



WEETING VILLAGE LIFE



December 2021
Edition 36



Carols by Candlelight

The children of Weeting Primary School would like to invite their families and friends in Weeting to a Carols by Candlelight Concert on **Thursday 16th December 2021** from **3.30pm-4.30pm** on Parrot's Piece

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Festival of Angels

1. Create an Angel - Your angel may be any size, use any medium, lit or unlit, 2 dimensional or 3 dimensional,
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4. Vote for your favourite angel
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6. Join in with the Carol Service - at 6.00pm, Sun 19 Dec

For more information please contact Jules Young:
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PLEASE, PLEASE READ THIS!

As residents of Weeting, no doubt you have opinions about how you would like the village to develop in the future. Everyone here has a potential voice, but you need to bring your ideas into the light. The ideal platform for this is the regular monthly Parish Council meetings as these will keep you abreast of local and national issues that could affect us as well as enabling you to put forward your ideas and suggestions for improving the facilities and lifestyle within the village.

The Parish Council committee are a very committed group of people, but we would value your input at our meetings. Currently, we have only one regular attender!!

The Parish Council does not have a bottomless pit of cash. We get some monies from Breckland, but most of it comes from the annual precept which everyone pays through their Council Tax. Therefore, planning for the future is essential if we want to make improvements as it may require fund raising events and / or applying for grants from various sources.

So, PLEASE make the effort to attend some of our meetings - always on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm at the Village Hall and bring your ideas and enthusiasm with you. We look forward to seeing you.

Editor's note:

A list of the clubs and organisations in the village can be found in the centre pages of Weeting Village Life along with details of who to contact if you would like to make enquiries. Most of the clubs have room for more of you to come along, so have a look and see if anything takes your fancy!

A very Merry Christmas and good wishes for 2022 to the residents of Weeting and to all our contributors, advertisers and printers who support the production of Weeting Village Life

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School Report



It has been a busy term since our return to school in September. We have welcomed our new Chestnut Class children into school and our new headteacher Mr Steeden and his dog, Rio. It feels like they have been here forever!



Despite the ongoing challenges brought about by Covid we have managed to hold some whole school events with our families. We held our Harvest Festival in October. Reverend Juanita got us to use the letters in "harvest" to make special words in her Harvest prayer and Pastor Samuel told us all the about the work of the Harvest Centre Food bank which our children and families kindly made some fantastic donations too.



The whole school community came together to commemorate Remembrance Day. Children from all four classes made poppies to create a giant poppy waterfall display in the main entrance. Poppies have been sewn, turned into origami, created from paper plates and coloured.



The school community came together on Thursday 11th November for our Remembrance Day worship. Held outside on the amphitheatre, the children sang "Hang Out the Washing on the Siegfried Line" and "We'll Meet Again". Oak Class shared a thought-provoking poem called "Ghosts of the Riven". We joined together for the National Two Minute Silence, ending with the sounding of "The Last Post" from our friends from RAF Lakenheath.

In our classes.....

Chestnut

In Chestnut Class the children listened to the story "Pumpkin Soup" and then followed a recipe to create some delicious soup. There was a lot of chopping, slicing, cubing and stirring! The children decided to sell their soup to their families and used the money raised to purchase some new potion bottles for their mud kitchen – one of their favourite spaces outdoors.



In maths we have been developing our understanding of pattern. The children used natural materials to create repeating patterns, including a challenge to see who could make the longest pattern. After listening to the story "Pattern Fish" the children chose two colours and shapes to paint their own pattern fish.



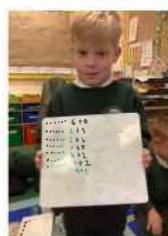
Beech

This term, Beech Class have been learning about Powerful Voices in History, finding out about people who have changed the world peacefully. We first tackled the civil rights movement in America in the United States. We learnt about Rosa Parks and her brave decision not to give up her seat on the bus. We also listened to Dr King and his 'I have a dream' speech.

In English, Beech Class have been tackling recounts, finding out all about the Lonely Beast and his journey to find some friends. We can explain that chronological order means the order in which things happen and we are developing our ability to write in past tense, especially with the -ed suffix.



In Maths we have explored every different way we can think of to add and subtract. We have been breaking apart amounts to find out the parts. We have learnt to count backwards and forwards. Year 2 have also been tackling column addition and learning to exchange!



Art is one of our favourite subjects and this term we are learning to 'paint with scissors', just like Matisse!



Elm

The children have really enjoyed our history topic on the Ancient Greeks and have learnt about some of their great thinkers such as Socrates and Plato as well as tacticians such as Alexander the Great. Our current Geography topic on Mediterranean Europe has blended well with this and has given the children the opportunity to relate the facts that they found out in History to modern day Europe.

In Maths we have been focusing on our calculation strategies and are currently working our way through multiplication and division, whilst in Literacy the children have been applying their imaginations to generate fantastic ideas for portal stories.

Oak

This term Oak Class have been focussing on the French Revolution. The class have enjoyed listening to the stories and participating in discussions around how the Revolution began, the storming of the Bastille, King Louis XVI's execution and Napoleon becoming the Emperor of France. We have followed our interest in the French Revolution in English where we have produced our own biographies about Napoleon.

