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## Welcome to the February 2024 issue of your Newsletter



February does not bring the best of weather, but this month does have two special days in it,

Shrove Tuesday on 13th —Pancake day, and on 14th, Valentines day - a festival of romantic love. However... St. Valentine's Day is named for a Christian martyr (who was decapitated!), and dates back to the 5th century, but has origins in an ancient Roman festival —Lupercalia, observed annually to avert evil spirits, purify the city, releasing health and fertility. (but was actually something of an orgy!)

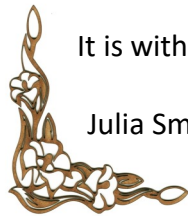
February is the third month of winter, and although we still have time to enjoy the longer evenings indoors, in my books that means we're almost through to Spring! And the very first signs of Spring are already here, the tiny bright yellow aconites, hugging the ground and braving the wintry weather. Soon to be followed by the snowdrops and early daffodils.



*Dog walking today with a chill north-westerly blowing , under a bright, bright blue, cloudless sky .. A beautiful day in Suffolk.*

Enjoy your February

Cally (Editor)



It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of a dear lady of this village.

Julia Smith passed away on 20th January. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

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

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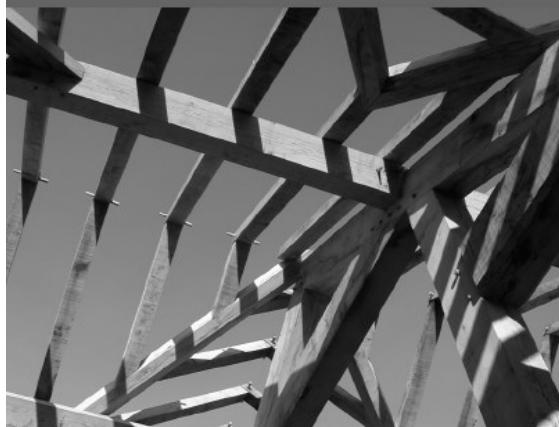


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## Wetheringsett Village Hall Internet Café

The 1<sup>st</sup> Internet Café was held on 10<sup>th</sup> January, which gave the opportunity for some one-on-one advice and also allowed us to explore what topics might be helpful.

It is planned to hold the next event on **6<sup>th</sup> February**, and sessions will run every 2 or 4 weeks on a **Tuesday afternoon**.

Please bring your phone, tablet or laptop, if you have specific questions about your device.

If you would like to attend but are unable to get there let us know and we will see if we can offer a lift.

The Café is being run under the Government's Warm Space Initiative with the objective of helping Wetheringsett residents to bridge the digital divide and navigate the Web safely.

Areas that can be covered include:

- Broadband Suppliers
- Device setup (Phones, Tablets, PCs etc)
- Security (Passwords, cookies, avoiding the scammers etc)
- Internet Banking (Security, how to sign up etc.)
- NHS (NHS App, AskmyGP)
- Applications (Word, Excel etc)
- Email (Outlook, Gmail etc)
- Browsers & Search Engines

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## It's a Dog's Life

Hello everyone.....isn't it chilly!!  
Now obviously as a dog I do have a fairly efficient home grown coat but mum seems to think that as I'm now a senior gent I need a bit more protection....

Anyway a week ago I found myself trotting into a shop I'd not visited before. It was full of delicious smells and dog toys of all description - heaven!! But before I could properly explore, a very nice lady appeared (with a bad of treats!))

Little did I realise these were to act as a distraction because before I could say woof something was over my head and around my tummy! Now I should say that in the past I have strongly resisted wearing a coat, indicating my displeasure by standing stock still and refusing to move.

However I must admit this was very cosy....

Needless to say it was purchased, along with a chew (didn't manage to grab a squeaky toy), and I must say, I do look rather dapper in it and it's lovely and warm.

I'm now thinking maybe... some pyjamas.....??

Woofles of Wetheringsett

### Dates for the Diary

#### February

Tuesday 13th Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

Wednesday 14th Valentine's Day

Monday 19th to

Friday 23rd Half Term

#### March

Thursday 28th Community Lunch (tbc)

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# Community Lunch

Dec. 8th saw our first Community Lunch & Wreath Making event which took place in the village hall in conjunction with the primary school. With a few helpers we collected an array of lovely foliage ready to make our wreaths.

The hall was full as parents also joined the children for lunch, and together with sixteen of us wreath makers, we all enjoyed a lovely lunch provided by the school.

It was a charity day for the children and they all wore Christmas jumpers and had made cakes to sell for their chosen charity. After lunch everyone was entertained with a song by the children.

When children and parents left, we set to making our Christmas wreaths. Many had not made one before so it was great to see so many creations.

