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Welcome to the  
November issue of your



What a terrible day for so many in the village on 20th October. So much devastation left in the wake of the flood waters, which were so unexpected. And then the stories of the community spirit that came out of it all. I'm sure everyone could tell their own stories of the help, kindness and generosity they have witnessed. A huge thank you—all round. Stay warm and dry everyone

There is government support for those affected by the Storm Babet floods. See page 28 for details

Cally (Editor)

**Dates for the Diary**

**November**

Sunday 5th

Bonfire Night

Friday 10th

Memorial unweiling (Oaksmere) see p. 36

Saturday 11th

Armistice Day (Remembrance Day)

Sunday 12th

Remembrance Service All Saints Church 10am

Monday 20th

Meet to discuss Summer Fete—Village Hall see p.16

Thursday 30th

Final date for comments on Neighbourhood Plan

**December**

Saturday 2nd

Christmas Crafts & refreshments in the Church 10am-

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Pre-Christmas Quiz - 7pm Village Hall

Sunday 17th

Carol Service All Saints Church 6pm



November 5th looms -

and I make a plea again to remember our 4-legged friends who are terrified by

the noise of fireworks (not only the bangs). If you intend to light your own fireworks—stay safe, and please limit your celebrations to one night only. Thank you



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

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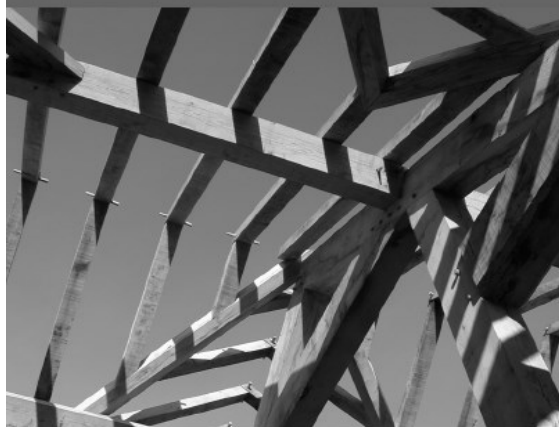


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## It's a Dog's Life

Hello everyone

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but I'd much rather stand there looking bedraggled so that she takes pity on me and we go home.

When I was a nipper I loved being out in all weathers but now, as an elder statesman, I prefer outings when the weather is more pleasant. That's not to say I don't enjoy a good shake from head to tail after a showery walk and if I can, a good drying off on the rug or any other soft furnishings!

However the recent rain was a bit scary. Mum nearly got stuck in the car. I mean, what would I have done? I can't use the phone or operate a can opener- no thumbs.

Anyway, panic over, she made it home, very bedraggled. However I noticed she didn't dry herself on the soft furnishings!

Take care everyone

Woofles of Wetheringsett



**Wetheringsett Manor**

## Wetheringsett Manor School News

*Thank you*

The staff at Wetheringsett Manor would like to say a big thank you to the residents of Wetheringsett who offered help during the flooding on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> by getting pupils across the floods in boats and on boards so they could leave the school safely and get home for half term.

Our thoughts are with those who are dealing with the aftermath of the flooding and associated water damage.

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Do you have anything 'to say'? Any thoughts you would like to share with the rest of us— or just something you would like to 'get off your chest'

Please send your thoughts about any of the articles in the newsletter - or any other matter, to [wetheringsetnews@gmail.com](mailto:wetheringsetnews@gmail.com)

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# Portrait of a Hack



Hello, and straight off, may I thank the editor for this opportunity to introduce myself and my work.

Since my partner, Ann, and myself moved to the area some eight years ago, I have tried to use my retirement time by becoming an author of adventure and speculative fiction novels. Some would argue, perhaps, that to start writing books at my age (I'm in my seventies) is, at best, a bit optimistic, and, at worst, downright foolhardy. Stick to short stories – more chance of finishing them!

They've got a point, of course, but I can only reply that nothing can compare with the feeling that comes from seeing something you've created from scratch, come to fruition – no matter what age you are! That, and I'm bloody-minded enough to think that I might do the job reasonably well.