In Art we have studied the concept of linear perspective. We have explored the work of the architect Brunelleschi, and his design for the dome of Florence Cathedral. The class made detailed drawings of this famous building. We have also studied the work of Renaissance sculptors Ghiberti and Donatello and explored the concept of relief sculpture.

School Report

Wow! What a busy term this has been already. A big hello to all the new children who have joined us since half term, it's fantastic to have you all at pre-school.



Our topic this half term is 'celebrations'. We have learnt about Diwali and bonfire night, celebrations that are important to us at home and with Thanks Giving and Christmas coming up we have lots of exciting things planned for the children.

We have been focusing on oral health alongside our celebrations topic and have been lucky enough to have had a visit from a dental nurse, Gabriella. She talked to the children about how they keep their teeth healthy, what happens when they visit the dentist and then gave the children their very own goody bag to help care for their teeth at home. We have supported this by exploring lots of activities all based on how we keep our teeth healthy.



We only have a few spaces left for 2-3 and 3-4 year-olds to start in January. Please contact us on 07927 690968 for more information.

Art For Pleasure

Like everyone else we are looking forward to a Christmas as we used to have them, being able to sit down to Christmas dinner with our family and loved ones. So the art group has been planning a small Christmas lunch together. In previous years we have been to a local pub but as quite a few members are still shielding there are not that many of us.



However, we have been busy producing Christmas cards together with a few pictures and models of "Angels for Weeting Church's Angels" event.

The card above is the work of one of our members.

We would like to thank everyone involved in producing and circulating the Weeting Magazine, and wish them and everyone in Weeting a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Beryl Pountney 01842 828750.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Get ready to be entertained! Shoestring Theatre Company are in full swing preparing for their next show, Peter Pan (The Panto!). The show dates for your diary are Friday 25th and Saturday 26th February 2022.



The cast are assembled and the junior chorus engaged for a busy few weeks of learning lines and songs, choreographed moves and costume fittings. Everyone is so enthusiastic to make this our best show yet.



Why not come along and meet the very naughty fairy Tinkerbell, if you can find her, be enchanted by the iridescent mermaids and their lilting songs, be mesmerised by Wendy's storytelling transporting you from the Darling's home all the way to Neverland and be amused by a very unusual Indian squaw and a comical pirate! Of course, Peter Pan and Captain Hook will be there too!



Our rehearsal venue is Breckland School in Crown Street, Brandon, where we meet every Tuesday evening during school term time.

We are always happy to accept new adult members, youngsters aged over 11, and junior chorus between age 6 and 10 (depending on current show requirements).

Please do get in touch, we would love to have you in our group to help on stage or back-stage no matter what your previous experience. If you would like to learn the art of theatrical design and performance this is the place to start.

For more information contact our Secretary on 07985 376465 or email shoestringsecretary@hotmail.com.

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Weeting All Star Performers

Well, at last after many months, we the WASPs, managed to get a show in the Village Hall that was held on the 15th and 16th of October. We did our very best to keep all our audience safe with sanitiser at various places in the hall and foyer and put out tables and chairs for them to sit at. This meant that there was a lot of room between everyone and masks were also supplied.



The first song of the evening was "We Baked a Cake" and everyone had a slice whilst we sang. We performed a selection of songs and in between acted out four very different small sketches, with a twist at the end of each. This was a lot of fun to do and everyone in the cast had a part to play and we would like to thank everyone who came and supported us. We had a very good crowd and that made it so much more enjoyable and, as we had some new members, they now cannot wait for our next production.



So, with that in mind, we have decided to put on a Christmas Concert. This will be held in the Village Hall on December 3rd and 4th. This time not only will there be audience participation, but we will have some very talented young people playing Christmas music on various instruments as well. Just wait until you hear them - they are great.



The pictures show some of the cast in their little sketches.



Enjoy the Christmas Concert and we will be starting our Spring production at the end of January.

Merry Christmas everybody and A Very Happy New Year.

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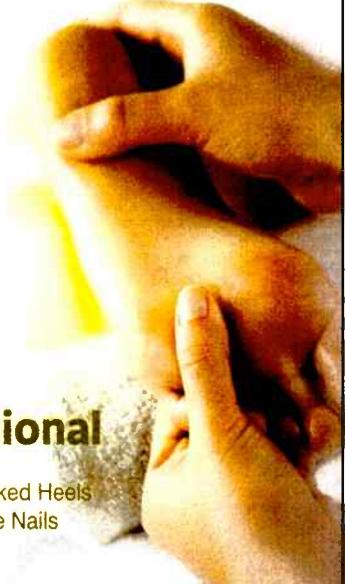
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Weeting Model Car Club

WMCC has been running since 1988 and during this time has supported many different formats of classes but ever since the very beginning, we have been running at the village hall. We race on a Wednesday fortnightly from the months of September through April starting at 8pm and ending around 10pm.



