



# Village Life



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## Litter Pick # 2

Nine of the 'Weeting Wombles' were out picking up the litter again on Sunday July 8th, this time to the end of the village along the Hockwold Road. They collected 17 sacks of rubbish including quite a lot of empty bottles (particularly vodka bottles) and even a motor cyclist's crash helmet that had obviously had some sort of mishap! Many thanks to everyone who took part.



Future litter picks will take place every couple of months and the next is planned for mid to end of September. Keep looking on the Weeting Facebook pages for further announcements.

If you would like to join the Womble team, just come along on the announced date between 10am & 12midday. Gloves, picks, bags and high visibility jackets are provided and the team get great satisfaction from the seeing the results of their efforts.

## Bench on Parrott's Piece

It was 30 years ago, in 1988, when Victor Charles Grass died unexpectedly whilst out tending his farm. Long term residents of Weeting will remember that he lived in the first bungalow on the left as you cross the bridge on the bends coming into the village from Brandon. The bungalow has now gone and the estate named after him, (Victor Charles Close), stands in its place.



In memory of Vic, his family donated a wooden park bench to the village and this has been a favourite seat on Parrot's Piece for parents waiting for their children at the end of the school day. Unfortunately, time had taken its toll on the bench, but, thanks to David

Crosby and John Reay, it has been revived and now looks as good as new.

## Take Your Pick!

The Parish Council has purchased some new heavy duty 'Helping Hands' for the litter pick



sessions and now have a redundant supply of the lighter ones obtained originally.

These are available for any Weeting resident who, due to disability or ill health, finds mobility a problem when reaching or bending to pick up items, for example, from the floor.

If you would like one, or know someone who would benefit having one, please contact Mike Nairn on 01842 810212.

## Weeting in Bloom Next Spring

Weeting Parish Council members will soon be busy planting daffodil and narcissus bulbs on the green spaces around the village.

If anyone has any bulbs surplus to their requirements and would be prepared to donate them to help brighten up Weeting, please contact Mike Nairn on 01842 810212.



## Proposal For a Crematorium in Weeting



Every property in Weeting should have received a post card recently advertising a public consultation, on Wednesday September 5th at Weeting Village Hall, regarding a proposal by Dignity to create a new crematorium on part of the Mill Farm site adjacent to the Brandon / Weeting Road.

It is important that Weeting residents take this opportunity to make themselves aware of the details of this proposal and any implications it may have and to ensure that they ask questions and get the answers they need before any planning applications are made. Once the planning application has been received by Breckland District Council, residents can comment on the Council's website. (See Parish Council Notes on page 7.)

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# School Report



## Weeting Primary School

You may be mistaken by thinking that things wind down in the last term at school, but that couldn't be further from the truth. The Summer Term is our chance to embrace the warm weather and cram in as much fun and outside learning as we possibly can. This is normally the cue for thunderstorms and torrential rain. Well, not this year, the sun has most definitely been smiling down on us. So what have we been up to?

### Picnic Time

Many children have chosen to eat their packed lunches outside in our shady amphitheatre, on picnic blankets or on our wonderful new picnic benches. The 'Friends of Weeting' have kindly donated five lovely, child-sized benches which have been a real hit with the children. Each bench has a different interactive top, encouraging the children to identify mini-beasts, trees and leaves, learn their times tables and various other activities.



The benches also came in handy for the 'Family Day BBQ' on Friday 13th July. Thank you to all of the parents, carers and friends who supported this event and helped to create the fun, community atmosphere which we all enjoyed. Well done to our catering staff and helpers - the burgers, chips and sweet treats were top notch - definitely one to look forward to next year!

### Trips & Outings

The end of year trips were a success as always... Acorn Class visited the Lakenheath Nature Reserve, Willow and Beech shared a coach to Banham Zoo, Elm and Ash Classes enjoyed a day out at High Lodge and Oak Class spent the morning at Gravity before going bowling in the afternoon. And off course, the year wouldn't be complete without our annual visit to the Weeting Steam Rally.

### Attendance Prize

This year, Elm had the highest annual class attendance and were rewarded with an afternoon with the 'KindHart animals for therapy and education'. Ms Dukes worked with our Friends of Weeting to organise the visit from this non-profitmaking organisation, allowing the class to meet and handle a range of beautiful animals.



Eliza Williams holding a barn owl.

### Sporting Update

If you read the article in the June edition of Weeting Village Life, you will recall that our school was having an amazingly successful run in sports and we were waiting for the last few events before the end of the year. Our netball team had already become Breckland District Champions and, on 25th June, they played in the County finals against some very stiff competition. They worked extremely hard and managed to gain 4th place overall, a fantastic achievement. Our KS2 tri-golf also made it to the county finals after winning both previous rounds. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were placed 3rd, just outside of the medals. The cross-country finals took place at Holkham Hall this year and four of our children qualified for the event. Unfortunately, only two were able to run on the day due to injury but they did incredibly well and were placed 8th and 26th. Given that the majority of competitors were in organised running clubs and our children were not, they did amazingly well. Our children took part in a host of other events this year including cricket, football, athletics, multi-skills, rounders and tag rugby. As always, they gave their best, behaved impeccably and were models of great sportsmanship. Well done to them all!





# School Report



## Wet & Wild

The name pretty much sums up this crazy, whole-school event where a change of clothes is essential for all, including the teachers. The long-running annual 'Wet and Wild Day' was originally started by Mrs Yates and has become a popular date in the diary for all of us at Weeting Primary. This year it was organised by Mr Scott and Mr Bunten and included the slippery slide, team races, games and of course, a giant water fight for each class.



Oscar Watson (Beech Class) doing a particularly impressive body-dive on the slippery slide.

