



Village Life



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Huge Haul for Weeting Wombles

The Weeting Wombles have been out again and collected their biggest haul to date. A group of twelve collected 50 sacks of rubbish along the Weeting to Methwold Road between Saxon Place and a farm gate entrance just short of the Cranwich Road turning.



Much of the litter consisted of tin cans, plastic bottles, crisp packets and chocolate bar wrappers, but also included a divan bed, a pair of workboots, three car tyres, a car wheel with tyre, bits of a Dyson vacuum cleaner, a refrigerator door (the rest of the fridge was impossible to remove from the undergrowth), several wheel trims, a lot of vinyl floor covering, plastic boxes, a trailerboard, car trims, glass bottles, take-away rubbish (burger cartons, plastic straws, paper cups), a lot of polystyrene and a pair of men's underpants! Sadly, we came across a dead deer and a pheasant, but had to leave them in situ.



Why oh why must people toss their rubbish on the roadside, especially the small items like cans, bottles, wrappers and packaging that could be put in their domestic waste bin at home?

Many thanks to all the Wombles who took part, especially the children - hopefully their efforts will instill in them a respect for the countryside throughout their lives.

The Great Britain Spring Clean 2019 takes place between 22nd March and 23rd April and Weeting will be taking part. This is planned to be the country's biggest ever mass-action environmental campaign. For further details see www.KeepBritainTidy.org



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!

To book the Village Hall for meetings, parties or other social functions, contact Angie Page on 01842 814147

Look Out For Asian Hornets

Alert! Report sightings of this species.

- with the iPhone and Android recording app: **Asian Hornet Watch**
- online at: www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/asianhornet
- by email: alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk

The Asian Hornet, (*Vespa velutina*), AKA Yellow-legged Hornet, is native to Asia and its nest is usually high in trees and man made structures, sometimes closer to the ground. It hunts honey bees and other insects and also feeds on fruit and flowers.



It was introduced to France in 2004 where it has spread rapidly. A number of sightings have been recorded in the UK since 2016.

It is a highly aggressive predator of native insects and poses a significant threat to honey bees and other pollinators. There is a high possibility of introduction through, for example, soil associated with imported plants, cut flowers, fruit, garden items (furniture, plant pots), freight containers, inside vehicles or in/on untreated timber. The possibility that it could fly across the Channel has not been ruled out.

Key ID Features



It is not easily confused with any other species. It is smaller than the native European Hornet with a dark brown or black velvety body, a characteristically dark abdomen and yellow tipped legs.

Do not disturb an active nest. Members of the public who suspect they have found an Asian Hornet should report it with a photo using the details provided in the red box at the top of this page.



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School Report



Ash Class

This term in Ash class we have a big focus on chocolate, which is proving rather popular, not surprisingly! As well as our class reader being 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl, the children have been looking into the enquiry question 'Can you grow chocolate?' and we have a chocolate 'tree' in our classroom. We have been finding out about where chocolate comes from and how it is produced.

Linked into this, we are studying the Mayans. We started by finding Central America on the world map and looking for the countries of Central America in our atlases. The children then worked together to produce a list of research questions about the Mayans which they hope to find answers to over the next few weeks. They have approached the History and Geography work with a great deal of enthusiasm and are keen to work on their challenge for this term – to make a model of a Mayan temple!

In English, we are continuing our Talk for Writing work by looking at writing creative stories, based on 'Elf Road'. We have nearly finished learning the text and the children are looking at all the features which make it such a good story so that they can apply these ideas to their own work. As well as this, we will be looking at describing characters, based on 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. The children are also working hard on comprehension, spellings and grammar each week.

Within Science, we have been looking at flowering plants in detail, finding out about the various parts of the plant and their function. We have grown some seeds and explored the necessary requirements to make sure they grow well, such as light, warmth, water and soil. We are also going to find out about different habitats and look in detail at rainforests. We will also look at the life cycle of the cocoa tree and how chocolate is made.

In P.E the class have had lots of fun exploring the large gymnastic equipment and using music to be super creative with their sequences.

In Maths the class continue to work hard on learning their times tables and all about money....so will know how to count their change when they are in the local shop buying some sweets or chocolate with their pocket money!!

In Art we have explored mixing our own colours and studied the painting called A tiger in the storm by Rousseau. We are busy making our own rainforest scene!

We are definitely looking forward to a lovely 'chocolate filled' Easter!!