Currently we race the very popular M-Chassis car produced by Tamiya, one of the biggest RC manufacturers in the world, to keep running costs down and competition close we run to some basic rules but run the same motors and tyres. The track is a laid on a specialist carpet developed for RC car racing and marked

with bespoke track markings that keep and we have a number of different layouts that vary every week, there is also a dedicated timing equipment giving the drivers a precise lap by lap race time as well as keeping you updated about how

you are progressing during the race. Regardless of age or ability the main emphasis of the night is to socialise with friends and have fun whilst adding a level of friendly competition between friends and also teaching some of the younger generation some basics manual maintenance skills and introducing them to the world of competition.

Driver membership for the year is £40 adult for the full year with juniors £20 for the full year with no other race fees required. We can also provide BRCA (British Radio Car Association) at £20 which covers a driver for public liability insurance regardless of where they race as all clubs throughout the country require this or if you simply run around in the local park.



For more information of if you simply wish to come along to watch and talk to some of the drivers, please contact Colin Parsfield on 07876 330687 or colinlp76@hotmail.co.uk.



Pos	Car	Name	Laps	Time	Last Lap	Fastest Lap	Average Lap	Predicted Finish
1	4	Wend Burton	5	0:17.19	5.09	5.09	27.17	12/32 6.0%
2	2	Mark Martin	5	0:18.94	41.45	5.96	30.28	10/30 2.7%
3	1	Dale Earkhardt Jr	5	0:20.39	41.43	5.99	35.78	9/32 2.0%
4	3	Ricky Rudd	5	0:22.05	47.45	11.25	44.19	7/30 9.3%
5	5	Ricky Craven	5	0:24.97	162.17	12.80	87.49	2/17 4.9%

Weeting's Good Samaritan



You may remember that several months ago the bench beside the church gate was hacked off its legs and tossed down the slope by some mindless person. We were very grateful that John Maxim came to the rescue and effected a brilliant repair, at the same time reinforcing the legs to prevent the same happening again.

However, in mid October the same bench was vandalised yet again, this time stripping away all the slats that made up the seat. Another mindless twerp or the same one we will never know.

Anyway, another Good Samaritan, also called John, came forward and repaired the bench once more, so it is back to its normal glory again. A big thank-you and a well deserved Weeting badge goes to him.



The poster features a dark background with a pine cone and greenery. The text "Thetford Singers present: Christmas Favourites" is written in a stylized font. Below the title, the date "8th December 2021" and time "7.30pm" are listed, followed by the venue "Thetford Methodist Church". Tickets are priced at £8 and available from "The Leaping Hare". Social media icons for Twitter and Facebook are shown, along with a "Making Music" logo. A green box at the bottom right contains the text "TICKETS FROM BOX OFFICE www.leapinghare.org".

Thetford Singers Christmas Favourites

Join us for a packed hour of festive favourites both traditional and contemporary on 8th December 2021 at 7.30pm in Thetford Methodist Church (Tanner Street, IP24 2BQ). Last year the choir practised carols on Zoom and a number of firm favourites emerged from both these sessions and a little survey we conducted once we were back to 'live' rehearsals in September. From this, Musical Director Chris Parsons has built a wonderful programme packed full of traditional favourites, audience carols and some more recent seasonal songs and arrangements. As part of the church's Christmas Tree Festival the choir will perform these atmospheric Christmas songs without intermission, but there will be complimentary seasonal refreshments served afterwards and of course a chance to wander through the enchanted forest of lovingly decorated Christmas trees in the church. Tickets are £8 and available from the Leaping Hare Box Office on King Street, Thetford or online at www.leapinghare.org. See you there!

Knit and Natter Group



We are hoping to restart the group on Monday 28th February 2022 from 2pm to 4pm at the Village Hall.

Contact Vivien or Doris for further information. (See centre page of this magazine for contact details)

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

West Norfolk Aviation Society

The vision one received when first arriving at the Mundford Bowls Club this month was not that of a band of riotous aeronautical enthusiasts but instead, gave the impression one had mistakenly joined a gathering at a catering exhibition with tables adorned with mouth-watering morsels all created by the fare-hostess, Val.

After our last meeting it had been anticipated that we would be brandishing our own cinema environment but, unfortunately, this was not to be. Following a delivery hitch the problem was overcome by crew members Steve and Jean who came to the rescue with their own set-up consisting of a ten foot screen with hi-fi sound and vision equipment. This, in conjunction with David's video recording of 'The World's Greatest Air Shows' compensated for any disappointments.

Not only did the film depict clips of barnstorming pioneers in action – some out of action -- but also, aeronautical participants from all periods leading up to the modern day.



Described as well, were the comments made about the psychology of entertainment; a PR exercise in allowing exponents to show off and provide an audience with what it seems to need: thrill producing images of risk-taking aeronauts challenging themselves, their machinery and the environment but, *not* each other; a team of performers working together without animated opponents.

It was interesting to contrast this with other thrill producing scenarios. Take football for instance: another spectacle with audience appeal but, with a difference; losers as well as winners. It has to be asked whether it is as satisfying to witness humiliation as it is to witness victory.

Wikipedia sites the figure of 90,000 paying supporters at Wembley on FA cup final days whereas 185,000 tickets were sold to spectators at the Royal International Air Tattoo, RAF Fairford. Perhaps this is an unfair comparison if one doesn't take every parameter into account.

We would also like to thank bartender Len who always fronts an exemplary side-show on our behalf.

