings and journey with people who are saying goodbye to loved ones.

For the church family I will be able to lead them as we gather round the table and break bread as we remember the life, death and rising of Jesus in a service of Holy Communion.

It seems a strange name 'Holy Communion' and for many it is a mystery. It is a time set apart for Christians to come together in the presence of God as one people. We come together knowing other Christians around the world are doing the same. We remember those who have gone before us as examples of faithful people. We are a community of believers, a communion.

Jesus tells his followers to gather often and to remember his story whenever we meet. We remember the words he spoke as he left this world to return to God. *'I will be with you always.'*

No matter what is happening in your life, whether you are settled, or like many stepping out into new places, the truth is that if you call out to Jesus, he will hear you and will walk alongside you. As the good shepherd he says, *even though you walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will not leave you.*

We do not journey alone, but in community and with Jesus. Let us go forward together in hope, trusting in the promise and words of Jesus.

And as Paul, one of Jesus' first followers writes:

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Rev Debbie



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*For services held in church and online*

## AUGUST 2023

<b>Week 1</b> <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i> <i>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>	Gislingham Thorndon Gislingham	10.30am 10.30am tbc	Worship for All Holy Communion Baptism
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Mellis	10-12noon	CONNECT <i>with cake &amp; company</i>
<b>Week 2</b> <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	Mellis Stoke Ash	10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Worship for All
<b>Week 3</b> <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	Thornham Parva Gislingham Thorndon	10.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Worship for All
<b>Week 4</b> <b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	Yaxley Wetheringsett Thornham Magna Gislingham	10.30am 10.30am 10.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Worship for All Baptism

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### News from the Parishes:

**Congratulations** to John Gage and Denise Sheppard, married at Thornham Magna

**Welcome** to Athena O'Rorke, baptised at Gislingham

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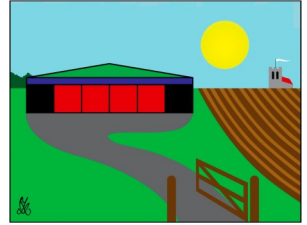
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# Debenham Shed

On 14th June eleven Beaver Scouts did craft activities at the Shed, making things out of wood (see photo right).

Last month we visited the Needham Lake car boot sale to sell some donated and restored or upcycled furniture. We raised £290 for our funds and retrieved some storage space. See Facebook Marketplace for other goods for sale.



Come to our craft days! Our next is **Saturday 12 August** from 10am to 2pm, the activity to be announced. We meet monthly through the year with different activities to join in with, so come along and have a go!

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](http://www.debenhamshed.org.uk) (sign up to newsletters on the Contact page) Email [info@debenhamshed.org.uk](mailto:info@debenhamshed.org.uk) . Like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/DebenhamShed](http://www.facebook.com/DebenhamShed).

*What is Debenham Shed? A place to make things by yourself, with guidance or with others. It could be in metal, cloth, wood or plastic. We have lots of tools and sourcing materials. You may want to repair or make new—the limit is your imagination. It is also for social connecting and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge, and of course a lot of laughter. **Debenham shed is open to all adults.***



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**AUGUST PROGRAMME - Steam trains and added attractions every Sunday.**

Steam train rides in genuine Victorian 4-wheel coaches and the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway's summer programme has an added attraction every Sunday including classic and vintage vehicles and the annual model trains and boats and planes exhibition.

**6th August - Steam Railway & Vintage Bus Day**

Vintage busses courtesy of our friends at the Eastern Transport Society will be on hand to give rides around the local area and, of course, there are plenty of vintage steam train rides on the Middy.

**13th August - Big Bus Show & Steam Punk Day**

The Middy has a new special arrangement with The Big Bus Show to run busses from Brockford to Stonham Barns and return. Visitors will be able to have a two-centre day out with free rides to the Stonham Barns complex. Brockford will also be visited by Steam Punks and displays from their extraordinary steam technology world.

**20th August - Steam Railway & Royal Enfield Motor Cycle Club Day**

A great day out for anyone interested in British motor-cycle history and this famous marque. Like so much of the UK motor-cycle industry Royal Enfields, were once a common sight on our roads, so it will be good to see a collection of them in our station concourse.

**27th & 28th - August Model Mania & Hornby Collectors Days**

A welcome return to modellers with their many variations of the modelling hobby featuring trains, boats, planes and road vehicles. Plus displays and layouts by collectors of the late lamented Hornby and Hornby Dublo model railways.

**3rd September - Steam Railway & Vintage Tractor Day**

Our last open day of the 2023 season with all the Middy attractions up and running plus the annual display of vintage tractors by the Tivetshall Old Ram Vintage Tractor Club, who always put on a splendid show for us.

Each day the railway is open. Visitors can enjoy train rides as many times as they like. All the MSLR facilities - Museum, shop, café, Restoration Shed visits and real ale bar will be open too.

Middy steam locomotives are often joined by Heritage Railway Association award-winning Shredded Wheat shunter giving shunting demonstrations. This pretty little engine may be diesel-powered, but its copper-capped exhaust chimney gives it a very steam-like effect.

The Middy, together with added attractions, make a fascinating visit for families and rail fans alike. Opening times are from 10.30 to 16.30. Prices are £12.00 adults, £6.00 children under 16, families (2 + 2) £30.00, concessions (over 65) £10.00.

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These will run every second Saturday morning of each month during the  
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Next dates: - **12th August 9th September.**

**Free pitches** - to book a space go to [www.mslr.org.uk/middy-market](http://www.mslr.org.uk/middy-market)  
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