Mrs Turner, Mrs Brown - Class Teachers



Beech Class

Before Christmas Beech Class were investigating Castles, life in Castles and living in the past. Children wrote stories about kings, queens, princes and princesses and built amazing models of different types of castles. They even had a go at designing and making medieval catapults.

The topic this term is all about the seasons and changes that we see. The children have investigated day and night, activities that happen at different times and seasons. We are now looking at nocturnal animals.

In English lessons we have been concentrating on different types of punctuation including questions marks, explanation marks, commas and looking at present and past verbs. We have also been using adjectives and conjunctions in writing.

In Maths lessons we have focused on addition and subtractions, measuring length, time and have collected data to use in block graphs. Children are learning their multiplication tables to earn stickers on reward cards.

We have welcomed the new children into our class from year 1 class, we hope they will be happy to be in Beech class.

School Sports Report

Hello there, let me introduce myself. I am Mr Bunten, or as kids love to call me, Mr B. I have taken over PE at Weeting school from Mr Scott (a very hard act to follow).

So far this academic year we have taken place in 2 cross country events at Icen Academy and Hockwold Hall where our children were amazing and finished in the top 30 of each event, YRs 4/5 and 6 boys and girls taking part.

We have also taken part in the YRs 5 and 6 girls Breckland Schools Sports football competition at Thetford Sports Centre where our girls finished 3rd only losing 2 matches to teams that had girls playing football regularly - a truly fantastic effort.

In November we took part in the cluster Tag Rugby event where I took a team of YRs 4 and 6 boys and girls to Icen Academy. We competed against other local schools and, after a cold day, we finished 3rd.

In January of this year I managed to take the Reception year to Icen Academy on a Multi Skills day to give them the opportunity to enjoy sport in a fun environment with other reception classes from the Trinity.

Then, on February 6th, I took a group of boys and girls from YR 6 to Icen Academy to a High 5 netball tournament where the children didn't lose a game. We ended up winning the league on most nets scored and shared the Big Schools' Cup with Feltwell. I must say a most enjoyable afternoon was had by all.



As well as being competitive, my main goal has been to get all the children involved to enjoy the sports and activities we have taken part in and I firmly believe this has happened.

Thanks for enduring my long-winded report, - until the next time my dear sport fans.

Mr B x



School Report



The year has started very well for our students and 2019 is already shaping up to be another incredible year here at Iceni Academy. I am looking forward to sharing our news with you as it develops during the year. We are building on some really strong Academic results last year and working hard to improve the character education for our students while providing them with a range of cultural opportunities.

We have been approved to set up a Combined Cadet Force here at the Academy and I have been meeting a Captain from the Army to look at the next steps in getting this up and running. We will be parading by September 2019, but I hope that a small group can start before that. I am grateful for the staff and governors who have volunteered their time to run this and I can see it is going to have a really positive impact on our students.

Recently we have had some visitors from Primary Partners for various things including sports tournaments and Mandarin masterclasses and also had the BBC filming in our Modern Foreign Languages department about how we are bucking the national trend and getting more students engaged with languages. I hope that you enjoy the feature if you see it after half term on Look East.



Continuing the international theme, we also hosted some Chinese students from Bury Language School on an exchange visit to England. During their visit to us the students were buddied up with some of our Year 7s who are studying Chinese.

We have continued our efforts to engage our young people in politics too with a visit by Baroness Scott. She was brilliant at engaging with the students and dispelling some myths about life as a peer!

A group of our gifted and talented students had the chance to attend the West Norfolk University Challenge Conference held at the College of West Anglia. I am really pleased to tell you that they were an absolute credit to our Academy and Community. I am always delighted to win medals, but it actually meant just as much to see how they worked with equally talented peers from other schools.

Our Computing Ambassadors got competitive and took their skills and enthusiasm to a Lego robot competition which took place at the Forum in Norwich. This was a particular moment of pride for me because they won the trophy for public interaction and this reflects the skills that I want Iceni students to develop.

We are working hard to improve the site here and, as well as the £100,000+ for new toilets, we have a similar figure being invested in updating our science labs and I look forward to sharing our progress on those with you. Our science results are already something to be proud of and I look forward to seeing the impact that the new facilities will have on improving these further. This will also tie in with our developing links with science-based companies in Cambridge and food-based companies in Norwich.



Thank you for your support as a community. I really feel that we are moving forward together and I appreciate the time you have taken to discuss issues and share ideas. We have some initial numbers for next year and, for the first time in our recent history, **we are close to our capacity** in terms of Year 7 students joining us next year!