Our next meeting will be held at the same prestigious venue on Tuesday 7th December at 19-00hrs. All welcome; even footballers and their supporters.

Nigel Tooth

Editor's Note:



The next edition of Weeting Village Life will be published in **March 2022**.

If anyone would like to submit an advertisement, article, photo, etc for consideration to be included, the deadline for receipt by the Editor will be **Friday 18th February 2022**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Wednesday 22 December

Christmas Carolling Day

for all young singers aged 6-16

For further information and to book your place

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Thetford Voices Carolling Day is back and live.

On Wednesday 22nd December, we invite young singers from all over Thetford and around – 6 years and above – to learn, rehearse and perform carols and Christmas songs in concert and on the road.

Meet in the Williamson Hall of Thetford Grammar School at 1.30 and finish the day with a concert for friends and families in St Cuthbert's Church at 6.30 (finishing 7.15). While our outside visits will be limited by current restrictions, we shall be as committed as ever to spirited and enjoyable singing. Our regular leaders and appropriate Covid-safety measures will keep the workshop on a firm footing.

There is no charge for the day. Whether you have lots of experience or none at all, you will be made equally welcome, so come along and give it a try.

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Rector's Report

Christmas Message

*Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plain
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strain.*

Angels figure prominently in the biblical stories of Jesus' birth. The night sky over the fields near Bethlehem was suddenly filled with a joyous choir of heavenly voices bringing 'tidings of great joy' to the shepherds undertaking their lonely and dangerous work of tending the flocks on the hillsides. They are both astonished and afraid to hear the angel voices ringing out.

These angels were not fluffy little supernatural beings clad in white with golden halos and wings, flitting around carrying harps and simply looking decorative. In scripture, angels are God's messengers, entrusted with bringing important news to the world. Nine months before this manifestation of celebratory angelic song over the fields of Bethlehem, Jesus' mother Mary was visited by the archangel Gabriel with the most outrageous proposition ever put to a woman. God sent Gabriel to test whether Mary would have the courage to accept his invitation to be the mother of His Son, Jesus. Quite a shock for an unmarried teenage girl! God chose well because Mary both questioned and considered the proposal carefully and in faith and trust said 'yes' to Gabriel's message, though I suspect it wasn't an easy decision for her. And when she gave birth to God's Son in the less than prepossessing surroundings of a grubby animal shelter, heaven sent its messengers – a multitude of angels to ring out this stupendously good news to those shepherds who lived not in the lap of luxury but in the harshness of snowy fields in the depth of winter.

This year at St Mary's Church on 18th and 19th December we're celebrating the joy of the angels at Christmas with our village angel festival. Village organisations and individuals are invited to make an angel to display in church. It can be in any format – life-size 3D down to drawings and can be in any material. It can be lit or unlit, though lit angels will come into their own during the evening sessions. Please see the accompanying poster on the front page for more information. You will get to vote for your favourite and the winners will be announced at 5.30pm on Sunday 19th December just before our Carol Service. We've chosen to hold this Angel Festival as a celebration of the sheer joy of Christmas – joy which is even more special given the lockdown restrictions which made celebrating this great, joyous feast far more muted last year. Do come and see, partake of some seasonal refreshments, vote for your favourite angel and perhaps ponder a little on the message of 'glad tidings and joy' that they brought at the birth of our Saviour Jesus, who rather than entering the world with great pomp and circumstance, simply 'crept in beside us', to share the realities of life, its sorrows as well as its joys. This is what makes Jesus 'real' rather than a remote God, detached from the reality of human experience. This is certainly worth those celebratory angelic songs.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Angel Festival and sharing a mince pie or glass of mulled wine with you. All proceeds from the Festival will go towards necessary repairs to the building and those running costs which we hope will keep St Mary's open as an important village resource. Some grant money has come in towards the repair of the porch but we're not there yet and our next project is to repair the floor in the south aisle so that the repairs to the ceiling can be carried out, enabling the whole church to be used again. Plans for this are in hand, but we need your support to make these necessary works a reality. So please do come and enjoy the angels and support the ongoing work of St Mary's.

I wish you and your families a very happy, holy and safe Christmas and much that is hopeful and positive in the New Year.

Every blessing

Joan



St Mary's Church



Rector: Joan Horan (Tel: 01842 828034)
Churchwardens: Tommy Saward (Tel: 01842 813601)

Regular services are as follows:

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Third Sunday of the month: Eucharist @ 11am



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Parish Council Notes

Highways / Planning:

The recent heavy rain has highlighted some drainage problems in the village, particularly in Saxon Place and All Saints. The Highways engineer has visited the site and will ask a surveyor to come and assess what needs to be done to tackle this as soon as possible to prevent further flooding of the bungalows in that area.

Highways have also agreed to extend the footpath that leads from the bottle banks towards the Saxon beside the main road to increase the safety of pedestrians wishing to cross at this point. At present it is necessary to cross the road at an angle or step up onto the narrow grass verge. Half the cost of this will have to be met from Parish Council funds.

The application to erect a 20-metre high 5G network Mobile Phone mast was refused by Breckland District Council who own the piece of land that Network Three had earmarked. No further application has been received to date.