It was a lovely afternoon; people catching up and making new friends whilst creating their masterpiece.

We of course stopped for tea and biscuits!

Every one joined in and helped out making this a great event. The picture shows what talent we have in the village plus it was lots of fun.

We discussed having another event around Easter and all were keen to come along again so we aim to do this. Proposed date of

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March (tbc)**

Sue Stannard



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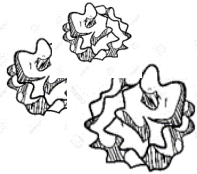
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# SPRING VILLAGE LITTER PICK



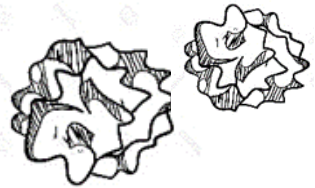
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We hope to see everyone at the village hall at  
10am





**Wetheringsett Manor**

## Wetheringsett Manor School News

Happy New Year from everyone at Wetheringsett Manor. We hope you all had a great Christmas!

Our Christmas dinner and Christmas tree entry went well, with our tree pictured here.



The pupils enjoyed the end of year trip to The Playground Outdoor Assault Course and got stuck right into it. It certainly was very muddy!



This term we have a lot of visits planned, especially for Careers guidance for the pupils.

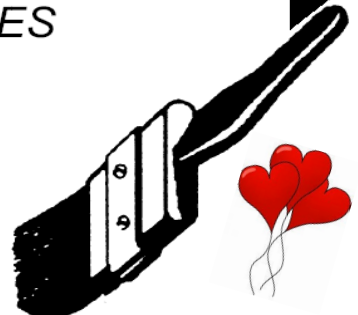
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## **Report of meeting held 8 January 2024**

**Parish Council Vacancies** – There are now two vacancies to be filled by co-option. Our councillors would be very pleased to hear from any parishioner who may be interested in joining the Council. Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month (with exception of a bank holiday), 7pm at the Village Hall. It is important the vacancies are filled to ensure the Council is fully represented. The work of the Parish Council includes recommendations to the District Council on planning applications, managing the finances of the council, monitoring highways, footpaths, trees, play equipment and generally being interested in the wellbeing of the village and its community. Please do let a councillor or the clerk know if you would like further information or would be interested in joining, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Following his retirement from the Council, councillors recorded their thanks to Cllr Charles Harvey for his work on behalf of the village and community, particularly in relation to the VAS speed equipment, during his many years as a councillor, this has been much appreciated.

**Storm Babet and flooding** – the flooding issues sadly experienced by some parishioners are still ongoing. Our councillors reiterated the importance of all residents affected by flooding to register this on the Suffolk CC website in order to qualify for any government grants that should be forthcoming shortly. In the meantime County Cllr Stringer stated Suffolk CC would be issuing an infrastructure report on future improvements and a joint Suffolk CC, Environment Agency and MSDC meeting to discuss flooding will be held on 26 January 2024 (sessions at 1pm and 5pm) at Debenham Leisure Centre – Although the meeting will primarily discuss issues relating to the River Deben surrounding parishioners are very welcome to attend to raise concerns from surrounding villages. In the meantime the Parish Council is progressing review of its Emergency Plan and in particular setting up a Flood Emergency Working Group and one of the first tasks of the group will be to organise some ditch clearance where possible.

**Spring Litter Pick** – a date of Sunday 7 April 2024 has been agreed for a community litter pick. Volunteers to help on the day would be much appreciated. Equipment will be provided, ie high viz vests, litter pickers and black bin bags. Meet at the Wetheringsett Village Hall at 9.45am for a 10am start.

**Date of next meetings: Monday 5 February 2024, Monday 4 March 2024, Monday 8 April 2024. All meetings start at 7pm at the Village Hall, Wetheringsett. ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND**



# South Hartismere Benefice

## FEBRUARY 2024

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</i>	Gislingham Thorndon	10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Worship for All
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>The Sunday next before Lent</i>	Mellis Stoke Ash Thorndon	10.30am 10.30am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Worship for All CONNECT
<b>Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	✠ Wetheringsett	7.00pm	Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	Thornham Parva Gislingham Thorndon	8.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion BCP Worship for All Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	Thornham Magna Wetheringsett Yaxley	10.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Worship for All Holy Communion Holy Communion

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### *Quote for the month*

*I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something.  
And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something  
that I can do.*

*Edward Everett Hale*





As I write I am in a reflective mood. Today is 8<sup>th</sup> December, a day that lives long in my memory. On that day in 1978, as a 10-year-old, I had insisted on walking home from school rather than being driven home by my mother. It was only when I regained consciousness some weeks later and being aware that I was in a hospital bed, with impaired vision, a thumping headache and my leg in plaster that I realised that something had not quite gone to plan.