This is your community school - thank you for playing a role in helping to improve it.

In 2019, as I did in 2018, I would welcome your nominations for awards for staff who go over and above your expectations. Professional and tenacious staff have driven the success of Iceni Academy over the past few years. As well as recognising student achievements, (with things like the Pride of Iceni tie), I also want to recognise staff contributions. If you would like to

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nominate one of our staff for a F.R.E.D. award please use this form on our website: <http://icenimethwold.org.uk/staff-recognition/>

Over the next few months I am keen to work with you to open up the use of our facilities for those who wish to hire them outside the school day. If you are interested, please email Beth via office@iceniacademy.org.uk.

Thank you for reading and, as always, thank you for your support. I never take it for granted and really appreciate it.

Stephen Plume, Principal, Iceni Academy (Methwold)

PS - If you attended Iceni Academy please join our growing group of alumni (over 150 already signed up)! (<http://icenimethwold.org.uk/alumni/>)



Friends of Weeting, our PTA, have done amazingly well raising money for our school, Weeting Primary. Since the Friends of Weeting started back in September, up to the present day, they have raised an astonishing **£2040!** This was achieved mainly via Bake Sales, Craft events, Raffles, Refreshments and the Weeting Winter Wonderland.

Their upcoming events include more bakes sales, the Valentine's Disco, Weeting's Got Talent and the Easter Egg Hunt.

They have used some of the raised funds to buy craft materials for each classroom, Christmas dinner table decorations and Christmas gifts for every child.

Their next focus is now on redecorating the school hall and purchasing outside equipment for Spring / Summer. Last academic year the Friends of Weeting revamped the children's library and what a grand job they did! They also purchased outdoor picnic tables for when the children eat and work outside.

Weeting Primary would like to say a great big thank you to the Friends of Weeting for all their hard work and for supporting the school, from fundraising to supporting staff and children.

Many thanks again,

Weeting Primary School

Spring Term



We have had a great start to the New Year with more children enrolling and purchases of new outside play equipment.

We have our family bingo on Saturday 6th April in the Village Hall and would be delighted to have as much support from the local community as possible. You don't need to have children in the Pre School to show your support.

If you or your business would like to make a raffle prize donation, we would be extremely grateful, please get in touch.

We currently have limited spaces available for children aged 2-4 years within our Pre-School setting. With Ofsted rating GOOD we offer 2 sessions a day between the hours of 9am and 3pm Monday-Friday, term time only. We are also able to offer 2 and 3 year old funded spaces.

If you are looking for a lovely local Pre-School, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us on 07927 690 968. We welcome any new parents and children to visit the Pre-School and meet the staff to answer any questions you may have.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT



Shoestring Theatre Company would like to give a big thank you to the hundreds of people who came along to this year's pantomime. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. It was great to hear everyone joining in with "Oh no

he's not" and "He's behind you" and booing and hissing at the evil villain Abanazar - who was also our director - Leah Sanders. Also, a huge thank you to the children (young and old) who came down the front to help teach the mums, dads and grandparents the actions for Baby Shark!

We'd also like to give a huge shout to those who go largely unseen - helping backstage & front of house; making costumes; painting scenery; constructing the sets; creating the props. Transporting; selling tickets; advertising and administering everything needed for our productions. From the leading lady to the sound and light crew shoestring is run entirely by volunteers. And we're always looking for more. Do you fancy getting involved? Whether you love acting - or just want to try it - or you're a dab hand at painting or a technical whizz, or maybe you love organising - why not come along to one of our meetings and find out more?



The costumes are now all washed and put away, the scenery is back in storage and the stage has been swept. Time to start planning the next productions...

There is going to be a murder in Brandon! If you fancy yourself as the next Hercules Poirot or Vera then keep an eye out for a chance to crack the case. Follow us on Facebook as further details are revealed.

We are pleased to announce our Summer production will be "A Midsummers Night's Dream" held at Brandon Country Park on 30th June, please look out for further information on our Facebook page and the next Weeting Newsletter

Shoestring meet every Tuesday evening during term time at IES Breckland school. Full details on our web-site shoestringtheatreco.uk (only one dot!).

