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## Welcome to the February issue of your newsletter

Time to look forward.....

February is the third month of winter, and in my books that means we're almost through to

Spring! Although we still have time to enjoy the longer evenings indoors. Also this month, the not-to-be-missed village panto 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz'.

Then, of course, there's Valentines' Day— celebrated on February 14, it's 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!)

On January 25th the Chinese celebrated their New Year — 2020 is the Year of the Rat. So, Happy New Year to everyone and enjoy your Valentines' Day



Cally (Editor)

*Thank  
you*

### Newsletter Distribution

Many thanks to John Leadbetter who has delivered the newsletter in the centre of Wetheringsett for many years.

John is now "retiring" from his round so **we are looking for someone to take this on.** It is a large round and covers All Saints Close, Cedars Hill and Church Street, so it could be split in the future if that were easier.

If you think you might be able to help please contact Sue or Eddie Payne, 01449 767794

## Wetheringsett Village Hall ...



On 10th January all residents were invited to attend a Cheese & Wine evening at the village hall to discuss options for its future. The Neighbourhood Plan and recent village survey were also discussed.

There was excellent input from Alan Wilkinson (KLH Architects), who outlined three main options for building work on the hall. It was stressed that these were not final plans from which to choose, but provided informed detailed frameworks so that a decision could be made on the way forward. The fourth option was for the village to relinquish responsibility for the hall, passing it back to the diocese. Near the conclusion of the evening a vote was taken. A report of the meeting with results of the vote is on the page opposite.

### ***Your support is needed!***

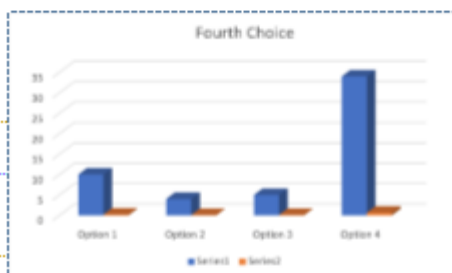
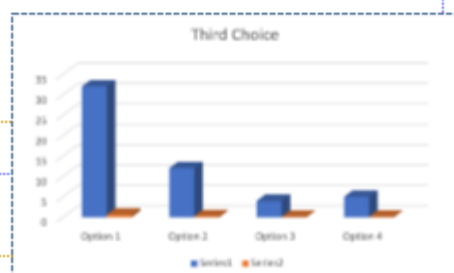
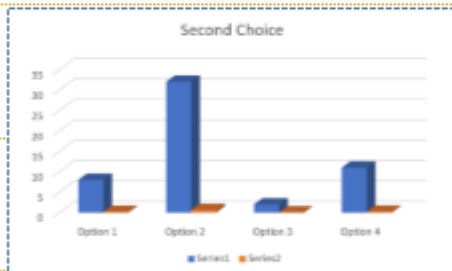


***If we want an improved facility in the future we need to make full use of the hall now — in order to justify applications for any grants towards building costs***



## Village Hall Meeting – 10th January 2020

I'd like to thank everyone who attended this meeting and in particular those that helped prepare it on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, and for your comments and input, all very useful. I'm sure you'd like to know the result and it was an overwhelming vote for a new hall. The full results are below:



Now the hard work must begin.

Having learnt from my experience with the Fete and more recent Social Committee it's my firm belief that the hall needs a single committee made up of at around 8 members and a chairman. That way if 2 or 3 can't make a meeting, it can still be productive.

I've had a few offers of help for the Committee, but we do need some more, so please do contact me, or the Parish Clerk (Lynne Cockerton) – details in this newsletter.

The vote was the easy part, now is the hard part – Get The Hall Built! As most of you voted for a new hall, now is the time to put your money where your mouth is and get involved in this project! Thank you again for your input and I look forward to this project being a success.

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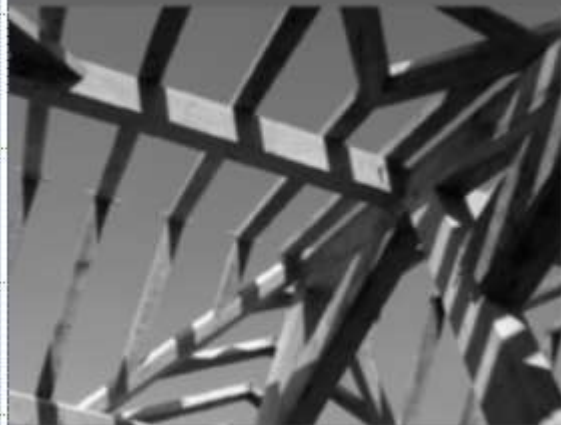
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On behalf of Wetheringsett Parochial Church Council, I should like to express my thanks for the decorated Christmas Trees that businesses, the school and members of the community contribut-

ed to our recent Festival. We appreciated all the work and time involved in helping us make this a successful event.