Playing Field / Open Spaces:

Some new play equipment should be installed on the children's play area early in the new year. We have successfully made applications for grants to replace some of the equipment and eventually aim to replace all the wooden items with more robust metal framed ones that will last for many more years. We also want to replace the fencing around the area as soon as funds allow. We have also obtained a grant to replace the teen shelter with a new one.

The keep fit equipment is well used, but it has been noticed that there is a problem with the Cross-Country Elliptical Trainer, which makes a loud clunking noise. This has been reported to the manufacturers and we are waiting for them to come and repair it.

The roped off area next to the car park on the Recreation Ground is recovering well now and the new entrance seems to be working effectively.

The old ground roller that has been sitting idle next to the football changing rooms will soon be removed as it is no longer used.

The moles have been very active recently on Parrot's Piece and the Recreation Ground, both of which belong to the Parish. Our Molecatcher Man has caught two moles in each location, so we hope that has done the trick. Other areas affected by moles, such as the grass area between Peppers Close and the bends, belong to Highways and therefore do not come under our authority.

Litter:

Overall, we have not had a major problem with litter as the bins are being used well. The teen area has been litter-free, so well done all of you. However, every now and then we have a transgressor, particularly beside the clothes banks. Recently a lot of cardboard boxes were deposited behind the banks and were reported to Breckland as fly-tipping. Yes, they do come and collect it, but we are all paying for this service through our Council Tax and they will search through it to find details of who left it there. A heavy penalty fine to the perpetrator is very likely. So, please do not fly tip. Put it in your appropriate domestic bin for routine collection, or take it to the nearest re-cycling centre (Thetford or Mildenhall)



Notice Boards:

The Parish Council has one notice board beside the defibrillator kiosk near the Londis shop where the minutes of the last PC meeting are displayed along with any other relevant information. We have now removed all the old boards that were scattered around the village and donated some of them to the Village Hall committee so that they are able to advertise events more widely. Do keep your eyes on them for village information.

Parish Council Meetings:

The Parish Council usually meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Village Hall. All residents are entitled to attend, whether to air a problem or suggestion, or just to listen to what is currently going on in the village. It is very disappointing that we only have one regular attendee. Come on everyone! This is your home – don't you want to have a say in how it develops? The next meeting is on Thursday 16th December at 7pm.

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LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

CLUB	CONTACT	LOCATION	DAY AND TIME
Adult's & Children's Street Dancing	Micha 07841 474400	Village Hall	Monday 4.30 - 6.30pm. Wednesday 4.00 - 7.30pm. Thursday 6.00 - 9.15pm
Art For Pleasure	Beryl Pountney 01842 828750	Village Hall	Thursday 10.30am – 12.30pm
Bingo	Angie Page 01842 814147	Village Hall	Tuesday Open at 6.30pm Eyes down at 7.00 - 9pm
Brandon & District Classic Vehicle Club	John Maxim 01842 811032	The Ram Brandon	2nd Monday 7.30pm
Brandon & District Camera Club	Denise Whiting 01842 862079	Baptist Church Brandon	Alternate Wednesdays 7.30pm
Brandon & District Society of Model Engineering	Dave Moore 01842 811996	The Ram Brandon	1st Wednesday 7.30pm
Brandon Speaker's Club	Gary Sander 01842 814679	Function Room, The Ram Brandon	2nd & 4th Wednesday 7.00-9.30pm
Carpet Bowls	Heather 01842 815406	Village Hall	Friday 10.00 – 12 midday
Children's Dodgeball	Sam 07944 531757	Village Hall	Monday 5.00 - 6pm
Feltwell Golf Club	Denise Whiting 01842 862079	Feltwell Golf Club	
Green Bowls	Sue Windget 01842 812094 Carol Newman 01842 815089	Bowls Club	Friday 6.00 – 10pm Sunday 12 midday – 4.00pm
Gun Club	Andy Goldsmith 01953 886501	Weeting Gun Club	Alternate Sunday January to October
HATS	Gary Sander 01842 814679	Hockwold Cricket Pavillion	Tuesday & Thursday 7.30 - 9.30pm (during rehearsal periods)
History Group	Julianne Young 01842 813581	Various - call to check location	Last Thursday 7.30pm
Indoor Archery	Mike 07894 904090	The Dome, Mildenhall	Saturday 12.30 - 3.30pm
Judo	Donna 07738 381970	Village Hall	Saturday 10 - 12midday All ages – novices welcome
Keep Fit	Dorothy Kent 01842 810378	Village Hall	Monday 10.00– 11am (except Bank Holidays)
Knit & Natter	Vivien Muir 01842 810003 Doris O'Grady 01842 812323	Village Hall	Last Monday of the month (or previous week if a Bank Holiday) 2.00 – 4.00pm
Line Dance	Rita Thompson 01842 815550	Village Hall	Friday 2.00 - 4.pm
Methwold Theatre Club	01366 727526	The 21 Room St George's Complex Methwold	Tuesday 7.30pm
Model Car	John Abbott 01366 385452	Village Hall	Alt. Wednesday 7.00 - 9pm
Pool	Carol Newman 01842 815089	Bowls Club	Tuesday 7.00pm
St Mary's Church	Julianne Young (Churchwarden) 01842 813581	St Mary's Church	See list of Service times
Shoestring Theatre Company	Jill Hopper. 07985 376465	IES Breckland School Crown Street, Brandon	Tuesday 7.00 - 10.00pm
Thetford Singers	Sue Nairn 01842 810212	Methodist Rooms Tanner Street Thetford	Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm
W.A.S.P.s	Carole Wilkins 01842 550919	Village Hall	Friday 6.00 - 8pm (during rehearsal periods)
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Weeting Steam Rally	Wendy Young Rally Co-ordinator 01842 810317		Monday - Friday 9.30am - 2.30pm
Weeting Walkers		Meet at The Saxon pub car park	Tuesday 10am
Weeting Weenies	Marie Stubbins 07960 756455	Village Hall	Wednesday 10.00 – 12 midday (school term time only)

