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### Welcome to the March issue of your newsletter

As I write this the daffodils are already starting to flower. Let's hope we have finished with the



strong 'March' winds and the heavy rainfall that has caused so much misery with flooding in parts of the country, and look forward to Spring. The Vernal Equinox heralds the 'official' start of Spring on March 20th.

In the newsletter this month we have a new section—'Residents'



Viewpoints'. (See p.12) This is where you can air your views, or send in anything you feel is of interest including, (but not exclusively), your memories or old photos of the village.

Newsletter late? If this issue pops through your door late this month please accept my apologies. I have had a spell of ill-health (all better now) that meant a very late delivery to the printer.

Enjoy March!

Cally (Editor)

Dates for the Diary

Every Wednesday—Community Roast Lunch at the school (see p.27)

March

Sunday 1st St David's Day

Monday 2nd Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Thursday 5th Meeting for parents and Friends of the school 5:30pm

Sunday 8th Orchards East workshop (see p.20) Sunday 14th Orchards East workshop (see p.20)

Wed 17th St Patrick's day Sunday 22nd Mothering Sunday

Friday 22nd Film Night at Debenham Library (see p.5)

Sunday 29th British Summer Time starts.

### Wetheringsett Village Hall ...



On Saturday On 10th January all residents were invited to attend a Cheese & Wine evening at the village hall to discuss options for the future of the hall. The result was an overwhelming vote to build a new hall. We are looking to put together a single committee to manage this project. In the meantime it would be great to give the hall a quick spruce-up as the Government has just launched a fund specifically aimed at giving village halls a facelift, so if we act quickly, we may well be able to get some money for improvements. Not least, this would encourage greater usage of the hall—essential in helping the village to make successful bids for planning and gaining any available grants.



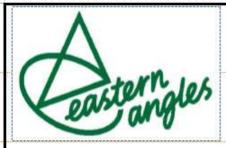
### Your support is needed!

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



### Wetheringsett Village Hall ... Stop Press!

There is a meeting planned for Monday 2nd March. We can report on the outcome of this in the April issue



## **Spring Tour**

### 2020

Coming to the Village Hall on

Saturday May 2nd with the play entitled 'Red Skies'

The play features two of Suffolk's most famous residents — George Orwell, who took his name from the River Orwell, and Arthur Ransome, who was resident on it. The play poses the question - what would have happened if these two people had met? It starts in Southwold Harbour just before the outbreak of war



when Orwell's father was dying and Ransome, with his wife Evgenia, were sailing out of Pin Mill. In 1944 Orwell is about to write 'Animal Farm' and is intrigued that Ransome is married to the former secretary of Russia's revolutionary leader, Trotsky. With Orwell's suspicion of spies and Ransome's inability to explain how they got out of Russia after the revolution, sparks could fly! The play follows their two stories over 20 years when all three are in search of answers, both political and personal.

Tickets are £10 available from 01449 766670

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John Leadbetter.

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whistle blower
Katharine Gun (Keira
Knightley), a British
intelligence specialist
whose job involves
routine handling of



classified information. Unable to stand by and watch the world be rushed into an illegal war, Gun makes the gut-wrenching decision to defy her government and leak the memo to the press, exposing illegal efforts to blackmail UN diplomats tasked to vote on the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Charged with breaking the Official Secrets Act, and facing imprisonment, Katharine and her lawyers set out to defend her actions. With her life, liberty and marriage threatened, she must stand up for what she believes in...

Director: Gavin Hood. With Matthew Goode and Ralph Fiennes.