My first two books, 'The Coming (Past Imperfect)' and 'Second Coming (Present Chaotic)' are now in print - the second has just been published. They are parts one and two of a trilogy about a space faring race, called the Eldorans, who are fleeing the destruction of their home planet, and who seek to influence the evolution of another (called Rega) over a period of around two and half thousand years! They are (hopefully) entertaining, sort of science fantasy adventures. Of course, they're set in an alternative universe, but address, I hope, many of the social, religious and political problems we grapple with on earth. I hope you might give them a try!



Both titles are available online in printed or e-book formats from Amazon, Waterstones and Foyles web sites. Published by Olympia Publishers.

Should you decide to take a chance on the scribblings of a (possibly deluded) old – resident – I hope you will enjoy the experience. And should you happen across a shambling old scruff wandering the lanes hereabouts, please be kind – it might be me!

*Colin Wheeler*

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7.0 pm

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# Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council

## Report of meeting held 2 October 2023

**A140 Road Closures due to movement of abnormal load** – please see separate note in this magazine from Suffolk CC Highways regarding road closure dates.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – the Chair of the Working Group Mr Robert Townshend gave a presentation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pre Submission document. Councillors agreed the proposed document and the Plan is now out for consultation for parishioners' comments 16 October – 30 November 2023. Please view the document via the Wetheringsett website at [wetheringsettcumbrockford.onesuffolk.net](http://wetheringsettcumbrockford.onesuffolk.net) and go to Neighbourhood Plan.

**Parish Council Vacancy** – there is still one vacancy remaining following the elections in May this year. Our members are very keen that the vacancy is filled to ensure parishioners are properly represented in the village. Please do consider this important role, parish councils give parishioners the opportunity to express views on local issues at the grassroots level of local government. Meetings are held on the first Monday evening of each month at the Village Hall. Please do get in contact with a councillor or clerk if you think you may be interested – we would be pleased to hear from you.

**Village Hall** – Cllr Harvey reported Wi-Fi connection had been successfully installed at the Village Hall with free Guest access for visitors to the Hall. It is hoped this will enable an internet café to be set up and with access available to hirers of the hall will also increase hirings.

**Proposed Solar Panels: Village Hall** – With a view to making savings on electricity charges at the Hall, Cllr Lingard gave an update on his investigations into the installation of a 16-panel solar system on the eastern section of the south facing hall roof. Installation quotations received estimated the cost to be in the region of £13,000. It is hoped the majority of the funding would be via grants from MSDC, Suffolk CC and Section 106 monies with any addition required from local donations.

**30mph Speed limit: Brockford** – County Cllr Stringer reported that following discussions with County Highways regarding the request to extend the 30mph speed limit at the south and north of Brockford Street, County Highways department had stated it did not see a justifiable need to extend the speed limit zones.

**Village Sign** – following damage to the sign councillors were pleased to hear the sign had been re-instated it having been repaired and repainted. Thanks were recorded for the re-painting work.

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All Saints Church Wetheringsett

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Christmas crafts, when the festival starts.


The church will be open every day throughout  
December from 9.30-4.00pm for you to visit.

We also look forward to welcoming you to  
the Festival and Carol Service  
on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December at 6pm followed by  
mince pies and mulled wine.



# South Hartismere Benefice

## NOVEMBER 2023

<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Wetheringsett	10.30am -12noon	CONNECT
<b>Week 1</b> <b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent</i>	Gislingham Thorndon	10.30am 10.30am	Worship for All Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Stoke Ash	10.45am	Act of Remembrance
<b>Week 2</b> <b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent</i> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	Wetheringsett	<b>10.00am</b>	Worship for All followed by Act of Remembrance in church and village war memorial
	Yaxley	10.30am	Worship for All and Act of Remembrance
	Gislingham	<b>10.50am</b>	Act of Remembrance
	Mellis	<b>10.50am</b>	Act of Remembrance
	Thorndon	<b>10.50am</b>	Act of Remembrance
	Thornham Magna	<b>10.50am</b>	Act of Remembrance followed by Holy Communion
<b>Week 3</b> <b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent</i>	Thornham Parva Thorndon	10.30am 4.00pm	Holy Communion CONNECT
<b>Week 4</b> <b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>Sunday next before Advent</i>	Thornham Magna Wetheringsett	10.30am 10.30am	Worship for All Holy Communion

**Telephone Church BCP Holy Communion is on Thursdays at 11.00am**

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# South Hartismere Benefice

November Newsletter 2023



## Remembrance

We are now entering a month filled with remembrance, starting with All Saints Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, All Souls Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Remember, Remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November (Bonfire Night) then Remembrance Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> followed by Remembrance Sunday on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

A time to think about and reflect on all those special people that are no longer with us. Reflecting on the times we have had with those people is often painful and sad, as that person is not with us anymore, but we do get comfort from our memories of them. All the happy times we spent, the funny things they said or did, things they taught us, special days together, the light they brought into our lives. We especially remember those who lost their lives or have been injured in war. To have a moment of time to be thankful to them, to think about the families that have been left behind to grieve. To light a candle in their memory.