Follow us on Facebook for info on upcoming productions: [facebook.com/shoestringtheatreco](https://www.facebook.com/shoestringtheatreco)

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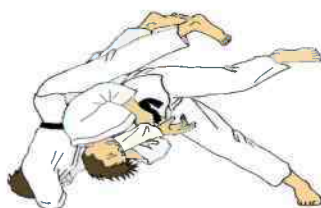
EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

AT WEETING VILLAGE HALL

0945 - 1145

EVERYONE WELCOME

FIRST LESSON FREE

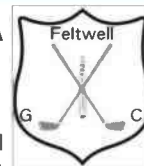


FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL

DAVE ON 07711482827 OR DONNA ON

07738381970

FELTWELL GOLF CLUB - A COURSE TO BE PROUD OF



Our AGM is the order of the day for this month, this will be held on Wednesday 13th March in the Clubhouse at 19.00. All members are encouraged to come along to hear what has been achieved in the past year and what may be in store for the Club in the coming year as well as vote for the vacant positions on the Committee and in the Club.

Our members have not been daunted by the cold winter weather, Winter Leagues are continuing and will very soon draw to a close, when we will see the start of a series of 2019 Friendlies and Club Competitions. We encourage everyone with a current handicap to enter the Club Competitions and put their names up for the Friendlies - a chance for you to play other courses.



The evenings will start to draw out again during March, giving us all the opportunity to take advantage of a first class golf course on our doorstep after work or school hours. There is always "Time for 9" and we welcome all comers to the course, whether you already play or are new to the sport. We have excellent opportunities for lessons and hope to start up some 'New to Golf' courses during the summer for both ladies and gents - more information on this initiative will be in the next issue.

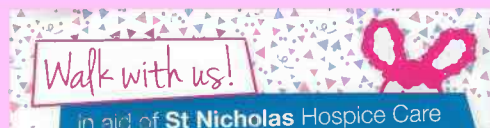
March's Quiz Night will be held on Thursday 28th March 2019 starting at 7.30pm, however, if you would like to make an evening of it and have a meal, food will be served from 6.00pm. These evenings are growing in popularity, we have record numbers of tables each month, so phone now to book your table for the evening on 01842 827644.

Remember **visitors** are always welcome at **Feltwell Golf Club** - you don't have to **be** a member or even **come with** a member. Simply, enquire in the office, Pro Shop or the Bar, buy your ticket and enjoy a game of golf. To help encourage visitors to our course we operate a **LOYALTY SCHEME** for Green Fee players. Be sure to get your card and for every 5 times you use the course you get your 6th game **FREE**.

Follow us on Facebook and keep up to date with what's going on at Feltwell Golf Club.

Remember you are never too young or too old to start playing golf and we look forward to seeing you soon at Feltwell Golf Club

Denise Whiting
(Feltwell Golf Club)



Girls' Night Out

The Girls' Night Out Event last September has raised a magnificent total of £226,643 to date, with sponsor monies still coming in. Well done to all our Weeting ladies who took part.

This year's event will take place on 14th September. Anyone wishing to take part, either walking or marshalling, please contact John Maxim, Hospice Ambassador & Fundraiser, on 01842 811032.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT



We have an interesting month coming up at Brandon & District Photography Club, one not to be missed. Just two sessions this month but both are well worth coming to.

Firstly, on Wednesday 13th March we are being visited by Justin Minns, a professional landscape photographer who specialises in capturing atmospheric images of East Anglia for clients including the National Trust. Justin also runs various workshops throughout the year and has been widely published on book and magazine covers to jam jars and puzzles. This will be an evening well worth coming to and not just for members, anyone is welcome to join us on that evening, so please contact us if you would like to come along, on 01842 752217 or email on davidwalker369@btinternet.com.

We have one Competition planned for this month, on Wednesday 27th March, images can be submitted in Colour, Mono or Digitally Creative and the set subject this time is in the Creative Digital Section under the title of 'Looking Up'. This subject has had several members scratching their heads for ideas, so an interesting evening is certainly on the cards. The other two sections, Mono and Colour are both free subjects, so members, please look out your very best photos. For more details please contact Tim Bridge on 01842 81300 or email tim@tbridge.co.uk.



If you are new to the art of photography then please come along to either of these meetings, meet our members and see how joining us can improve your photographic skills. More experienced photographers are also very welcome at Brandon & District Photographic Club, we all like to share our experiences and knowledge and encourage skilled photographers to join us; we can all learn from each other.

Everyone is welcome to join in and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 13th and/or 27th March, or, of course, on both evenings!

Don't forget you can follow us on Facebook and keep up to date with what's going on.

Check out our website on www.brandonphotographicclub.co.uk

Denise Whiting
Marketing

W.A.S.P.s

Hi Everybody, I think I said it last year how quickly time is flies and here we are again, it is March already! I am sure the minutes are only 55 secs long, how about you?