## End of Year Celebrations



As much as we look forward to the end of year and the fun that it brings, it is also a time when we have to say goodbye to some of our friends. The Year 6 Leaver's Assembly was a lovely, but emotional, day and there were few dry eyes as the Year 6 children sung their Leaver's song. The mood became far more upbeat in the evening with the Leaver's Disco. The Friends of Weeting organised a DJ, photobooth, refreshments and a beautiful celebration cake for our leavers. Good luck to you all on your next adventure, we will miss you!

We rounded off the year off on Tuesday 24th July with our Music Extravaganza. Each class performed summer-themed songs, that they had been practising throughout the term, to an audience of family and friends. Now make sure you all have a happy and healthy summer break and come back fresh in September.

## Important dates:

**Tuesday 4th September** – Sorry teachers, it's back to work.

**Thursday 6th September** – Children start today, it's only a 2-day week though!

## Costume Weekend at Oxburgh Hall

Step back in time to early Tudor England when Henry VII was king and discover what it was like to be part of a big estate like Oxburgh Hall. Volunteers recreate Tudor life across the social classes in costume and demonstrate spinning, weaving, ink making and calligraphy and much more. Try the pottage from the pan over the fire pit and find out about the life of the wool merchant from Thomas of Norwich! - Do you recognise him?

National Trust members free, non-members normal admission fee.  
Dogs welcome.

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September  
11.00 - 16.00



## Situation Vacant!

Retired and / or Community Minded Accountant required who would be willing to sign off the accounts of Thetford Singers in July each year.

Excellent salary of a bottle of wine and complimentary tickets to our concerts!

For further details, please contact Jill Hopper on:  
[jillvhopper@hotmail.com](mailto:jillvhopper@hotmail.com)



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# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

## W.A.S.P.S

Hi all, well, I am sitting in my study which is the coolest part of the house. What a summer we have had, who would have thought it? At our last show in April we



were knee deep in rain water, and the cast and I were panicking. However, the parish council pulled out all the stops and we got more parking and everything went off very well.

On Friday 3rd of August we started our rehearsals early for the next

pantomime due to the fact that we had to move the date from our usual one in December this year. Hopefully, we will go back to December next year. So, the magic date is Friday NOVEMBER 16th for an evening performance and Saturday 17th for afternoon and evening



performances. We do hope you will all come and support us as you have done in previous years.

This pantomime is called "TROUBLE IN TOY LAND" with all the nursery rhyme characters that I could think of. To name a few - Tweedledum and Tweedledee and just wait until you see Humpty Dumpty - he is unique.!

So, friends, I will leave you with a few pictures of previous shows just to show you what the cast get up to, Hope you enjoy the show as much as we do.

Carole - Tel No: 01842 550919

PS: Another heads up - on the Sunday following the pantomime, (the 18th of November), I will be running the Christmas "Craft Fayre". If you would like a table for your wares then ring me as soon as possible because the tables go very fast. They are available at £5 00 each.



## Girls Night Out

The Girl's Night Out event, in aid of St Nicholas Hospice, will take place on September 8th 2018. It is our 10th walk and aims to be our biggest ever. In 2017 more than 2,400 girls signed up and raised £275,000! This year we are hoping to have 3,000 girls taking part and we are hoping to raise £300,000.

Entry is just £15 – so come on girls, keep Weeting on the map!

John A Maxim – Hospice Ambassador & Fundraiser

## Bowls Club

We have had a brilliant year so far. The club looks really nice with the recent refurbishments completed.



We have had various events which have been enjoyed by everyone who



has attended and we look forward to our future events which include a Grease night and a Caribbean night with cocktails. Look out for posters around the village and find us on our Facebook page, Weeting Bowls Club Events, for a list of all our events

We are also looking forward to our bowls season and hope that we can do well in our games this year and we welcome new bowlers to the club.

Come on people of Weeting. Come and support your local club and bowls team. Have a drink in the bar with old friends and make new friends.

A lovely welcoming atmosphere.

For more information ring Sue (secretary) on 01842 812094/07855764288 or email [suewindget@hotmail.com](mailto:suewindget@hotmail.com)

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Gillian Giles on (01366) 728379*



# Weeting Steam Engine Rally & Country Show

## 50TH 1968-2018 ANNIVERSARY

It would be hard to miss that mid July saw the 50th Anniversary of the Weeting Steam Engine Rally at Fengate Farm and what a grand show it was too! A massive display of over 100 working engines were on show and, despite the tinder dry conditions, managed successfully to steam up and strut their stuff in the arena, the timber yard, farmyard and 'road repair' sections without mishap. This was helped by a water bowser spraying the tracks regularly and also served to keep the dust down. Several children were seen cooling themselves down in the scorching temperature by running behind the bowser and enjoying a good shower in the process!



Even if steam wasn't your passion, there really was something for everyone – craft tents, dozens of stalls, the fairground, dog agility, beautiful shire horses, fire engines, tractors, classic cars, bikes and



motor bikes, helicopter rides, fair organs, farm animals, birds of prey, tank rides, miniature train rides, beer and food outlets, the Burrell Restaurant, The Hub (providing play and pastimes for the smaller visitors) and stacks of musical entertainment during the day and each evening. Apologies if anything has been missed out!



The official guests who attended this year were Elizabeth Truss MP on Saturday and Becky Jago from ITV Anglia on Sunday.



Congratulations to Richard Parrott, the Rally Secretary Wendy Young and all the volunteers and the Committee for a fantastic show.



# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

## AFC Weeting



We ended the 2017-18 season finishing 3rd in the division which was a result of remarkable efforts by all of our players, the managers and coaching staff. We held our end of season presentation night at the Saxon with Mandy & Paul providing some food which was well supported by the players and those who were given awards were very happy with the trophies they received.

Over the last 8 weeks we have played several friendlies and it's been clear that the players are improving, working well as a team and have the determination and mind to go out there to win the games of football we play. As we enter the 2018-19 season, a lot of effort has gone into the club over the summer months with some changes to the committee, team and those that are good enough to help the club, which we are all hoping is going to enable us to be title contenders this season with starting 11 places to be selected for on attendance & performance.