WEETING VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Welcome everyone and hope you have all been keeping safe and well.

The hall has been near enough fully booked now since the last magazine, with a few new groups starting up like the Rainbows (weekday afternoons) and a craft club (fortnightly on a Tuesday). The Model Car Club have now returned as well on a Wednesday evening (fortnightly).

We held our first Craft Fayre in 2 years on the 13th and 14th November. We welcomed many returning crafters on both days plus some new ones and it was lovely to wander around and see all the wonderful cards, Christmas decorations and gifts on display – your friends, neighbours and families are very clever people and I hope all those who did turn up to see, and hopefully buy, some gifts had a good day too.

The heaters in the hall have now been repaired – a good job too as it's getting really cold outside now. By the time this magazine comes out we will have a brand-new super-duper oven/cooker installed – the old ones gave up during the craft fayre – fortunately it was late on Sunday afternoon when they decided to pack up for good!

A further project for the hall in the coming months will be the renewing of the insulation in the wall cavities and roof which should make the hall even more cosy, especially for our older friends, neighbours and families. We are still looking into the inferred heaters and solar panels, but other things have come to light in the meantime that we are having to rectify first. Maybe we will progress with those projects in the new year

We are also in the process of obtaining some more notice boards, courtesy of the lovely Parish Council and we hope to have these up and being used soon – but don't forget there is a board on the outside of the hall by the main entrance doors and another in the overflow car park beside the children's play area where we are keeping all the local news and events on show, plus details of all the clubs that use the hall. Here you can find the days and times the clubs meet and the contact details. Don't forget that you can hire the hall for all sorts of events and parties. Just contact Angie Page, our resident Lettings Officer, who has been involved with the hall for over 31 years – 01842 814147.

Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a happier New Year.

Karen Scott
Treasurer

Sudoku Puzzle No 1 (solution on page 17)

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT



Weeting Bowls Club

So far we have had a good year with our bowls calendar and our social events. Still to come are Marc Jacobs Live on Saturday 4th December (not to be missed). This is his 3rd visit to the club and is back by public demand.



Our Christmas party and disco is on 11th December and our regular monthly karaoke is on 18th December. Our Christmas Eve get-together is on 24th December and we are finishing the year with our New Year's Eve party. We hope to see you all at these events as you will be very welcome.

Can we also remind you that we are taking memberships now for the year ahead whether you would like to try your hand at bowling or if you would like to just attend our events and be social members.

Look us up on our Facebook page Weeting Bowls Club events for all the information you need. Weeting Bowls Club would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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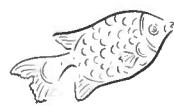
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Tales from the Bobby's Beat

Some of you may know of the Poppylot and where and what it is....For those that don't , you may have travelled that way without realising it and some may yet have to travel that way!



The Poppylot is in fact that road between Feltwell and Southery. For most of its length, you can be at one end and be able to see a vehicle join it at the other end - a distance of 3½ miles! For that reason, it was favoured by our Section Sergeant, a man who was proud to have served in the Grenadier Guards and some Military habits were carried over to his service in the Police. It was thus for those of us who were to work the late shift that he would demand we carried out a traffic check on the Poppylot, working on the logic that if you were parked halfway along its length at night, any vehicle traveling on it would not have any opportunity to escape your scrutiny without having to turn around and flee, thus drawing attention to themselves. However, the frequency of these checks became well known and were routinely accepted by those who travelled that road.

One balmy summer night, my colleague and I were tasked with carrying out a late-night traffic check. We duly made our way to a point approximately halfway along and parked up and knew that we would see the headlights of any vehicle joining the road long before it reached us. For some reason that evening, there was no traffic to speak of. As we leaned against the front of the Police Car, we gazed up at the night sky, taking in the Milky Way and other distant stars. After a time of inactivity on the road, we shuffled back to sit on the bonnet with our backs against the windscreens, still gazing at the distant planets and stars. I knew my eyelids were getting heavy and I succumbed to Morpheus, as did my colleague.

A few hours later, we were woken up by a passing motorist shaking our feet and laughing. We were, by this time, well past the hour we should have gone off shift. Our embarrassment was great, but was compounded even further when we checked the entries on our clipboard recording the vehicles that had been stopped.....there were several entries and it was apparent therefore that those motorists who had come upon our checkpoint had stopped and filled out their details, giving their name, vehicle type and the time they had been "checked"! We knew then that we would be in for a ribbing in the local pubs thereafter!