We had a wonderful response, considering this was the first time we had held such an event, and feedback has been very positive.

We also hope you were able to come along to the evening sing-a-long with the Brass Band and enjoyed the friendly welcome and festive atmosphere. Watch this space for a repeat in 2020!

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Blessings

Ken Goudy

Churchwarden



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OVER £2,000 RAISED FOR LOCAL CHILDRENS CHARITIES

Once again, many thanks to all those in Debenham, Stradbroke and Eye who turned out to greet Santa Claus, and who gave so generously. The result was a record – we raised more than ever before in those 3 locations, so much so that the club decided to add a little more from its own reserves, to round it up to £2,000, to be donated to Suffolk Family Carers and Eye Opportunity Group.

*Later in the year, we'll invite both charities to visit the club, tell us what they're doing at the moment, and hand over the funds for them to continue their good work.*



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> January, many members and friends shook off the Christmas cobwebs by taking part in our annual New Year Walk, this year around Dunwich, lunching at The Ship. *We try to do 2 or 3 short walks a year – do you have any suggestions?*



Our annual trip to see Easter Angles Christmas production was unfortunately cancelled (due to a burst water main in Woodbridge), but our Burns Night celebration at The Old Mill House was good fun – even though none of us has any direct connection to Scotland...



... except perhaps our President, John, who has a great liking for one of Scotland's best exports, and by the time you read this will have hosted another Whisk(e)y tasting event on the 7<sup>th</sup> February at Kingfisher's restaurant, Creetingham Golf Club.



ROTARY IN ACTION – THE AUSTRALIAN BUSH FIRES

We have all seen the pictures of the disastrous fires that have erupted in Australia, taking lives as well as destroying hundreds of homes and properties across Australia. Of course, we're all very supportive of the Fire Service who have to deal with the immediate problem, but what happens afterwards?

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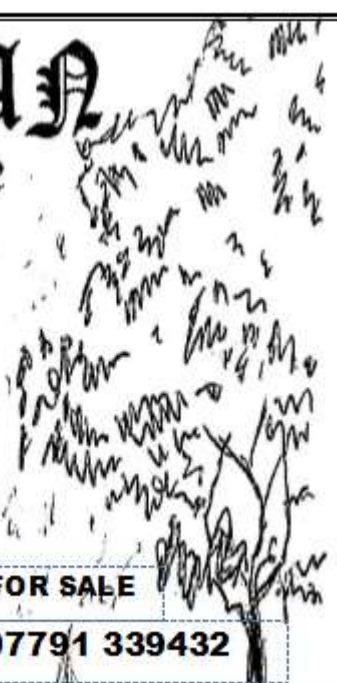
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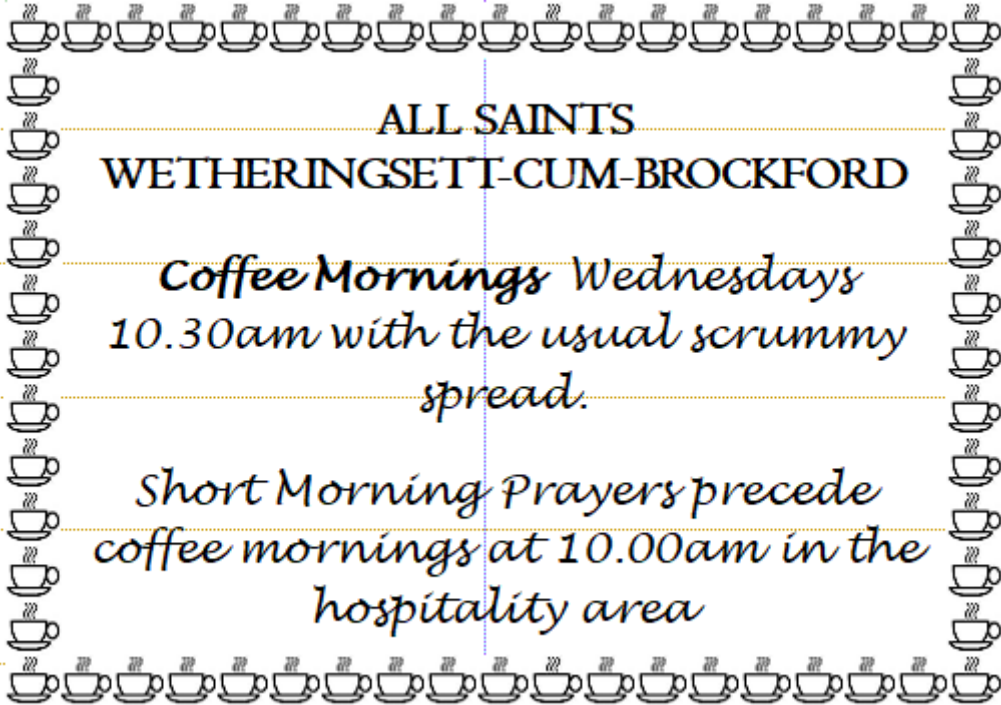
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**Fourth Sunday**            9.15am  
Cafe Church at Thorndon Church