November is a hard month, the trees and gardens are becoming bare as leaves, berries and seeds fall to the ground. The winds get stronger and colder, the frosts come and start killing off plants in the garden. Summer warmth becomes a memory and Spring is a long way off. Birds have flown south for the winter and animals are hibernating. The clocks have just gone back, the days get shorter and shorter as the month goes on. We should also take this as our chance to think about resting at the end of the day, to relax, to reflect, to recuperate. To be still.

Psalm 46 v10 says "Be still and know that I am God."

Being still is one of the hardest things for us to do. Even if we sit down, we are still going through the long list of things we need to do, or haven't done. We just need to give ourselves permission to be still to let go of anything unnecessary - easier said than done, I know.

There are Acts of Remembrance at many of the Churches in the Benefice on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November.

Emma Morris  
Schools and Families Minister

### News from the Parishes:

**Welcome to:** William Blake baptised at Gislingham

**Congratulations:** to Henry Ellis and Megan Cogman;  
Steven Benns and Dawn LeGros on their marriages at Thorndon  
Frederick Vaudrey and Rebecca Hatwell on their marriage at Thornham Magna

### In Loving memory:

Beatrice Farrow (Wetheringsett); Nicholas Barron (Mellis); Janice Barker (Gislingham);  
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### Did you know....?

As it's getting colder now, Warm  
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ies, and in Debenham hot drinks are  
available.



Mid Suffolk

**A family has moved into the house next door and is being a nuisance, yelling late at night over a loud television and leaving bin bags strewn over the front of the house. I don't want to antagonise them in case they become threatening. What can I do?**

Anti social behaviour (ASB) can have a big impact on someone's quality of life, so we can understand how frustrating this situation must be.

You could try to resolve problems by speaking with your neighbour, if it's safe to do so. Explain the effect their behaviour is having and ask them to stop. If the problem continues, keep a record of incidents, which will come in handy if you decide to take the matter further.

If your neighbour has a landlord, you can ask your neighbour's landlord to speak to them on your behalf. If your neighbour lives in social housing, their landlord should have a policy for dealing with antisocial behaviour.

If you've tried everything but the problem persists, ask for an "Anti Social Behaviour Case Review". You can do this by reporting the issue to the council, the police or a social housing provider. It means these agencies have to work together to find a solution, if the ASB meets the threshold. These agencies have powers to deal with ASB, in ways such as:

- Civil injunctions
- Criminal behaviour orders
- Public space protection orders
- Community protection notices
- Dispersal powers
- Closure powers

More information on how ASB case reviews, including how to request a case review, the threshold for it being dealt with and the process for it being dealt with can be found on

[www.gov.uk/guidance/anti-social-behaviour-asb-case-review-also-known-as-the-community-trigger](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/anti-social-behaviour-asb-case-review-also-known-as-the-community-trigger)

If you are not online, or you need more help with this, please get in touch and we can give you more information.

If your neighbour becomes violent, you should call the police on 999.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this issue and much more, including debt, finances, employment, benefits and family/relationships. You can contact them by phone 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](http://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us). Our opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.

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# Notice from Suffolk County Council Highways A140 Closures due to movement of abnormal heavy load

## Sunday 22 October 2023 (Load 1)

6am – Depart Ipswich Docks

The second half of the journey will be reviewed when it reaches Bury Road/Old Norwich Road, Ipswich and will only continue to Eye Airfield if safe to do so. A decision will be made by Suffolk Police based on safety and daylight hours restrictions, as to whether the load stops at Old Ipswich Road, Claydon (bus section south of Hill View Business Park) or continues along A14. If it is deemed unsafe to continue, the second half of the journey will continue on Sunday 29 October 2023. *(Well, it was considered safe and the load finished its journey to Eye airfield. ..Editor)*

If the load movement continues on the following Sunday, the previous route will be followed, via Claydon/Coddenham.