I had been hit by a speeding pickup truck whilst crossing the road with the "lollipop" lady. The events of the day had put my parents through turmoil, and for a short time they had not known whether I was dead or alive. If it were not for the actions of a passing stranger, who removed my face from a puddle whilst others stood paralysed with fear, not knowing whether to move my motionless body, then maybe I would not be here to tell this story. I still carry his letter that he wrote to my parents wishing me well.

Then came the repercussions from my mother. Why had I insisted on walking home? Why hadn't the driver seen me? Why had he been driving so fast? And then my mother's guilt, that she had given me a choice and despite her reservations, she had allowed me to exercise free will, even if this was against her better judgement. In all this, she never stopped loving me or left her bedside vigil.

As I write, I am dealing with the aftermath of storm Babet. Fortunately, as distressing as it is to lose personal possessions and suffer property damage, there was no loss of life. Naturally there is some anger about how and why this flooding has happened, and who is to blame and was there more that could have been done to clear blocked drains and ditches. A while ago such events would have been called an "act of God", such as the 1953 floods, the 1987 hurricane and now the 2023 Storm Babet.

Perhaps it is only natural to question God, after all on the cross, had Jesus not questioned God when he exclaimed "My God my God, *why* have you abandoned me?". So, do we too ask why God allows such things to happen, do we question our faith, or help those who chose to blame a God they do not believe exists?

As I continue to reflect, I turn things round in my mind and if my mother were alive today, perhaps I would ask her about the events of 1978; why did the stranger stop and save me when others stood by? Why did I make a full recovery with no lasting disabilities (although some of course some would question what a large bang on the head has done to my personality!) and perhaps, most importantly why did I not die, as the chances of surviving an impact with a truck travelling 40 mph are just 15%?

Coming back to storm Babet, perhaps it is an "act of mankind" and we are responsible for the events which are unfolding before us, more than just blocked drains and ditches, so some may say where is the relevance of God in all this? I believe that God allows us to believe or not believe, the freedom to choose and the freewill to effectively do as we please and go the way of our choosing, despite the disastrous consequences that follow. He loves us and will not abandon us, so in addition to the letter of 1978, I also carry the bible, as I believe in the goodness of mankind and also in God's love and mercy – I still have far more to thank Him for than many will ever know.

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Mid Suffolk

**I've built up a bit of debt and I am panicking. Even though I cut back, Christmas was expensive, my rent has gone up and my paycheque just doesn't stretch as far as it used to. I'm doing everything I can but it's not enough - what can I do?**

First of all it's important to know you're not alone in finding things difficult and, crucially, there's support available.

You say you've built up a bit of debt. The first step is to collect all the information you have about your debts. This might include contracts, bills and statements.

Next, make a list of your debts and write down the details of each. This could include whom you owe the money to (this person/company is your 'creditor'); when you first missed a payment; and how much you now owe. You'll also need to make a note of your account or reference number and what steps the creditor has taken to get the money back, eg. sending you letters.

It might feel overwhelming when you see all of your debts written down - but try not to worry, the important thing is that you're sorting them out.

If you're behind on household bills, prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first. Not paying these bills has the most serious consequences. You should speak to the person or company you owe money to, to see if there are any manageable steps you can take to start reducing your debt.

Once you've got these debts under control, you should look at any other debts like credit card or store card debts, payday loans or missed Buy Now Pay Later payments. While you're looking at the money going out, do remember to consider money that could be coming in. It's always worth checking if there are any benefits that you're eligible for, including support with your energy costs and living costs.

There's a benefits calculator, advice on how to reduce living costs and information on other ways to increase your income on the National Citizens Advice website at [citizensadvice.org.uk](http://citizensadvice.org.uk)

There's also emergency support that you may be able to access locally, such as a food bank, local welfare support or fuel vouchers. We know that times are incredibly tough but please remember, you don't have to face this alone.

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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**Colchester trip**



Sycamore class learnt about Roman's at Colchester castle and Lime class explored toys and schools from Victorian times



**Reading cafe**

What a success! Thank you to everyone who attended. It was lovely to see so many of you there and it was our busiest cafe yet. Some of the comments we received were:

"Really enjoyed it, so important that reading is done at home and so glad the school does events like this"

"Excellent! My favourite cafe so far."

"A really wonderful experience to be able to share some lovely books with [my child]. Thank you for such a calm end to the school day"

"Oh boy what a lovely hour. Such a treat to be involved"

**Community Christmas lunch**

We had such a fantastic turn out for the community lunch and everyone enjoyed themselves. It was fantastic to have people from the local community join us for lunch and it was lovely to hear their positive views and they all expressed how grateful and what a wonderful time they had.