## South Hartismere Benefice Worship Rota – February 2020

Every week we can gather to worship together at the following services

### MORNING SERVICES

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</i>	Wetheringsett	9.00am	CW Holy Communion
	Thorndon	9.15am	Café Communion
	Gislingham	10.30am	CW Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</i>	Stoke Ash	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	Thorndon	10.30am	Morning Worship
	Thornham Parva	10.30am	CW Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</i>	Gislingham	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion
	Yaxley	10.30am	CW Holy Communion
	Wetheringsett	10.30am	Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>The Sunday next before Lent</i>	Thornham Magna	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion
	Thorndon	9.15am	Café Church
	Yaxley	10.30am	Morning Worship
	Mellis	10.30am	CW Holy Communion

### EVENING SERVICES

Gislingham Songs of Praise, Thorndon Come and Sing will return in March

<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Thornham Parva	✝	7.00pm	CW Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
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### CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES

<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Thorndon	4.00pm	Messy Church 
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Thorndon	4.30pm	Pizza 'n' Prayer 
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	The Limes	11.15am	Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Yaxley House	11.00am	Holy Communion

*BCP = Book of Common Prayer – said service*

*CW = Common Worship – with hymns*

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**Pancakes and Posies**



It seems that as soon as Christmas Day is over the shops and supermarkets are gearing up for the next round of celebrations!

It is now possible to buy Cadbury's cream eggs on Boxing Day, and it won't be long before red roses, heart shaped chocolates and Valentines cards will be filling the shelves in readiness for **Valentine's Day**.

These are quickly replaced by flour, eggs, lemons and pancake syrup to remind us that **Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday)** will soon be upon us.

In March there will be a profusion of flowers, cards and gifts for **Mother's Day**, also known as **Mothering Sunday**. Then it's hot cross buns and Easter eggs!

I am always struck by how closely these important and familiar celebrations are linked to the church seasons, festivals and Saints days, and the common theme that runs through all of them is love.

St Valentine was a priest who was martyred in Rome in the third century. He is the saint we usually associate with love, representing God - who blesses those who love one another, and Jesus - who invites us to 'love one another as I have loved you.'

'God so loved the world that he gave his only son', and Mothering Sunday celebrates the angel announcing to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus. It is a day when the church honours all those who show compassion and nurture of others.

The pancakes we make on Shrove Tuesday take us through the story of Lent and Easter when we recall the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, and his journey to the cross. It also points us to the amazing celebration of his resurrection on that first Easter morning. In our churches we celebrate with Easter egg hunts and craft activities, we light candles, let off party poppers, and even break open the bubbly!

These special days that make up the cycle of the seasons are part of an ongoing story of God's love for us. In the months ahead, come with us and journey beyond the stable to find out more about what that might mean for you. You can find out about special events and services from the village magazines, A Church Near You, and our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SouthHartismereChurches/>

Blessings, *Julia*

**From the Parishes:**

In loving memory of: Lena Marshall, Mellis; Sheila Draper, Stoke Ash;  
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**Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council**  
**Report on meeting held 6 January 2020**

**Police report** – members noted the monthly online police report and noted there had been two recent local burglaries. Residents were encouraged to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity in the area to the local police via the 101 telephone number or in an emergency 999.

**Trees** – Cllr Mrs Aldred was pleased to report the allocated supply of young trees via the Suffolk Tree Warden Scheme had been received and the majority distributed. There would be a further supply next autumn but it was understood that would be the last year they would be available for the time being.

**Taylor Wimpey planning application for 295 homes – Debenham** – copy of a leaflet circulated to Debenham residents plus a covering email had been received by some Wetherup Street residents. The email asked that Wetheringsett Parish Council supported the objections to the proposed outline application. Whilst concerns were raised over the possible impact of increased traffic from the development travelling through Wetheringsett and Wetherup Street, members did not feel able to comment at this stage – there being no name to the leaflet or email. The item was also not an agenda item.