So, what has the W A S P s group been up to lately? Well, we had our Panto in November although it was supposed to be in December, but some of the cast could not make the date. We had a lot of fun as usual with the different things that happen during rehearsals, with me shouting "leave it in, that's good for a laugh" as that is what we aim for in all our shows - to laugh at each other and, hopefully, the audience will also laugh at our antics!

"Trouble in Toyland" was no exception. Everybody liked the show with the bad Sir Barnaby Brexit and his side kick, Tweedle Dum, doing their best to wreck Christmas, but with Tom Tom and Mary Contrary, together with Jackie and Jill and the rest of the cast, the baddies got their just desserts. And, as usual in Pantomimes, it all ended up happily ever after.



Rehearsals for our Summer show will start Friday 1st of March in Weeting Village Hall at 6 00 pm and the show will be held on the 5th and 6th of July. This time we are all going to a Wacky Wedding! I will tell you more in the next Weeting Village Life.

Here are a few pics from the last show, so that you can see just what we got up to.



Looking forward to seeing you at the show, but if you want to know more about us, we will be at the Weeting Hall on 21st of April when we will be involved in running the Art and Craft Fayre with lots of lovely gifts and fun things going on.

Carole

ART FOR PLEASURE Weeting



We will be holding an exhibition of our work from
23rd March - 6th April 2019.

at

THE DRAGONFLY GALLERY,
Wayland House, Watton
Open 10am - 4pm week days
10 am - 1pm Saturdays
Closed Sundays

We are a local group of artists who work in a variety of mediums depicting many subjects. Entrance is free and, should you wish to purchase, our prices are reasonable. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Further details from Beryl Pountney 01842 828750

What's Missing?



Has anyone noticed that something is missing in Weeting?

On 12th February, the last public telephone box in the village was removed from its place next to the bus shelter by the Hockwold Road turning.

A victim of our modern preference to owning

mobile phones, the telephone itself had been disconnected and eventually removed some time ago. The empty kiosk had subsequently been used primarily for bill posting.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Over 60's

I am pleased to report that our trip up to the Melton Mowbury Christmas Market was a great success. There was a lovely atmosphere with most stall holders dressed in Victorian outfits. We sampled some very nice Port and, of course, purchased the pork pies for which they are famous. As this was such a popular trip it could well become one of our trips for this coming year.

Our Christmas dinner this year took place at Brandon House Hotel on the 14th of December and was enjoyed by all, - in fact several members said it was the best Christmas dinner they had ever had, so it looks as if this could be our regular venue.

Brenda Willison, one of our members and Newmarket's Town Cryer, did give us her promised talk at December's meeting which we all found very interesting. Now we are preparing for our A.G.M. in March. Jean Norman and I will be standing for re-election and already have several venues lined up if we are elected back into office.

Brandon District Photographic Club once again invited us to a photo shoot and several members turned out for this. A great evening and laugh were enjoyed by both our group and the photo club. We would like to thank them for the way they made us welcome and looked after us all.

It is hard to believe that we are already into February and hope that everybody's New Year is a happy one so far.

For any enquires regarding our club please call:

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| Dorothy Young (Coffee) | - Secretary | 01842 815611 |
| Jean Monk | - Chairlady | 01842 814553 |
| Norman Killeen | | 01842 819553 |



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?

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| 5th March | 10am | 5.1 miles |
| 12th March | 10am | 4.7 miles |
| 19th March | 9.30am | 4.3 miles |
| 26th March | 10am | 4.6 miles |
| 2nd April | *9.30am* | 6.4 miles |
| 9th April | 10am | 4.7 miles |
| 16th April | 9.30am | 4.3 miles |
| 23rd April | 10am | 4.6 miles |
| 30th April | 10am | 3.5 miles |
| 7th May | 10am | 5.97 miles |
| 14th May | 10am | 5.1 miles |
| 21st May | *9.30am* | 6.4 miles |
| 28th May | 10am | 4.7 miles |
| 4th June | 10am | 5.8 miles |
| 11th June | 9.20am | 5.3 miles |
| 18th June | 10am | 3.5 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

AFC Weeting Winter Update



AFC Weeting have continued to grow as a club since our last update just before kicking off the 2018-19 season and, with the commitment of the players starting each week, we have had some great results this year.