We have been very fortunate to secure some amazing sponsorship deals over the summer months with Ben, at Breckland Vehicle Specialists, providing the players with their own kit, complete with names & numbers. Bugden's/BP have also sponsored us and we are going to use this to fund training jackets.

Our first league game is away to Longham reserves on 25th August and the September fixtures are due to be released shortly after the county cup draw, which was made on Friday August 17th. On behalf of all the players, committee and helpers at AFC Weeting, we would like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support and we look forward to seeing some of you readers at the home games to cheer the lad's on.

## Weeting Village Hall

Hi everyone. Well, what a summer we have had so far, with temperatures getting into the mid 30's for so long. Hopefully, the rain we have had over the last couple of weeks will help the fields and gardens recover – so many places have been so dry and fire warnings put out in the forest areas.

The hall as usual has been kept busy with the usual groups – Over 60's, Knit & Natter, Carpet Bowls, Bingo and a few others. Although we have missed the Judo and Weeting Weenies who are on their holidays, we welcome back the W.A.S.P.S who started back at the beginning of August – a month earlier than usual due to their show being put on in November (see separate report).

The ever popular dances have been doing really well, although we have had to cancel the September Dance due to unforeseen circumstances, so that the next dance is on November 24th. Everyone is welcome (bring your own drinks / snacks etc). Please ring Angie on 01842 814147 for tickets. We have four bands already booked for next year – dates to follow.

So far this year we have had the heaters replaced – they needed doing quite badly and, pleased to say, they all worked very well when we needed them. Thanks to the Friends of Weeting Village Hall, the Parish Council and, of course, the Norfolk Community Fund for their donations that enabled us to get them done.

Our next project is going to be the ceiling in the main part of the hall. Nothing has been done since it was put up and it is now in need of being replaced. New lighting is being looked into as well as having ceiling fans put in to help with circulating cool air for when we have the next heatwave!! We are also looking into getting hand driers for the toilets as we do seem to get through an awful lot of paper towels. We are always looking to improve the facilities for all the hall users and to help the ladies who do a sterling job cleaning up after all the clubs and dances etc. each week – no easy thing trying to juggle the cleaning in between each booking.

Not a lot of other news to report at this time except to say we do get very busy from September onwards with various clubs coming back after their summer break and parties being booked, so if you want to host a party or start up a club, please book early to save any disappointment of not having the date you want. Also to say, don't forget the Christmas Fayre on Sunday November 18th – book your table now, £5 a table (contact Carole on 01842 550919). This takes place the day after the W.A.S.P.S Christmas Show, so a very busy weekend for both Carole and I as we are very involved with both!!! Looking forward to your support.

Karen Scott – Treasurer for Weeting Village Hall

## Over 60's

When we set out for Pontefract on the 8th of July we were not sure what to expect, but what a fabulous day it turned out to be. We were dropped off from the coach at Pontefract Castle where there were numerous stalls set out and entertainment. Just outside the entrance was a street train to ferry people up to the town. On reaching the town square we saw lots more stalls, all displaying plenty of liquorice products: sweets, their famous liquorice stout, tea towels and aprons printed with liquorice all-sorts. We saw people walking on stilts, a pantomime Dame and a person dressed as a dinosaur for the children. Also in the square was a stage set up where we were entertained by a live band. A good day all round was had by all.

On the 13th of August, we first went to Sandringham where some of us had an excellent lunch. This was followed by an afternoon trip into Hunstanton, where the rain managed to stay off almost until it was time to return to the coach.

All our members are now looking forward to our September meeting at The Brandon House Hotel, instead of at the usual Village Hall, where we will be having afternoon tea. We will also be having a guest at our October meeting (Mrs. Dawn Morgan) who will be telling us about, and demonstrating, her Crystal healing therapy.

We have a trip planned to the Melton Mowbury Victorian Christmas Fayre on Friday the 30th of November. If there are any spare seats on the coach, non-members are welcome to join us at a cost of £15.00. They can contact any of the people listed below.

Dorothy Young(Coffee) Secretary 01842 814611  
Jean Monk Chairlady 01842 814553  
Norman Killeen Treasurer 01842 819533



Shoestring Theatre Company, based at the IES Breckland School in Brandon, is currently recruiting children aged 8 – 16 and adult members aged 16+ to take part in our shows or to help backstage. If you are interested please contact us on the details below for more information, or feel free to come along on a Tuesday evening between 7 and 10pm.

The next production we are planning is our pantomime, Aladdin (with a modern twist), that will be staged in January 2019 at the IES School. Auditions took place in July and there are still some roles and chorus places to be filled. Preparations are underway to make the scenery, props and costumes and to plan the lighting and sound. If you would like to try your hand at any of these let us know.

We will be appearing at Brandon's Musical Mayhem event on 22nd September where you can visit our stall to play games and for information about the company and it's up coming events. In the run up to this event Shoestring Theatre Company is hosting FREE 1 hour singing workshops on Tuesday evenings (4th, 11th & 18th September) at 7.30pm in the main hall at IES Breckland School – if you would like to take part, contact us on the details below.

Shoestring Theatre Company will also be appearing at Pumpkinfest in the Country Park on 26th October and the Reindeer Event on 22nd December.. Details to follow .... Look out for updates on our Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/Shoestringtheatreco](http://www.facebook.com/Shoestringtheatreco)

Contact details: Natasha at [chairman.shoestring@gmail.com](mailto:chairman.shoestring@gmail.com) or Jill at [shoestring-sec@outlook.com](mailto:shoestring-sec@outlook.com)

# Parish Council Notes

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Weeting Wombles for their enthusiasm and hard work on the second of our litter picks, which focused on the Hockwold Road. We are organising another session to take place towards the end of the month. We will, sadly, be covering old ground, namely, Brandon Road and Peppers Hill.