Trailer and information at www.imdb.com

Showing the Blu-ray version on our big screen in the School Hall—see a preview of what it's like at <a href="https://www.vimeo.com/257346991">www.vimeo.com/257346991</a>. There will also be trailers for our future films. Book early to avoid disappointment! Bring a cushion for comfort if needed

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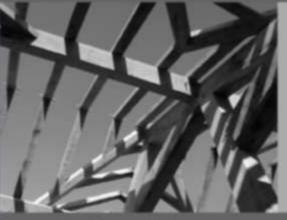
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# News @ WetheringsettCofEPrimary

Scaffolding was around the School house last half term to repair guttering and brickwork. Since the two big 'Christmas trees' were removed in the garden the house is more visible and it is a lovely old building that has come alive since the pre-school have moved in.

The first half-term in Spring term is very much a working term as pupils settle back into routines following the excitement of the Christmas holidays. We still found time though for exciting lessons. Naturally the one that particularly sparked the pupils' interests was the one of e-safety. We have left some good tips on the front page of our website for parents and grandparents who may be setting up new digital devices and want to make sure they are internet safe for children.

The 2nd half term will be busy with workshops and school visits planned for different groups. These will provide enrichment opportunities in Science and Computing. We will also be keen to hear how our entries fared in the BBC Radio 2 500 words competition.

Since joining the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi Academy Trust (DMAT for short) we have had invitations to take part in events for pupils and training for staff that have been



of great benefit to the school. Through this support we are also now able to add to our library stock, purchase new phonic resources and small maths apparatus. We will be hosting a meeting for parents and friends of the school in March where governors will be setting out their vision for the school as a church school based around the parable of The Mustard Seed, the smallest of seeds but from which a mighty tree grew!

Mrs Hookway, Headteacher

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### ROTARY - SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S CHARITIES

Suffolk Family Carers and the Eye Opportunity each presented with £1000.

On 26 February representatives of these two children's charities came to our meeting at The Old Mill House Saxtead and spoke to members about how our donation, raised with the help of local communities, will help the children they work hard to support.





#### £500 donated to Hope and Homes for Children, a British registered

charity operating and working with children, their families and communities in Central and Eastern Europe and Africa. The charity moves children out of institutions into family-based care, helps keep together families who are at risk of breakdown due to the pressures of poverty, disease or conflict and works to prevent child abandonment.

#### MORE ROTARY DONATIONS MADE

Family newsagents Websters in Debenham kindly donate £250 to Rotary

Members decided to put the £250 raised by Websters together with other funds raised and donate it to buy a ShelterBox costing approximately £600.

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity providing emergency shelter and other aid items to families who have lost their homes to disaster or conflict.

Lighthouse £500 donated when Deb Johnson visited the club on 19 February. Their mission is to support and empower women, young people and children affected by domestic abuse or violence. Their aim is to do this by raising awareness, providing a safe, supportive environment and by developing and implementing preventative and therapeutic services.

Whisk(e)y tasting - The proceeds from this event, held on 7th February at Kingfisher's restaurant, Cretingham Golf Club are to be donated to Rotary supported charities.

#### COMING SOON TO A PUB OR VENUE NEAR YOU ....

A Giant Easter Egg Raffle - Buy a square or more for £1 and cross your fingers that your square comes up when the raffle is drawn - a 1 in a 100 chance - pretty good odds! Look out for our raffle boards. We are donating the money raised from this year's Easter raffle to Medical detection dogs, their work detecting diseases and warning of oncoming crises is much needed, the potential to save and change lives is enormous! www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk

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### Residents' Viewpoint

### Vandalism at Blacksmiths Green!!

Not far from where I live, on a wide verge is an old apple tree and grow-

ing on it, just above head level, was a big bunch of mistletoe. But when I walked by in early February, someone had sawn through the branch holding the mistletoe and it was laying on the ground under the tree. Who? and Why? are my guestions. The mistletoe was doing no harm, why would anyone bother to take a saw to it?



S.C..... A nature lover

### Please send any comments you wish to share or air to wetheringsettnews@gmail.com

All viewpoints are respected although publication is at the Editor's discretion. Defamatory statements or content that negatively refers to others will not be published.