**Spring Litter Pick** – notification had been received from MSDC Waste Services inviting parishes to become involved in the Mid Suffolk Annual Litter Pick – this would be taking place between 20 March - 13 April. Details would be forwarded to the Wetheringsett litter pick co-ordinator and a date for the community litter pick published when known.

**Footpaths/Public Rights of Way** – just a reminder to parishioners that any issues relating to footpaths, such as overgrown hedges/weeds/brambles obstructing a right of way or missing signs etc, can be reported direct to the County Council via its website reporting tool. This can be found at [Suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way) then go to *Report a public rights of way issue*. Similarly potholes or any highway issues can be reported at the same site but go to *Report a highway issue*. The fault will need to be marked on the map provided on the website and the address also provided but it is a very simple and easy process to follow.

**Date of next meetings: (held in the Village Hall)**

**Monday 3 February 2020, 7.30pm and Monday 2 March 2020, 7.30pm**

**ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND**

**And to take part in the meeting during the public session**

## A Brief History of the Village Hall

*This Text is taken from the Second Edition of the Village History, Chapter 19, Management and Amenities; P144-147 - edited.*

**In 1920** £60 was raised and a WW1 Army Drill Hall was purchased from Ipswich; moved and opened on 28 March 1921. Within a year an extension was planned and the roof tinned over the felt.

**1926** Men's toilets were added. It is not known when ladies were afforded such privilege!

**By 1930** the Hall was used a lot and the caretaker's remuneration was increased to 7/6 a week.

**1937** Heating was always a problem and two fireplaces and chimneys were built. These have gone, although the bases are still there.

**1939** The Hall was used by the Army which was based at the Manor, except on Wednesdays when the Home Guard used it. ( I query this as my Father was a Captain in Dad's Army and he said they met out side the King's Head in Mendlesham at 5.50pm and went inside at 6pm; except the man on duty at the top of the church tower who had to look out for the German invasion!)

**1947** Major repairs to the roof; the asbestos one with which we are now blessed.

**1951** The ladies' toilet needed improvement: by **1959** the bucket was replaced by a flush toilet and in **1969** a handbasin added.

**1982** approx., the weatherboard was netted over and plastered, and the toilet block added.

*Although the Hall is run by its own committee, it is under the control of the Parish Council which has to fund its never ending repairs.*

*Older Councillors will confirm that for 30 years we have been saying:  
It will do one more year.                      One year it won't.*

Tony Alston

I would like to know where the Ladies' bucket was situated! (Editor)



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**You: "Is that you or the wine talking?"**

**Me: "It's me talking to the wine."**





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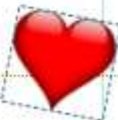


If you were a triangle you'd be acute one.

What did one mushroom say to the other on Valentine's Day?  
There's so mushroom in my heart for you!

What's the difference between a £10 steak and a £30 steak?  
February 14th

What did the rabbit say to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day?  
Somebunny loves you!





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## *Snippets from the Village History*

### *Parish Council Minutes: 1894 - 1954*

Parish Council meetings were mainly held in the School Room in the evening, and on occasions were also held in the Mission Room in Wetherup and in the Rectory. Here are some further excerpts:

#### **August 1941**

A special meeting ... the Parish Council decided to appoint themselves as the Invasion Committee with the addition of the following names:

Mr Fred Lacey	A.R.P. Representative
Mrs Hurrell	First Aid
The Rector	H.G. (Home Guard) Representative
Mr Stoke Vaughan	..... with powers to co-op if necessary

#### **February 1945**

... Hartismere R.D.C. proposing in the Post War period .... Plans to provide the village with a piped water supply with the source of supply at Pitmans Corner ... urged the R.D.C. not to proceed with a stand pipe scheme but to connect to houses direct.

The Clerk reported that in the 4 Post War years, Hartismere R.D.C. proposed to erect 18 houses in the parish of Wetheringsett and that the land required amounted to 3 acres.

#### **March 1946**

... a letter of thanks from the Commanding Officer of USAAF Station 156 to the Town Council of Brockford for hospitality shown to officers and men of Station 156 at Mendlesham.\*

... the number of houses to be built in the 1st Post War period was 6, and that developments in the provision of water were temporarily held up over the question of the site of the main supply, but there were good prospects of the scheme materialising by 1951.

*Taken from 'A Village History of Wetheringsett cum Brockford' compiled and first published 1981. The above extracts were added (by Maureen Withey), to the edition published in 2002*

\*Make of that what you will! Editor

*More to follow in next issue*

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### February

Friday 7th Panto at the Village Hall details on p. 5

Saturday 8th Panto at the Village Hall details on p. 5

Friday 14th Valentines Day

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