A14 (possible second route) – Should the decision be made to continue along A14, traffic will be managed by Suffolk Police to allow for the loads to travel safely along A14 from Whitehouse (J53) to A140 (J51), leaving and rejoining at Claydon (J52) to allow traffic to flow. The load will travel in the wrong direction and a rolling roadblock will be in place with traffic being held temporarily.

## Sunday 29 October 2023 (Load 2)

6am – Depart Ipswich Docks

## Sunday 5 November 2023 (Load 3)

6am – Depart Ipswich Docks

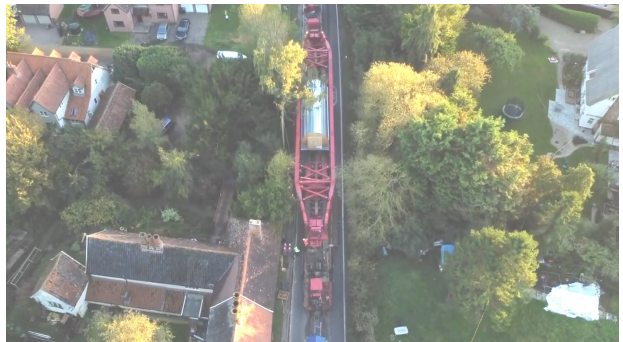
**Other possible move dates** – 19 and 26 November and 3 December 2023.

**The A140 will be closed on 3 of the 6 Sundays detailed above.**

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- Contributions to medical equipment or therapy
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- Community Group assistance

Applications should include a brief outline of your need, the amount applied for and where possible please provide quotes. The Charity may not be able to cover the whole amount as funds need to be divided equally but may be able to make a contribution towards the cost.

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If you need to contact the council on this or other issues: -

contact the Suffolk County Council on [Ipswich · 0345 606 6067](tel:03456066067)

Mid Suffolk District Council on [Ipswich · 0300 123 4000](tel:03001234000) (closed Mondays!)

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## **Steam Railway Day + Vintage & Bygones Fair & Exhibition Sunday 26th November**

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Tickets on sale from 18th October Advanced booking only.

Tickets are available on the day but cannot be pre-booked

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# Stop Press ....Stop raining!



Wetheringsett —  
Friday October 20th 2023

Apart from Aberdeenshire, Mid Suffolk seemed to have caught more rain than anywhere else! Amounts varied but up to two month's worth of it.

But it has happened before, of course! August 1953, the coast was hit but so were we. I remember paddling down the street in Brockford in a rubber dingy; and my father saying to a bus driver who was minded to go through the water, to be careful as there was a car totally submerged in the middle.

The middle of Wetheringsett has been flooded several times to a depth of over 3 feet. A newcomer to Church Close was unable to get house insurance because it was shown to flood

more than once in 100 years. They asked the Parish Council to say this was not true, but the 'more experienced' members of the Council were able to name dates as well as 1953, in the last 50 years. The other notable event, apart from '47 and '63 hard winters, was the storm of Oct 1987.

The road outside the post office was forded by the stream and there are 3 pictures in the Village History showing the wooden walkway where the pavement now runs. I could not find in the History when the road was raised and the water ran underneath. I can remember my father carrying an elderly lady through the flood waters, but it was too deep to see if it was along the pavement or walkway!

But on average, we get the best weather in the country, don't we ?!

Tony Alston 21.10.2023

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Public consultation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the Neighbourhood Plan

Following suspension of the Neighbourhood Plan Examination in May 2023, formal public consultation on the amended Neighbourhood Plan for Wetheringsett cum Brockford begins on **16<sup>th</sup> October** and concludes at midnight on **30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**. Look out for a leaflet through your door which explains how you can comment.

The Wetheringsett Cum Brockford Neighbourhood Plan is a planning policy document written by the community to guide future development in the area.

The Steering Group want to know your views on the draft Plan. Comment on the Plan this autumn.

Read a copy of the draft Plan in the porch of **All Saints Church**.

Or read a copy online  
[www.wetheringsettcumbrockford.onesuffolk.net/neighbourhood-plan-2/](http://www.wetheringsettcumbrockford.onesuffolk.net/neighbourhood-plan-2/)



Consultation closes on 30th November 2023.