Sunday 29th March



British Summer Time



1 hour

# Curtains Up

### THANKYOU - THANKYOU - THANKYOU

### FROM ALL THE CAST AND CREW OF CURTAINS UP

to entertain our audiences.

We had a great time performing The Wizard of Oz and it was great to see so many of you supporting us again as none of what we do would be complete without our audience.

We are so proud of how far we have come over the years and continue to try improve and bring in new and different things

As always the commitment and hard work by all involved is shared by everyone. There are so many roles to fill to make our productions come together be it; back stage, props, refreshments, front of house, costumes, scenery, music and lighting, admin, box office, through to directors/producers .....phew !!! (Let's not forget the actors!)

It is truly a team effort. We have again been so lucky to continue as a group and have an age range across the board, which we love.

So thanks to everyone who helped in any way. We are truly grateful to all of you who continue to support us.

We all thank you.

It is rest time for us all but I am sure the talks will soon begin for next years' performance

"Oh, Yes it Will!"



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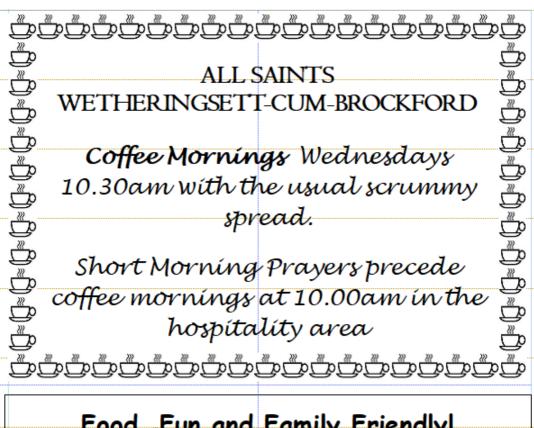
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Second Sunday	4 - 5.00pm
Messy Church at T	horndon Church

4.30 - 6.00pm Third Saturday Pizza'n'Prayer at Thorndon Church for children 9+

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

### **South Hartismere Benefice**



March Newsletter

### Journeying with Jesus

Last month we thought about some important celebrations such as Valentine's Day and Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday). During March we celebrate St David's Day, St Patrick's Day and, also Mothering Sunday on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

In the life of the church, this month also marks the season of Lent,

when we journey with Jesus to the cross.

Last year I visited the Holy Land for the first time, and literally followed in the footsteps of Jesus as I visited important sites that told the story of his life, death and resurrection. I travelled 6248 air miles, trod 72,248 footsteps where Jesus walked, climbed to the highest point, Mt Tabor 575m and swam (or rather, floated!) in the lowest point - the Dead Sea. I worshipped at 27 churches and holy sites, exchanged lots of smiles and greetings with people of different countries, faiths and cultures, and cried more tears than I can count.

It was a wonderful experience, and it brought the bible stories vividly to life for me:

To be in his presence
To walk where he walked
To hear the distant echo of his voice
and speak his words of love

To breathe the air he breathed
To be under the same sky as him
To watch the same sunrise and sunset
and stand on the shore that lapped at his feet
To see his face in the faces of those we meet

To see his face in the faces of those we meet
To laugh as he laughed, weep as he wept
and hurt as he hurt

To walk with him the way of the cross

During Lent I will be sharing a PowerPoint presentation of my trip, and we'll engage with the 'Journeying with Jesus' study guide published by Embrace the Middle East. The sessions will be at **Thorndon Church** on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>**, **17<sup>th</sup>**, **24<sup>th</sup>**, **and 31<sup>st</sup> March** from **7.30 to 9.00pm**. On the last evening we will share some Middle Eastern food together- no charge, but donations towards the Bishops Lent appeal will be gratefully received!