Calling All Clubs!

If your club would like to submit a report, advertise an event and / or include photographs in the next edition, please contact the editor (details on front page).

Similarly, if you wish to add your club to the list in the centre page, or change contact details, days, times, etc. please let the editor know.

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More Memories of Weeting

by John Holledge

In the 1800's, my great grandfather, Edward George Farrington, was the village policeman and lived in the old post office (now called "Walnut Cottage").

My grandfather, Robert George Farrington, moved to Farrindon, Berkshire, and became a game keeper, but returned to Weeting when his father died. He was the first taxi service in Weeting and charged half-a-crown to go to Brandon, (good old days!).

On a cold, frosty morning he would fill the car's radiator with hot water from a watering can or the kettle to warm the engine and then crank it over with the choke pulled out and the ignition off, then with the ignition on and, contact away, it would go. One morning the crank handle kicked back and dislocated Grandad's thumb.

Once a month, on a Monday morning, he would take chickens, eggs and sometimes piglets in his taxi to Methwold market to sell and usually made a nice profit and would spend some of it in The George public house before coming home – nice work if you can get it.

After Mr Malt gave up the post office, my grandmother, Bertha Farrington, took over running the post until the late 1940's, when my father William Leslie Holledge took it over and ran it until 1974.

On the 28 October 1933, my grandmother purchased the Club Room of the old White Hart pub (now called "Expo") from Mr Richard F.C. Parrott (the current Mr Richard Parrott's grandfather) and used it to hold Christmas parties for the village children and whist drives for the grown-ups. This club room was hired out for various functions, but, once the Village Hall was built, it was never used again and Grandad let it fall into disrepair. It was pulled down in 1972 and my wife and I purchased the land in 1975.

My father and Mr Percy Kent used to run the football for many years with great success. He wished he had more time to watch them play, but the shop had to come first. I can only remember Dad playing a game once and that was at the Lakenheath Nest Pitch.

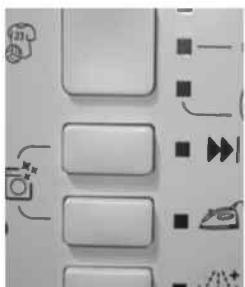
Dad also served on the Parish Council for many years with Mr Jack Knights as chairman and Mr Les Burlingham, Mr Norman Parrott, Mr Barry Green and a few more I cannot remember.

When I was 19 years old, I worked as a mechanic for Fertilime Norfolk behind Leylands Farm about halfway between Weeting and Hockwold. I used to drive there, but most people would ride their bikes. One man, by the name of Matt Carpenter, but otherwise known as "Ten to Two" because of the angle of his feet on the pedals, would ride from Weeting to the quarry in the morning and home at night, puffing and blowing as he went up the incline leading back to the village. As I drove home one night, I was about to overtake him when, all at once, his chain broke. His wellie boots went round so fast they were just a blur, the bike veered to the left, then right, then left and then to the right again, before finally it all collapsed, including Matt, in a general heap in the middle of the road. I quickly stopped to see if I could help. "Are you alright Matt?" I said as he lay on his side, clutching his private parts and groaning. Matt spoke through clenched teeth and said that he had hit his private parts on the b---- crossbar. His face was bright red, he was short of breath and clearly in great pain. After a little while I helped him up and picked up his docky bag which poured out cold tea and made a crunching noise. "My flask, my b---- flask," he cried and with that, he pounced on his bike, raised it above his head, whirled it round and round on the spot and hurled it into Mr Parrott's field. "***** the bike," he said and got into my car for me to run him home. The next day, as I drove to work, I noticed that his bike had disappeared. Matt had walked back later that evening to retrieve it and, fortunately, he had another flask at home.

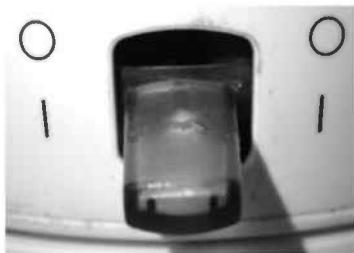
Picture Puzzle

Below are 10 close-up shots of technological items routinely found in homes. Can you identify them? Below the photos are the names of each manufacturer, in no particular order and with certain letters omitted. Can you complete each manufacturer's name and place it with the correct photo?

Hint: Only one type of letter has been omitted. Answers on page 16



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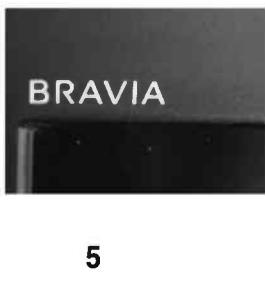
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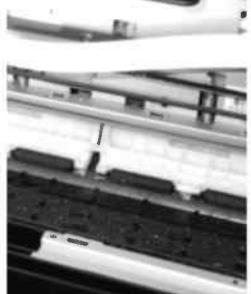
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Weeting Craft Fayre

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the couple with the wood-work - believe me, it was outstanding. I asked, "How long does it take to make the articles?" The gentleman said "Quite a long time. It is not how long and how much, I find making these things is very rewarding, being able to create something out of nothing." Well, all I can say is that some things were very special and anybody who bought one was very lucky. The little boxes and the little chest of drawers were brilliant.