You may have noticed Melvyn Jones who, whilst out running nearly every day, picks up litter on his route. We would like to say a big thank you to Melvyn for his efforts.

We are also planning a “bulb planting” session in the not too distant future. We will be getting some daffodil and narcissus bulbs to plant out around the village open spaces. Should you wish to donate some bulbs to add to those we will be getting, they will be gratefully received. Also, if you would like to suggest an area that you would like to look colourful come the spring, please let us know. Anyone willing to help us plant out the bulbs would be most welcome too.

By now, you will have received a post card informing you that there is to be a consultation regarding the proposed Crematorium on the 5th September between 5pm and 8pm at the Village Hall. This is being organised on behalf of Dignity Funerals and it will be taking place before any formal Planning Application is submitted to Breckland District Council. Once the application is received by Breckland, it will be published on their website Planning Portal and anyone can make a comment in respect of the application. This will then be attached to the application and viewed by the Planning officers and members of the Planning Committee.

With regard to street Lights, we have decided that as the old sodium lights fail, we will be replacing them with the lantern type LED lights such as those outside the school. In time, we will be replacing all the sodium lights and it will not only reduce the energy bill but also the maintenance costs significantly.

As an aside, we are looking forward to Christmas and have already ordered the tree for the village. So, by the time the next edition of Weeting Village Life is published, the tree may be in place and lit up!

Mike Nairn - Chairman

## ?? Who's Who ??

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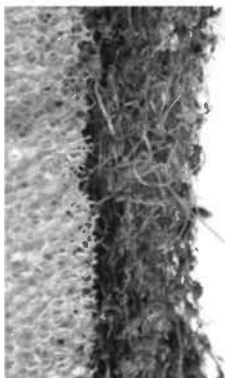
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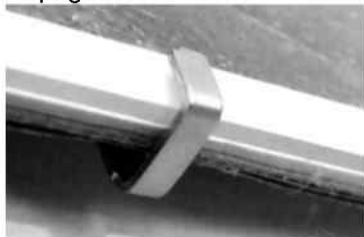
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Here are ten familiar objects found in and around the home viewed in close up. Can you identify what they are?

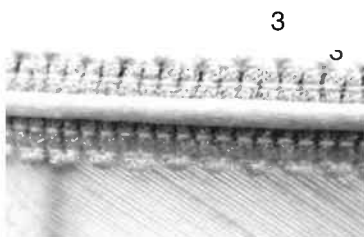
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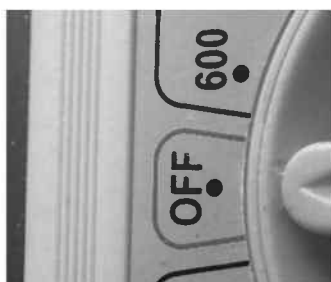
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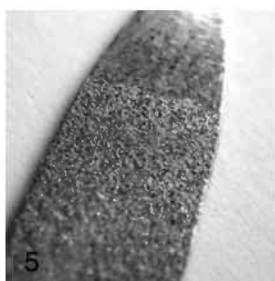
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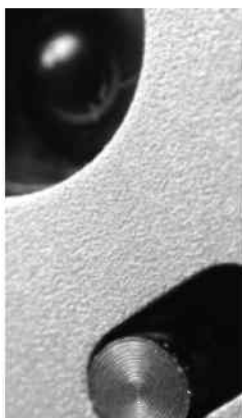
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**Brandon & District Photographic Club's** new year is due to start on Wednesday 5th September - come along and see what this year's Programme contains. We have some exciting evenings ahead of us this year, you can learn all about the composition of a photograph – what you should be looking for through the viewfinder before you take your shot; how to compile a Trio

Assemblage; the art of night photography; how best to mount your photographs. Along with these Tutorial Evenings, we will have a normal Competition and talks on Landscape photography and Horry Parsons will be joining us to give the second of his 'Tower Talks' about the building of the Tower on St Edmundsbury Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds.

A date for your diary too - our **Exhibition** this year will be held on **Friday 12th October and Saturday 13th October**, held in the Baptist Church Hall, High Street, Brandon. The Exhibition gives our members a chance to showcase their pictures to a wider audience, so please come along, browse the members work, choose your favourite and enter our Prize Draw, giving you a chance to take home a print of your choice. It's **FREE ENTRY !!** After your browsing you can enjoy some home-made cake and a tea or coffee, while watching a slide show of more of the members' work.

**Don't forget to follow us on, and keep up to date with, what's going on.**

**Check out our website on [www.brandonphotographicclub.co.uk](http://www.brandonphotographicclub.co.uk)**

Denise Whiting

## Editor's Note:



Mark Your Calendar

The next edition of Weeting Village Life will be published at the beginning of **December 2018**. 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 16th November 2018**. I look forward to hearing from you.

## The Weeting Walkers

The Weeting Walkers meet every Tuesday morning, starting and finishing at the Saxon Pub, except those marked (\*\*) which start and finish at Brandon Leisure Centre, Church Road, Brandon.

Research has shown that walking is an excellent activity to improve your health, so why not join us and take the opportunity to enjoy some of the lesser seen areas of our countryside at the same time?

4th September	<b>9.30am</b>	4.3 miles
11th September	10am	4.6 miles
18th September	10am	5.97 miles
25th September	10am	5.1 miles
2nd October	<b>9.30am **</b>	6.4 miles
9th October	10am	4.7 miles
16th October	10am	5.8 miles
23rd October	<b>9.20am</b>	5.3 miles
30th October	10am	4.3 miles
6th November	10am	5.1 miles
13th November	<b>9.30am</b>	4.3 miles
20th November	10am	2.75 or 6 miles
27th November	10am	4.6 miles
4th December	10am	5.97 miles

Our walks are organised as part of the **Ramblers** and are short but brisk. We encourage walkers to go at their own pace with a front and back marker. We do not stop during the walk, but there is a welcome stop for coffee or tea at the end. There is no need to book – just arrive in good time to hear the pre-walk introduction. You are welcome to come for a taster walk first to see you like it! A good pair of walking shoes and adequate outdoor clothing is all that is needed as, on occasions, it can be wet and muddy.