After this consultation, the Neighbourhood Plan will be revised and submitted to Mid-Suffolk District Council for examination and local referendum. If voted for by residents of Wetheringsett Cum Brockford, it will become part of the statutory development plan for the area.

## Dementia Connect East & West Suffolk

Provided by Alzheimer's Society in partnership with Suffolk Family Carers

### Service Summary

Dementia Connect is a personalised dementia support service for anyone with dementia, their carers, families, friends, or anyone concerned about their memory. Dementia Connect is free, easy to access and puts you in touch with our expert Dementia Advisers who will provide person-centred support, information and advice. They will offer the support you need from local help to telephone and online advice. Alzheimer's Society will keep in touch with you to make sure you keep getting the support you need. And because it's never easy to tell your story, you'll only ever need to tell it once.

- Face-to-face support: Dementia Advisers in Suffolk will offer pre-assessment and post-diagnosis support to help people with dementia come to terms with their diagnosis and navigate the maze of health and social care services. They will also provide crucial emotional and practical support so that individuals feel empowered to take control of their condition and live well with dementia.
- Telephone support: Dementia Advisers will offer information provision, advice and signposting in a timely manner over the phone. Our regular Keeping in Touch calls ensure that individuals can be easily referred into the face-to-face service if more support is needed.
- Online support: People with dementia or memory concerns, their family and carers will be able to access a range of online support available 24/7. This includes a library of digital information booklets, peer support communities (Talking Point) and a directory of dementia friendly services across Suffolk.
- Alzheimer's Society will deliver the service together with Suffolk Family Carers who will undertake Carers Assessments and Carers Emergency Plans.

### Referrals

Self-referrals into Dementia Connect can be made via telephone, email or our online referral portal for professionals. The Memory Assessment Service and GPs can also refer individuals into the service with their consent.

t: 0333 150 3456

e: [dementiaconnect@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:dementiaconnect@alzheimers.org.uk)

portal: [alzheimers.org.uk/refer](http://alzheimers.org.uk/refer)

### Operational Hours



Telephone support will be available between 9am – 8 pm Monday to Wednesday, 9am – 5pm Thursday to Friday, and 10am – 4pm weekends.



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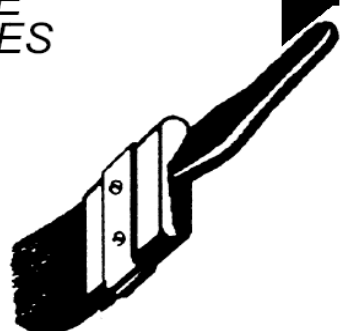
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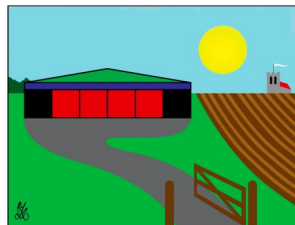
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18<sup>th</sup> November: Provisional activities are Christmas decorations, baubles,  
Christmas cards and candle making

2<sup>nd</sup> December: Christmas wreaths and wood turning

For more details look at our website (details below, see Events and Projects)

Accessibility has now been improved to our composting toilet by a concrete ramp and handrails, funded from our MSDC Councillor's locality budget. Also we have received a grant from Thrive Renewables (who run large wind turbines at Eye) for insulation and heaters in our new extension. As part of their Community Benefit Programme they are running free Energy Essentials Training webinars, which anyone can join:

Wed 25 October, 12-1.15pm: Fuel poverty awareness and basic energy advice

Wed 22 November, 6-7.15pm: Community approaches to tackling fuel poverty

Thurs 18 January, 11am-12.15pm: Energy efficiency in your community building

See [www.cse.org.uk/my-community/community-projects/thrive-renewables-community-benefit-programme](http://www.cse.org.uk/my-community/community-projects/thrive-renewables-community-benefit-programme) for more details and to book.

We now have a "pay as you go" membership option for those who can't come regularly: £10 p.a. plus £1.50 per session. You can join online on the website.

Debenham Shed is at 2 Fields Farm, Low Road (IP14 6BJ). We are open on Monday mornings 9am-12pm, Fridays 10am-5pm and normally the second Saturday morning of each month.

Chairman: Rob Davies 07952 556152 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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