## Pantomime

It was a delight taking the whole school to the panto. The children were so well behaved and they made us all proud. It was so lovely when we had members of the public speaking to members of staff saying how well the children behaved and how they made their own experience even better.

## Christmas performance

We are so proud of all the children! Early years and KS1 did a fantastic Nativity performance. A big congratulations to Phoebe for reading so clearly and beautifully as the narrator. Such confidence shown for her age. Ks2 performed Rudolph the red nose reindeer using their instruments. The children have been learning to play the baritone and, cornets horn.



Happy New Year!

Mrs Sheeran

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# Hoppy

An account by Colin Wheeler

Ours was what you would call a 'quirky' cottage. Small, two bedrooms, creaky stairs and every room the wrong shape and in just the wrong place. Like the proverbial Marmite – either love it or loathe it, but you can't ignore it! No front garden - the door opened onto the street. The back garden was a postage stamp – walled on all sides, paved, with raised borders doing little more than pay lip service to the idea of gardening. But it had one great feature. It was a real sun trap, and Annie had kept the old wooden garden bench she'd bought along with the house.

You could sit on that bench, drinking in the sun and the soft breeze, and let your imagination run riot. The big wooden workshop in the corner of the yard didn't detract from the peace and detachment this place offered. Ivy covered a lot of the garden wall, thick in places, and even thicker where it was wedded to the huge, lively, winter flowering jasmine - the only other thing, apart from the confounded wind flowers, that thrived in this tiny ecosystem. Imagine my surprise, then, while sitting out there contemplating nothing in particular, when I heard and felt, rather than saw, an object land noisily right beside me on the seat. Out of the blue! One minute I was alone, the next I was staring at a small, feathery bundle, whose eyes reflected terror, that was staring right back at me.

Naively, I expected the thing to squawk or scream or something, then fly off in anger. Though why it might be angry, I had no idea. It had invaded my space, not the other way round. Anyway, momentarily we both just stared, but as the time wore on, I noticed that it wasn't anger I saw in its eyes, but pain and panic. And as I looked, I noticed that its feathers were torn. One wing looked to be only half tucked in and at a bit of an odd angle. Only then did I begin to think that this bird had not so much flown in, as dropped in, to my domain.

Now, I'm not a wildlife 'buff', and no expert, but I recognised my unwilling companion as a male blackbird, and I felt pity for its unfortunate state. There were traces of blood on its plumage and obviously the poor thing, badly mauled, had been in a scrap. I didn't realise how serious its injuries were until it tried to stand – and failed, because fully half of one leg was missing, and a drop of blood eased from the stump! No wonder it was frightened – exhausted, and in great pain, it had managed to flee the battle, only to land next to a scary, homicidal giant!

As it sat there in its misery, fatalistically accepting the certainty of its own death, my heart went out to it. Rising slowly from the seat, I went in through the back door, calling to Annie as I went. She came and stood by my side, both looking out at the pathetic sight. Without further ado, she grabbed a small, shallow dish and the bag of wild bird food which, fortuitously, we'd begun scattering regularly for the gang of sparrows that had hijacked our back yard. Another dish provided some water and she slowly took both out into the yard towards the bench. We both expected him to object, fly off or whatever, but he just stared suspiciously at this new giant that was approaching.

Truthfully, at that time, it was probably all he could do.

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## Dealing with energy debt:

Supplier grants - many energy suppliers have grants to reduce or clear debt if you meet their criteria. Speak to your energy supplier to see what help you can get.

Citizens Advice - offers advice for energy, debt and more. They can support you to create a budget, negotiate with your supplier and boost your income.

Benefit entitlement – payments such as Warm Homes Discount, Cold Weather Payments, and extra Winter Fuel Payments can add up to hundreds of pounds to help you pay your energy bills – but you'll need to be claiming certain benefits to get them. Benefit checks can be done online at [www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators](http://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators), or by contacting your local Citizens Advice.

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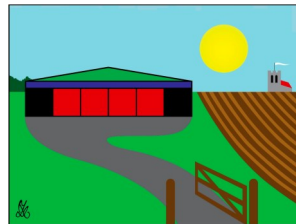
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**10 February: Fairy Houses (jam jars, clay and lights)**

9 March: Glass fusion workshop



**13 April: Sewing machine workshop and making planters**

11 May: Pompom garlands and weaving in the barn

**8 June: Mexican tin lanterns and T-shirt design**

13 July: Dance workshop and pottery

**10 August: Food smoking and eating, willow weaving**

14 September: Shed Coffee Morning

**12 October: Pumpkin Craft and Autumn Chandeliers**

9 November: Christmas Crafts

**December: TBA**

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

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