For further details of all the walks in Breckland (and throughout the UK) please go to the Ramblers website [www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk)

## 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!





## St Mary's Church

**Rector:** Joan Horan (Tel: 01842 828034)  
**Churchwardens:** Julianne Young (Tel: 01842 813581)  
Tommy Saward (Tel: 01842 813601)

### Regular services are as follows:

Second Sunday of the month: Service of the Word @ 11.00am  
Third Sunday of the Month: Eucharist @ 11.00am

## The Rector, the Rev J.A. Horan

I am sure that parishioners will be sorry to hear that the Rector is making but slow progress in her attempts to return to full working health and no date can be offered as to when she may be fit enough to resume the stressful and demanding responsibilities which she has hitherto endured and which have probably been the cause of her present indisposition. There were hopes that she might have been back in harness and have started her secondment by the beginning of August but these hopes have clearly been dashed and it would seem that she will be away for a considerable time yet.

At this worrying time all our thoughts and prayers are with her in the hope that she may be returned, by God's grace and the skill of doctors, to a robust health.

Meanwhile, in the Rector's absence, the Benefice Administrator, Mrs Christine Parker, is doing sterling work in finding priests for services throughout the Benefice as far ahead as November. We should not underestimate the value of this work or the amount of time that it demands and our thanks are due in no small measure to Mrs Parker, while we also appreciate the wise advice and support that the Rural Dean, the Rev Canon William Burke is giving to her and, more generally, to the Benefice.

For **Weddings** or **Funerals** in Weeting, please contact: Christine Parker on 01842-827152 or for **Baptisms**: Tracey Rudge on 07880-490187 [grimshoebaptism@gmail.com](mailto:grimshoebaptism@gmail.com)

In the case of a funeral, you may also approach a funeral director in the first instance.

LFJ Hardwick  
15 August, 2018

**Rev'd Joan Horan** is still ill. Please pray for her recovery. In the mean time, we have been blessed with the presence of Rev'd David Yabbacome, a retired vicar, and Canon Linda Church who have recently led services for us. We have also been blessed with three baptisms recently, those of Florence Willow, Albert John Hancox and Ivanna-Rose Cojacaru. We are joyful that they join the family of God and Jesus Christ and pray for continuing joy for them, their parents and god-parents and their families and friends.

**Remembrance Sunday** falls on the 11th of November this year. As we all know, it is the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Our remembrance service will commence at 10:45 in St Mary's church on that day. We will peal our two bells at 19:00 and, at 19:05, Brenda Willison will "cry" in remembrance. Brenda is an experienced town crier who lives in Weeting.

If you wish to gain access to St Mary's church when no service is on, please contact Tommy Saward (Church warden) (tel: 01842 813601).

Julianne Young (Church warden)



## There, But Not There

A total 888,246 British and Commonwealth Servicemen and women lost their lives in the First World War. The British dead came from every village, town and city and every walk of life and their names are recorded on war memorials throughout the country.

There But Not There is a nationwide installation with three aims: to **commemorate** the Fallen by taking their names off the wall and back into their local communities; to **educate** all generations about their sacrifice; and to help **heal** veterans who are suffering the hidden wounds of their service.



Mike Nairn has donated two of the Tommy silhouettes for St Mary's Church, Weeting, in readiness for this year's Remembrance that marks one hundred years since the end of the First World War on 11th November 1918. They will be on display close to the War Memorial plaque inside the church.

## Please help us create thousands of poppies!



All over the country, nimble fingers are making poppies to create local networks of displays in commemoration of the centenary marking the end of the First World War. If anyone would like to join in the project for Weeting, here are two patterns that work using double knitting wool. However, please feel free to use your own pattern if you would prefer. Crochet or fabric / felt poppies are also welcome.

Each poppy needs to measure about 8cm / 3" across and should be a vibrant 'poppy red' colour. Just the poppy flower is fine - it can be either with or without a leaf / stem.

### Pattern 1:

Using size 9 needles, cast on 120 stitches.

Row 1-4: K  
Row 5: K3tog across the row (40 stitches)  
Row 6-9: K  
Row 10: K2tog across the row (20 stitches)  
Row 11-14: K  
Row 15: K2tog across the row (10 stitches)

Cut wool leaving a tail of about 20cm / 8". Thread the tail back through the remaining stitches and pull tight. Pull around into a circle and then stitch the seam. Sew in the ends. Use a black button for the centre.

### Pattern 2:

Using size 9 needles, cast on 60 stitches.

Row 1-10: K2, P2 across the whole row  
Row 11: K2tog across the row (30 stitches)  
Row 12: Slip 1, K2tog, pssso. Repeat to end (10 stitches)  
Break wool with a long tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight. Stitch the seam and sew on a black button for the centre.