As it stands at present, we are sitting 5th in division 3 of the Central & South Norfolk league with around 5 games left, so it's all to play for with the boys wanting to go out and come home with 3 points each week. They managed to score 7 goals to 3 against Bacton away, have beaten Hempsall reserves 4-0 in one of the cups and another very convincing win of 8-1 against Dereham Taverner's away in another cup and we managed to hold Bowthorpe to a 2-2 draw at home.

Next season sees the introduction of a 2nd team that will be known as AFC Weeting Reserves. This is because we have such an interest in the club that the manager and his assistants have a headache to pick the starting 11 and 3 subs each week out of a possible 18-20 people. If you have a son who is keen on football and 16 or older who is interested in joining us, please feel free to pop along to one of our home games and chat to one of us!

There is an upcoming Easter raffle to raise money for the football club so if you would like to donate a prize, or even just buy a ticket, please feel free to drop me a message, - it will all help go towards our presentation night to reward the boys for their commitment and efforts this season.

Our next home game is on Saturday 9th March against Cockers with kick off at 15:00. We shall look forward to seeing some of you there.

Whilst writing I would just like to say a special thank you to young Travis Wright who has been doing match previews, sharing them for us and taking photos at our home games this season. He has done this off his own back and it is very gratefully appreciated by everyone at the football club.

Andrew Bennett

AFC Weeting Chairman & Secretary

WEETING VILLAGE HALL

Hi everyone, I can't believe we are in February already and by the time you see this report I daresay we will be in March. The weather has not been too bad over the last few months, but we are now into what I call the rainy season, as I sit here writing this report, it has not stopped raining since I got up this morning!!

With the weather in mind, don't forget the village hall is here to be used for all sorts of activities. So if you have any family gatherings coming up and can't fit everyone in at home, then contact Angie Page and check with her as to availability of the hall. Many of our groups are now back using the hall to its full capacity after the Christmas break - Judo, Model Car, Art, Over 60's, Knit & natter, Weeting Weenies, and many more - including the drama group, W.A.S.P.S,

We have several parties lined up over the coming weeks and by popular demand our first dance of the year will have been and gone by the time you read this as it was planned for the 16th February and we have another lined up May, August and November, again if you need exact dates and who's playing, please contact Angie, or see one of the committee who will be only too pleased to help.

Also coming up is the first of our Art & Craft Fayres which is being held on the 21st April and will include all the usual things. In particular the Art Group will be displaying their beautiful art work showing our talented neighbours here in Weeting. The crafts are various and numerous showing off even more individual talented people living here and surrounding areas and also at this first Easter Fayre we will have many other stalls including face painting, tombola, raffle and various other fun things to do and see. The Children's Fancy Dress will take place outside - weather permitting, if not we will get them to parade around the hall - please contact Carole on 01842 550919 for more information

Karen Scott, Treasurer
Weeting Village Hall

Parish Council Notes

Highways Update: You will all be aware that the junction of Brandon Rd, Peppers Close and Peppers Hill were resurfaced in January. I think we all agree that the work on the Brandon Road should have been extended to include a further 100 meters towards Brandon. It would appear that this area is to receive attention, as will the bends entering the village, but we will have to wait and see when that will happen. As I write this, work has started on the junction of Hockwold Road and Brandon Road as this area has been subjected to very heavy use and has had to have the surface redressed far more frequently than other roads.



The Village Hall drive has also received attention recently and is now, once again, in good condition. **Could all drivers using it please keep your speed down and avoid skids and wheel spins!**

Christmas Tree: Although we are well past Christmas, it must be said that the village tree was one of the best we can recall. We would like to thank all of those who helped dress the tree(s) and Gazebo, with particular thanks to Westcotec who sent their cherry picker to help reach the top and fix the star and top lights.

Litterpick: On Sunday 24th, the Weeting Wombles ventured out for their first foray of the year. They focused on the Methwold Road and filled fifty bags of detritus from the verges. We would like to thank Pauline Angus, Sue Nairn, John Maxim, John Parrott, Rachel Scrafield, Harry and Lynn Osbourne and the Sanderson family! They really have made a good impact. Once again, we need to express our continuing thanks to Melvyn Jones who frequently gathers up litter as he is out and about on his runs.

Brandon Station: With regard to Brandon Station building, we have been told it will not be listed. There was a meeting on the 18th February between representatives of Greater Anglia, Breckland District Council and Weeting Parish Council. They were allowed access to part of interior of the building where it was safe to venture. It was immediately apparent that a considerable amount of work and finance would be needed to bring the building up to a condition where it could be used. Therefore, Greater Anglia will be applying to demolish the building and enlarge the car park. We are pressing for improvements to the access to both platforms and parking for the disabled. They also advised that they will be introducing charges for car parking and quoted an all-day fee of £3.