Then there were cards - Birthday, Christmas, for Brother, Mother etc., all made by hand and so many to choose from and then onto the home made jams and pickles, yum yum! So many different items of glass ware, hand painted bottles etc.

If you did not come to the Fayre, you missed a treat. Hopefully, if all goes well, we will have another Craft Fayre just before next Easter. So, please look out for the posters on the notice boards next Spring and come and support your village hall. It is an important and valuable venue in Weeting and provides a home for many clubs and organisations here. We are lucky to have such fantastic resource.

The Craft Shows are held in order to make some money for our Village Hall to keep it up to standard. Already this year the hall has been repainted inside, had a new ceiling and lighting, and on Wednesday a new large cooking range will be delivered to the hall kitchen for you all to use for your various clubs and events.



Thanks to all CRAFTERS and everyone who helped over the weekend and a big thank you to all who came. Hopefully you had a good day and enjoyed the lovely refreshments made by Angie and Norman, supervised by Pat.

Here is a photo of Robbie. The Village Hall Committee presented him with a shield in recognition of all his hard work over the past few months with the village hall and especially with the Craft Fayre. He helped to set up the hall, kept it clean and tidy during the two-day event and then helped to put everything away afterwards. He is such a lovely and helpful lad and we couldn't have managed without him.



Merry Christmas
Carole Wilkins

Sudoku Puzzle No 2 (solution on page 17)

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Christmas Wordsearch (solution on page 16)

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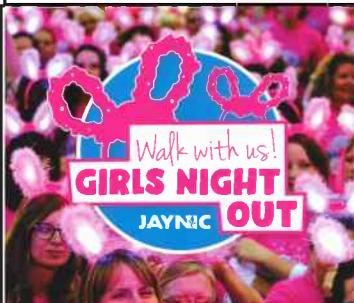
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors, raffle prize givers and anyone who supported us in any way at all and helped to make this show an fantastic success, especially our tribute star, Fisher Stevens, who is absolutely amazing. Fisher is very supportive of the Hospice.



With our Auction, Raffle and Heads & Tails, we were able to present the fantastic sum of £8,034.80 to the Hospice.

We would like to thank Sue of Weeting Village Life and Karen of Brandon Life for their continuous support with all the free advertising they give to the Hospice.

John Maxim
Hospice Ambassador and Fund Raiser



The annual Girls Night Out walk in aid of St Nicolas Hospice Care took place live on September 11th after having to undertake it as a virtual event last year due to Covid restrictions.

About 800 women and girls donned their twinkling bunny ears as they gathered on Angel Hill whilst two

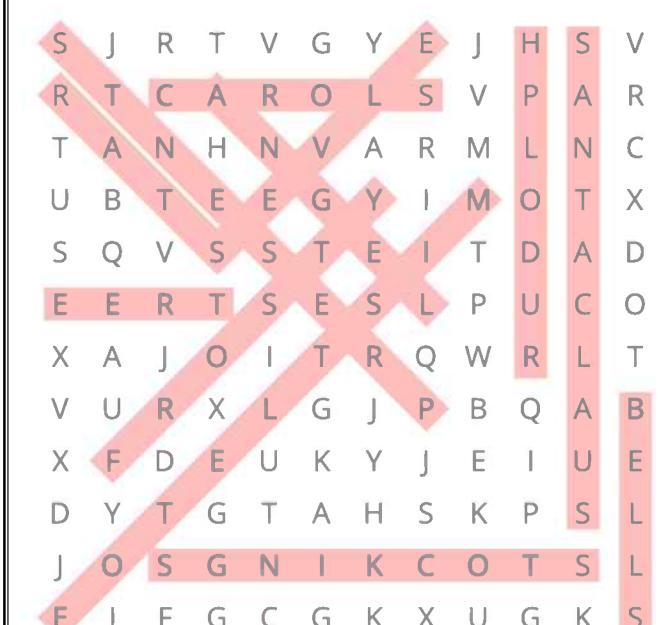
Zumba dancers warmed up the crowd. The walk began at 8pm with a choice of either a 6 mile or 11.2 mile route around Bury St Edmunds. The final total has yet to be announced, but is expected to reach at least £100,000.



Many of the participants were walking in memory of a lost loved one who had received care within the hospice, including a few from Weeting. St Nicholas Hospice Care provides help, advice and support to people living with long term and life threatening illnesses in West Suffolk and Thetford areas during the final chapters of their lives.

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Christmas Wordsearch - Solution



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Answers to Picture Puzzle on page 13



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CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Learn the art of creating your own Christmas wreath under the guidance
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Saturday 04 December (10am-1pm)

Cost: £32 per person – includes all the material needed to make your own take home wreath,
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The St Peter's Christmas Concert

A lively selection of Christmas songs by the Hockwold Amateur Theatrical Society
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Sunday 19th December (1pm-3pm)

Cost: Adults £3 / Up to 14 years £1.50

Refreshments available.

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To book and for any enquires please contact the Events Secretary Mark Farnham

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