Please pass your poppies to Julianne Young - tel: 01842 813581

# LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DAY AND TIME</b>
Archery (indoor)	Mike 07894 904090	The Dome, Mildenhall	Saturday 12.30 - 3.30pm
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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 7.30pm
Brandon & District Classic Vehicle Club	Bruce Taylor 01842 630656	The Ram Brandon	2nd Monday 7.30pm
Brandon & District Camera Club	Caralyn Walker 01842 752217	Baptist Church Brandon	Alternate Wednesdays 7.30pm
Brandon & District Society of Model Engineering	Peter Ephithite 01842 813154	The Ram Brandon	1st Wednesday 7.30pm
Carpet Bowls	Heather 01842 815406	Village Hall	Friday 9.45 – 12 midday
Children's Street Dancing	Micha 07841 447400	Village Hall	Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00pm
Feltwell Golf Club	Denise Whiting 01842 862079	Feltwell Golf Club	
Fit Camp	Naomi 07803 173094	Playing Field	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6.30 - 7.15pm
Green Bowls	Sue Windget (sec) 01842 812094	Bowls Club	Friday 6.00 – Late Sunday 12 midday – 4.00pm
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History Group	Julianne Young 01842 813581	Various - call to check location	Last Thursday 7.30pm
Judo	Donna 07738 381970	Village Hall	Saturday 9.45 – 11.45am All ages – novices welcome
Keep Fit	Dorothy Kent 01842 810378	Village Hall	Monday 9.30 – 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	Sally 07713 775921 Rita Thompson	Village Hall	Monday 7.00 - 9.00pm Friday 2.00 – 4.00pm
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Model Car	John Abbott 01366 385452	Village Hall	Alt. Wednesday 7.30 – 10.00pm
Over 60's	Jean Monk 01842 814553	Village Hall	1st Tuesday 2.00 – 4.00pm
St Mary's Church	Julianne Young (Churchwarden) 01842 813581	St Mary's Church	See list of Service times
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## Autumn Gardening.

Crops have been harvested, and summer colour has faded from your borders - but don't be fooled into thinking that it's all over until next spring. Autumn is a busy time in the garden, and this year there are extra tasks following the prolonged drought this summer. It's time to begin clearing away the decaying vegetation of the summer and preparing the garden for the cold winter months ahead. Whilst there is still time to enjoy your garden, how about tackling some of the jobs listed below:

- 1) **Clear out compost bins:** The autumn clear up of borders and vegetable plots always generates a lot of plant material for the compost heap. Now is an ideal time to clear out last year's compost and use it around the garden to make room in compost bins for this season's garden waste. If your compost isn't quite ready then turn it to improve decomposition, and create a new heap - you can never have too much compost!
- 2) Our **Lawns** (what's left of them!) faced a harsh summer and autumn is the perfect time to revitalise it. To determine if a lawn is dormant or dead, inspect it down at the soil level. Lawns that have gone dormant will have brown leaves, but the crown at the base of the leaves will still be green, and the roots will have a healthy off-white colour. If a lawn is completely dead, the entire plant—leaves, crowns, and roots—will be brown and brittle. If the lawn is in fact dead, your only options are to either reseed or lay turf. You can help your dormant lawn by implementing a recovery plan of scarifying, aeration and over-seeding. Autumn is a great time to get on with this even whilst it is dry because recovery will be rapid once rain finally arrives.
- 3) **Tidy Borders :** Dig up annuals and add them to the compost heap. You can replant your beds with winter bedding such as pansies, bellis daisies and wallflowers for a colourful display next spring. Autumn provides an ideal opportunity to move poorly placed plants, and divide overcrowded perennials while the soil is still warm. Cut back faded perennials to 5cm above ground level, but don't be too tidy - some perennials have attractive seed heads that look wonderful covered in autumn dew, and provide handsome winter silhouettes. They will also provide shelter for overwintering insects. Once your borders are clean and tidy, spread a thick layer of compost, bark chips or well rotted manure across them. don't worry about digging it in - let the worms do the hard work for you.
- 4) **Spring Flowering Bulbs:** For the widest choice and best quality buy spring flowering bulbs as soon as you can. Daffodils and crocus are best planted whilst the soil is still warm. Plant bulbs deeply (at least 3 times the depth of the bulb) to prevent the bulbs from going blind (failing to produce flowers). It's also a good time to plant hyacinths and amaryllis for flowering indoors over Christmas.
- 5) **Leaves:** Net ponds to prevent falling leaves clogging filters and turning to sludge at the bottom of your pond. The leaves can be added straight to the compost heap or collected up to make leaf mould. Leaf mould adds structure and organic matter to your soil. Construct a large bin out of wire mesh in a sheltered spot to collect your leaves in, or if space is limited simply use plastic bin liners with holes punch through the sides to let in the air. Fill the leaf bin/ bags with leaves and sprinkle with water. Tie the tops of bags and give them a good shake before stacking them out of sight and forgetting them for 2 years. If you are using a leaf bin you will need to remember to dampen the leaves occasionally if they become too dry. Once the leaves reach a crumbly texture they can be spread as a mulch throughout your borders.
- 6) **Evergreens:** Autumn is the best time to plant new evergreen shrubs & conifers, or move those growing in the wrong place. Evergreen hedges such as conifers are best trimmed in September, any later and you risk frost damage.

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## How Long Have You Been Here?

It is a true to say that we live in the middle of change but sometimes the change is more of an upheaval and has a dramatic influence on our lives. The rise of the Internet over the past couple of decades has seen cataclysmic changes in the way we do business, for instance, as witness the decline in the numbers of High Street banks and, perhaps more recently the reduction and closure of branches of chain stores, the names of which had become household names, established and recognised for reliable shopping in all out towns and cities.

Perhaps rather sadly the former 'going into town to shop' has been replaced more and more by shopping on the internet, often quicker but lacking the personal contact of former years. Looking back, it's interesting to see how the shopping empires began.

In 1858, the Jews, having been infamously expelled from England by Edward I in 1290 and allowed by Oliver Cromwell in 1656 to return and practise their faith freely, were finally emancipated, an act which marked a new beginning to Jewish/Christian relations, putting an end to centuries of estrangement. As a result Britain became a haven for the persecuted of Europe and between 1881 and 1914 some 150,000 Jewish settlers came to Britain, largely from Russia which was persecuting the Jews in that part of Poland it had acquired in 1772.