Crematorium Update: Agents on behalf of Dignity have made a scoping application to Breckland District Council to determine what they need to submit for a full planning application. This would include an archeological assessment, land contamination assessment and environmental impact assessment just to name a few. We now wait for a full planning application to be submitted.

Mike Nairn - Chairman

?? Who's Who ??

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The Future for Brandon Railway Station

Unfortunately, it would appear that the station building is in too derelict a state to make it viable for conservation. Although efforts have been made in the past to have it granted a listed status, this has never come to fruition and the building has remained unused for many years. The furnishings and fireplaces were stripped out some time ago and no effort has been made to keep the structure watertight, so the floors are now rotting away and it is possible that bats have taken up residence, probably having gained access through the holes in the roof. Sadly, the potential presence of bats does not preclude the building's demise as it seems that these protected creatures may be removed sympathetically and safely to an alternative location.



Despite it being called Brandon station, the platforms on both sides are, in fact, in the county of Norfolk. This has caused some confusion for Greater Anglia and Network Rail as the signal box on the other side of the road is in Suffolk! The county boundary has been changed several times over the past decades for a variety of reasons and it now winds its way to and fro across the railway line between the river and Fengate Drove.

The proposed plans for the new look of the station include the demolition of the building on the north side and the building of a wall along the back of the platform, incorporating some of the flint from the original building in it. A similar structure to that on the south side would provide shelter from the elements - currently there is none. A ticket machine would also be installed on the north side - there is already one on the south side.



Parking at present is very limited and more spaces are certainly needed. Currently, there is an area of land adjacent to the existing car park that is being used for storage and the plan is to open this and create space for about 90 vehicles. However, it is understood that there would be a daily charge of £3. At present, there is only one parking space for disabled drivers on the north side and none on the south side. However, there may be a possibility for the creation of a turning circle and disabled parking on the south side at some point in the future.



Sadly, it seems that the signalbox is also on borrowed time and is due for demolition in the near future. Although there has been some interest in moving it to an alternative location, this would be extremely costly due to its close proximity to a busy railway line and the safety of the workmen involved and rail traffic passing through.

Rector's Report

The future of St Mary's

At the recent Parish Council meeting concerns were raised about the continued viability of St Mary's. There appears to be a rumour circulating that the Diocese of Ely is intending to close the church.

I'm very happy to be able to allay those concerns. The "Diocese" does not have the power to arbitrarily close churches. Church closure is serious and whilst such a closure may result from conversations between the local church Parish Parochial Council [PCC] and the Diocese, it is the Churchwardens and the PCC who would ultimately inform the Diocese that a church should be closed. This is NOT the current situation at St Mary's.

There are however serious problems with the fabric of the building. The south side of the church over the Angerstein vault has subsided and there are serious plaster falls in the south porch area. The architect appointed by the Diocese has advised that the south side of the church may be unsafe and has recommended that this part of the church is not to be used by congregations. The cost of repairs far exceeds what St Mary's is able to pay and Ely Diocese is not about to pour money into 'propping up' St Mary's. Money will need to be found, if possible, from grant bodies if the project is deemed to be of sufficient historical/community importance to warrant such funding. The future of St Mary's is indeed fragile. This does not however mean that closure is either immanent or indeed desirable.

A number of years ago, the PCC decided to engage with Weeting villagers to see if people were interested in supporting a "Friends of St Mary's" to coordinate fundraising to support the upkeep of the church fabric. Sadly, at that time there was no appetite among villagers to support this proposal, this despite the church continuing to accommodate everyone who asked for Baptism, weddings or funerals to be conducted in their local parish church. The argument most commonly advanced in resisting community based financial support is that the Church of England is a 'mega wealthy' institution which should be funding the upkeep of churches from a 'central pot'. Yet that has never been the C of E's practice. Churches have traditionally supported the upkeep of fabric locally, generally in ages past through income from tithes and glebe land – income which no longer exists. Historically it may have been usual for local landowners such as the Angersteins to extend their patronage to supporting the local church. In the 21st century wealthy patrons such as the Angersteins no longer reside in the village. Yet of course most villagers still look to the church to mark those important milestones in our journeys through life notably birth, marriage and death. It therefore makes sense for the village community to care what happens to the church and to support its continued use as a village resource, especially through support of fundraising activities.