Blessings. *Julia* 

### From the Parishes:

In loving memory of Pat Williamson, Thorndon



### South Hartismere Benefice Worship Rota – March 2020

Every week we can gather to worship together at these services

	MORNING SERVICES								
Sunday 1st	Wetheringsett	9.00am	CW Holy Communion						
The 1st Sunday of Lent	Thorndon	9.15am	Café Communion						
	Gislingham	10.30am	CW Holy Communion						
Friday 6th	Thorndon	10.30am	World Day of Prayer						
Sunday 8th	Stoke Ash	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion						
The 2nd Sunday of Lent	Thorndon	10.30am	Morning Worship						
With the state of	Thornham Magna	10.45am	CW Holy Communion						
Sunday 15th	Gislingham	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion						
The 3rd Sunday of Lent	Thomham Parva	10.30am	CW Holy Communion						
	Wetheringsett	10.30am	Morning Worship						
	Yaxley (V/Hall)	10,30am	CW Holy Communion						
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thomham Parva	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion						
The 4th Sunday of Lent	Thorndon	9.15am	Café Church						
Mothering Sunday	Gislingham	10.00am	Service for Mothering Sunday						
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Sunday 29th The 5th Sunday of Lent Thomham Magna

Yaxley (V/Hall)

10.30am

10.30am

Benefice CW Holy Communion

Morning Worship

### EVENING SERVICES NB: No Midweek Worship

 Sunday 8th
 Gislingham
 6.00pm
 Songs of Praise

 Sunday 15th
 Thorndon
 5.00pm
 Come and Sing

### SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR FAMILIES

Sunday 8th Thorndon 4.00pm Messy Church Wednesday 4th The Limes 11.15am CW Holy Communion Wednesday 11th Yaxley House 11.00am CW Holy Communion

BCP = Book of Common Prayer - said service

CW = Common Worship - with hymns



Reverend Canon Julia Lall - Rector rev.julialall@gmail.com 01379 678064

https://southartismerebenefice.edublogs.org/ https://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorndonAllSaints/

### EYE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Every 1st Friday of the month at Eye Bowls Club 10:30—12:30

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### Orchards East workshops Winter 2020

### 8 March 2020

■ The restoration of mature and veteran fruit trees, 40 years and older. Old Hall, Rectory Hill, East Bergholt, Suffolk CO7 6TG.

### ■ 1000-1530. Tutor Anna Baldwin

This one-day workshop is aimed at those with an interest in caring for older mature and veteran fruit trees. The emphasis will be on the pruning and care of aged apple trees which have already received some restorative pruning. Ideal for anyone who has attended a previous course on restorative pruning or for those who have trees that had some restorative pruning work carried out within the last 5 years.

### 14 March 2020

Fruit tree grafting workshop.

Foxburrow Farm Saddlemakers Lane Melton Woodbridge IP12 1NA.

1000-1600. Tutors Paul Read and Celia Boyle.

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### Mothering Sunday



Mothering Sunday began as an explicitly religious event of the 16th Century, with no connection to mothers at all. It became a tradition that, on the fourth Sunday of Lent, people would return to their mother church for a special service. This meant that families were reunited, as adults returned to the towns and villages where they grew up. In time, it became customary for young people who were working as servants in large houses, to be given a holiday on this day to return home. They could use this day to visit their own mother and often took a gift of food or hand-me-down clothing from their employers to her. Over time this became known as Mothering Sunday. The term has been usurped and is now known, more popularly, as Mother's Day.

Mother's Day

The American Mother's Day does not have religious connotations and was formally established as a public holiday (held every year on the 2nd Sunday of May), by President Wilson in 1914 after a campaign was launched by an American woman from West Virginia named Anna Jarvis, whose own mother died in May. Jarvis later held protests at the commercialisation of the day.

However, in the UK, Mothering Sunday is always celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent. It is exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday and usually falls in the second half of March or early April. This year it is on 22nd March





Q: Can February March?

A: No, but April May.

# Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council Report on meeting held Monday 3 February 2020

<u>Village Hall</u> – parish council members appreciated the good attendance at the cheese and wine evening held on 10 January to discuss the future of the village hall. Of the options put forward there was overwhelming support for a newly built village hall.