So it was that, in 1878, a young nineteen year old Pole left the small town of Slonim in Polish Russia, and landed in Hartlepool with very little English and even less money. He became a sales rep for Isaac Dewhirst, a clothing merchant with a reputation of helping fellow Jews. The young man, by the name of Michael Marks, borrowed five pounds from Dewhirst and soon had made enough to set up his own stall at Kirkgate and then, in 1886, a permanent stall in the new covered market in Leeds, selling pins, needles, soap, nails and anything small and handy, charging a penny for every item. Business took off and he opened penny bazaars in a range of north country towns. Seeking help to run his growing business he joined forces with Dewhirst's cashier, Thomas Spencer. Thus was born, in 1894, Marks and Spencer, which by 1903, had forty shops, growing to 60 by 1907. With both Marks and Spencer dead it was Marks's son, Simon, who introduced the name St Michael in honour of his father, a name which was then stitched on the firm's clothing labels.

Shortly after Michael Marks came to Britain, he was followed by Isaac Moses and his brother who were able to turn their rag-and-bone business into an elite formal couturier, later known as Moss Bros.

A third example of Jewish immigrant entrepreneur skills was shown by Montague Ossinsky, who emigrated from Lithuania. He worked in a shop in Chesterfield, changed his name to Burton in 1904 and started to trade in ready-to-wear men's clothing. Joined by his younger brother, in 1921 the firm expanded by buying a rival and by 1925 was the biggest retail empire in Europe with three hundred shops employing five thousand employees. During the Second World War from its new factories in Lancashire it provided 13.5 million items of military uniform for the British army. Robert Winder suggests that the phrase 'Gone for a Burton' 'was a jocular reference to the sticky end to which many of these clothes were doomed.'

Sir Montague Burton was a great benefactor, endowing chairs at universities in Leeds, Cardiff, Cambridge, London, Edinburgh, Oxford and Jerusalem and becoming active at the United Nations.

Of course, such successes were not the lot of every Jewish person seeking a fresh home on these shores. In 1886, the German Chancellor, Bismarck, expelled Polish Jews from Prussia and the Russians banished Jews from Moscow in 1890, while, in 1900 some three thousand Jews left Romania and crossed Europe on foot to get to Britain. As a result the Board of Guardians for the Relief of the Jewish Poor, set up in 1859, was under severe pressure to help the incoming Jews. The conditions on the boat were horrific and upon arrival the Jews were huddled together in insanitary and overcrowded conditions, suffering from an array of parasitical crooks and working in sweat shops – hot, steam filled rooms, their heads surrounded by dust, threads of cotton and wool and fumes from dyes, glues, and the gas used to light the dim cellars.

But, despite the inauspicious beginnings, many successful efforts were made to integrate the Jews and the children of the first arrivals produced a range of successful citizens across a variety of activities – as, for example, in Olympic champions (Harold Abrahams), parliamentary successes such as Manny Shinwell, industrial magnates (Arnold Weinstock) and Marcus Samuel, who built the oil company Shell, named after his father's trading in shells. Boxing was a way out of the ghetto, too, as was show business: think of Bud Flannigan, Lew Grade, Bernard Delfont, Sidney Bernstein and in the arts, Harold Pinter, Arnold Wesker, Victor Gollanz and so on.

All in all, although the start for these refugees in this country was not always pleasant, they did not experience the attempts at racial extinction which the Jews of Europe were to experience during the 1939-45 war, one of them, Chaim Weizmann, playing a vigorous part in the foundation of the state of Israel and becoming its first President in 1948.

N.B. For much of the material in this article I have been indebted to Robert Winder and his book on immigration to Britain from pre-historic times to the present day - *Bloody Foreigners, Abacus, 2007*. I would strongly recommend this highly readable and totally absorbing book for its balanced and informative presentation of immigration down the centuries. It will get rid of many false beliefs and misunderstandings!

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## Toxocara and Toxoplasma

Zoonotic disease - Diseases that can be transmitted from animals to man are known as zoonoses. Dog and cat zoonoses include Rabies, Leptospirosis, Salmonella, Ringworm, Toxocara and Toxoplasma.

*Toxocara canis* is a roundworm which causes disease in young puppies. Humans catch *T.canis* from handling soil or sand contaminated with infected animal faeces, children are most commonly affected. *Toxoplasma gondii* is an intracellular parasite carried by cats. *T.gondii* infection in pregnant women can result in abortion or severe disease in the new born.

### ***Toxocara canis***

#### The complex life cycle of *Toxocara canis*

Many animals host their own specific species of roundworm parasite. *T.canis* worms living in the intestines of a dog, lay thousands of eggs which are passed in the faeces. The eggs survive for up to a year in the environment due to a protective outer coat. The eggs must develop ('embryonate') into infective larvae to become infective, in ideal conditions embryonation takes about 14 days.

Embryonated eggs in the environment may be ingested by a variety of animals and move into their intestines. *T.canis* larvae then migrate through the host. In the most direct life cycle, larvae travel through the liver of the dog, to the lungs, they are coughed up into the throat, swallowed and travel into the intestines where they can become egg laying adults. Some larvae migrate in different routes and become resting 'somatic' larvae in different parts of the body. *T.canis* larvae which become resting somatic larvae in small animals may re-infect dogs which prey upon them.

Resting larvae in female dogs are reactivated during pregnancy. *T.canis* can infect pups in 3 ways: after migration across the placenta, across the mammary glands into milk or after being passed in faeces which pups ingest. Puppies may carry a large number of egg laying adult *T.canis* by 3 weeks of age. Adult roundworms are later excreted as the puppy's immune system matures. Further Toxocara infection is likely to result in the development of somatic larvae in the pups

#### Toxocara signs

Intestinal worms interfere with the absorption of nutrients and heavily infected puppies are typically stunted, with distended abdomens. Severe infections can cause acute emergencies such as intestinal obstruction or intussusception. Large numbers of parasites passing through the lungs can cause pneumonia symptoms. However, a small number of intestinal worms are well tolerated by dogs and it is estimated that 10% of dogs carry the infection.

#### Toxocara in humans

For most people, *T.canis* causes no symptoms and the parasites die within a few months. When apparent, clinical signs include headache and stomach pain. Severe disease can occur if the larvae migrate through organs such as the liver (Visceral larval migrans) or the eye (Ocular larva migrans). Such larval migrations can cause fatigue, loss of appetite, skin rashes, breathing difficulties, seizures, blurred vision or even permanent loss of vision. Fortunately, most people make a full recovery and do not experience any long-term complications.

#### Toxocara control

Although fresh dog faeces are not infectious, they are best disposed of immediately. Once *T.canis* eggs are passed into sand or soil, they remain hazardous for months.

Hygiene measures such as hand washing after handling animals, sand or soil is the best way to prevent toxocariasis. Dogs should be regularly dewormed, especially around pregnancy and lactation. *T.canis* can only produce eggs in the dog host and the infection cannot be spread between humans.

### ***Toxoplasma gondii***

#### The complex life cycle of *Toxoplasma gondii*

*Toxoplasma gondii* has a complicated life cycle involving both sexual and asexual reproduction, both can take place within the cat host. Additionally, toxoplasma can reproduce asexually in many other mammals.

Toxoplasma 'oocysts' formed by sexual reproduction of the parasite within a cat's intestines are passed in the faeces. Cats usually show no signs of infection, they become immune and stop excreting oocytes after about 10 days. These oocysts must develop ('sporulate') in the environment to become infective before being ingested by virtually any warm-blooded animal.

Following ingestion by an alternate host, the sporulated *T.gondii* oocysts rapidly reproduce asexually. The host's immune system slows reproduction and cysts are formed in tissues such as muscle and brain. These tissue cysts are small and normally cause no problems. Cats become re-infected by ingesting sporulated oocysts in the environment or by eating cysts with prey animals.

#### Toxoplasma signs

Affected cats may show signs such as vomiting, diarrhoea and lethargy which are non-specific and can be attributed to many other illnesses. Infection in sheep can be of animal welfare and economic importance. Abortion, still birth or weak lambs can result if a ewe is infected for the first time during pregnancy. Cysts can be found in the meat of several agricultural animals.

#### Toxoplasma in humans

Most people will be unaware that they have been infected with *T.gondii*, others develop flu like symptoms including aches, tiredness, swollen glands and a sore throat. Patients usually recover without treatment within 6 weeks and develop lifelong immunity preventing repeat disease. Humans with inadequate immune systems such as chemotherapy or transplant patients and unborn babies are unable to slow *T.gondii* reproduction and can suffer severe disease. Depending on stage of pregnancy, abortion or severe birth abnormalities may occur. Fortunately, infections during human pregnancy are not common.

#### Toxoplasma control

*T.gondii* transfer to humans is in some ways similar *T.canis*. The parasite is found in cat faeces, soil contaminated with cat faeces, but also in infected meat. Human infection can be avoided by hygiene measures such as hand washing before eating, wearing gloves when gardening, covering play sandpits to avoid their use as cat litter trays, changing cat litter trays daily, washing fruit and vegetables, washing hands after handling raw meat and avoiding undercooked meat and unpasteurised milk and cheese. Pregnant women should not assist with lambing.

#### Conclusion

Although *T.canis* is of little importance to non-pregnant adult dogs and *T.gondii* rarely causes disease in cats, both parasites can result in significant human illness. We should all endeavour to clean up after our pets. Please discuss control strategies of these and other parasites with the team at your veterinary surgery.

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## Village Hall Dance

### Please Note:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the dance planned for Saturday 22nd September at Weeting Village Hall has been cancelled.

The next dance will take place on Saturday 24th November.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## September 2018:

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Wednesday 5th | - Public consultation for proposed crematorium. Village Hall 5pm - 8pm         |
| Saturday 8th  | - 'Girls Night Out' walk for St Nicolas Hospice, Angel Hill, Bury, from 6.30pm |
| Saturday 15th | - Tudor Costume Weekend at Oxburgh Hall. 11am - 4pm                            |
| Sunday 16th   | - " " " " " " " "  |
| Thursday 20th | - Messy Church. Village Hall 3 - 5pm   |
| Thursday 20th | - Weeting Parish Council meeting. Village Hall. Open session 7pm               |
| Saturday 22nd | - 'Musical Mayhem' in Brandon. 2.30 - 9pm                                      |
| Saturday 22nd | - <b>PLEASE NOTE: VILLAGE HALL DANCE TONIGHT IS CANCELLED</b>                  |



## October 2018:

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Saturday 6th  | - Craft Workshop. Village Hall 10am - 4pm                        |
| Thursday 18th | - Weeting Parish Council meeting. Village Hall. Open session 7pm |
| Friday 26th   | - Pumpkinfest - Brandon Country Park                             |

## November 2018:

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Thursday 15th | - Messy Church. Village Hall 3-5pm                                      |
| Thursday 15th | - <b>PLEASE NOTE ; PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT IS CANCELLED</b>      |
| Friday 16th   | - WASPS present 'Trouble in Toyland'. Village Hall. Evening performance |
| Saturday 17th | - " " " " " " " " Matinee & evening performances.                       |
| Sunday 18th   | - Christmas Fayre. Village Hall 10am - 4pm                              |
| Thursday 22nd | - HATS present 'Snow White'. Hockwold Village Centre 7.30pm             |
| Friday 23rd   | - " " " " " " " "   |
| Saturday 24th | - " " " " " " " " 2pm & 7.30pm  |
| Saturday 24th | - Village Hall Dance at Weeting. 8pm - 12midnight                       |

## December 2018:

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Saturday 15th | - Thetford Singers' Christmas Concert. The Guildhall, Thetford 7.30pm |
| Thursday 20th | - Messy Church. Village Hall 3 - 5pm                                  |
| Thursday 20th | - Weeting Parish Council meeting. Village Hall. Open session 7pm      |
| Saturday 22nd | - Reindeer Event, Brandon   |



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  - 9 - Computer mouse (underside), 10 - Oven tray detachable grip

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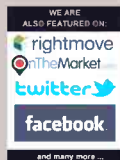
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