This will require a number of parishioners joining together to take the project forward, a group of at least 7 would be ideal and our members would appreciate parishioners considering joining a group or contacting a parish councilor to obtain further information as to how the project can progress.

<u>Planning application for 9 dwellings – land at Norwich Road, Wetheringsett</u> – this application was considered for recommendation to Mid Suffolk District Planning Department. Parish Council members recommended approval on the grounds the site is inside the settlement boundary and included in the draft Mid Suffolk Local Plan, the site is close to services and public transport.

Two further applications were however recommended for refusal:

Land at Blacksmiths Green, Wetheringsett – application for change of use of agricultural land and erection of one dwelling and new vehicular access and Green Farm, Pages Green – notification for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (C3) and Order 2015 Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q – conversion of two agricultural buildings to create four dwellings. These were recommended for refusal on the grounds both sites were not identified in the Mid Suffolk draft Local Plan, ie they were in open countryside and not sustainable, the Blacksmiths Green site bordered a pond and was in the vicinity of listed buildings, the access road to the Green Farm site was too narrow to accommodate the proposed number of dwellings.

<u>VE Day Friday 8 May</u> — a village event to celebrate VE day was discussed. It was reported the Middy was planning to host an event. Members therefore suggested the parish council joined with the Middy or supported their event. Details to follow.

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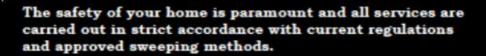
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There will be a meeting for parents and friends of Wetheringsett C of E Primary School on Thursday 5th March at 8.45am when we'll set out our vision for the school. Hopefully we'll then get representatives from different groups ie parish council, jungle cubs and other associations.



### Friends of Debenham Library

Visitors to the library will see a beautiful, new painted board on the wall in the children's area. We thank Sarah Carruthers for her artistic skills.

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Not many people know this .....!

In Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar' the soothsayer warns Caesar 'Beware the Ides of March' - a phrase often quoted, but do you know what it means?

The **ides** was a day in the Roman calendar that fell roughly in the middle of the month. In March, May, July, and October it was the 15th day of the month; in other months it was the 13th. The 15th

March became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44BC.



# Sayings ....

When March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb

A dry March and a wet May

Fill barns and bays with corn and hay

As it rains in March so it rains in June

March wind and April showers

Bring forth May flowers

### March quote ....

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade Charles Dickens



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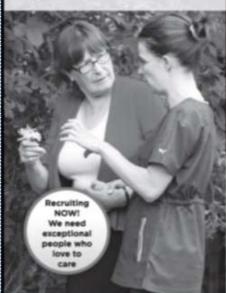
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### Snippets from the Village History Parish Council Minutes: 1894 - 1954

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:

### April 1946

The state of Joe's Road was discussed at length. Reference was made of the necessity in wintertime of school children and others using the railway line because of the mud. The Clerk instructed to explore the possibility of the County Council properly making up this road.

### April 1947

It was unanimously decided to accept the offer of the Comforts Fund that cash balances in hand should be spent in having the names inscribed on the War Memorial the names of the Fallen of the Parish of World War II ....in the meantime the Rector to make careful, sympathetic investigation as to the relatives' personal feelings on this matter.

The Clerk was instructed to investigate the possibilities of a telephone kiosk being erected in Church Street, Wetheringsett, and Brockford Street.

Was there ever a telephone kiosk in Brockford—does anyone know?

### February 1948

It was resolved to ask the Air Ministry to reopen to the general public Town Lane.

The Parish Council were informed that approximately £18.9.0 was available for expenditure on the War Memorial. The following names were considered eligible: Claude Chapman; Harold Cole; Peter Sheldrake; Emest Barker (Civil Defence); Leslie Ling; John Nunn. Mr W Ling has signified his willingness to keep the Memorial and its surrounds tidy.

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

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