I've mentioned before in this column a simple way that you, the villagers of Weeting could support St Mary's at no cost to yourselves. This is by making St Mary's the recipient of your "Easyfundraising" donations. Just visit their website www.easyfundraising.org.uk and type in the box 'search for a cause' **Weeting St Mary's the Virgin**, making this your 'cause' and every time you shop on line with participating retailers they will donate a percentage of the sale to us.

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If everyone in Weeting who shops online was prepared to support St Mary's as their charity of choice, then it would go some way towards ensuring that St Mary's retains its place in the life of this village for years to come. The large 'C of E' institution may well be wealthy, but the local church is most certainly not. Of all the 5 parishes in the Grimshoe Benefice, Weeting is by far the poorest and struggles to meet its annual financial commitments and running costs. The last thing I want is to see any of the churches in the Benefice close. We need a coherent strategy to ensure support from the village and grant making bodies to effect the necessary repairs to keep this church standing.

Please help. And remember small is good – many small efforts like using Easyfundraising, making the church a charity of choice for funerals and supporting church fundraising initiatives will make all the difference to our future.

Every blessing

Joan Horan [Rector]



St Mary's Church

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

Regular services:

Second Sunday of the month: Service of the Word at 11am

Third Sunday of the month: Eucharist at 11am

Easyfundraising is so easy to do and, not only costs you absolutely nothing, but enables you to be a part of a much needed campaign to start helping to save our beautiful village church.

St Mary's has been a part of the village since the 14th century with late Decorated and Perpendicular style architecture. The first rector dates from 1309 and the church registers date from 17th November 1558 (also the date of Queen Mary Tudor's death). The arcade between the north aisle and nave is 14th century. The round tower, although Norman in appearance, replaced the original wooden one when the church underwent restoration by John Angerstein during the 19th century.

PLEASE consider joining easyfundraising and help us save St Mary's.

The Editor

Weeting Open Gardens Cancelled

In the previous edition of Weeting Village Life an Open Gardens day in the village on July 7th 2019 was announced.

Please note that, unfortunately, this will no longer be going ahead.



Editor's Note:



Mark Your Calendar

The next edition of Weeting Village Life will be published at the beginning of **June 2019**. 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 17th May 2019**. I look forward to hearing from you.

LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

| CLUB | CONTACT | LOCATION | DAY AND TIME |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Archery (indoor) | Mike 07894 904090 | The Dome, Mildenhall | Saturday 12.30 - 3.30pm |
| Adult Street Dancing | Micha 07841 474400 | Village Hall | Thursday 5.30 - 8.30 (except 3rd Thursday of the month) |
| 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 |
| 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 - 9pm |
| 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 |
| Methwold Area Children's Centre | Louise Ramsay 01842 815928 | Old School House, Weeting | Monday - Friday 8.30am-4.30pm |
| 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 |
| Shoestring Theatre Company | Natasha Morgan chairman.shoestring@gmail.com | 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 - 8.00pm |
| Weeting Steam Rally | Wendy Young Rally Co-ordinator 01842 810317 | | Monday - Friday 9.30am - 2.30pm |
| Weeting Walkers | Keith & Linda Thomas 01760 756455 | Meet at The Saxon pub car park | Tuesday 9.20 or 10.00am depending on walk listed |
| Weeting Weenies | Marie Stubbins 07926 073609 | Village Hall | Wednesday 10.00 – 12 midday (school term time only) |
| Weeting Football | Mark Lakey 01366 727324 | Weeting Playing Field | Contact Mark for details |

Spring Gardening.



Time to discuss something we are all completely fed up with hearing about – Brexit. Ornamental horticulture production is a significant contributor to the UK economy worth over 1.4 billion* pounds annually. In addition, £1.2billion* of plants are imported annually from the EU. Here at P&R Garden Supplies 95% of our plant stock is UK grown. However, there are a few plant species that we import because the UK growers are not competitively priced. (*government. figures from 2017)

At the moment the EU use a 'plant passport' system. This ensures that a plant is free from pests, disease, and viruses. However, on exiting the EU, plant passports will no longer be valid in the UK. In the result of a 'no-deal' Brexit there will be 7 additional tariffs applied to plant stocks to cover customs costs, additional paperwork, and health checks. Plants are not classified as perishable therefore will be 'at the back of the queue' when it comes to getting goods through customs. Every gardener who reads this article knows that all plants need watering, and being stuck on the back of a lorry, un-watered, for who knows how many days (or weeks), will mean that by the time they reach us they will have likely perished.

Currently, recording imports from the EU is simply a case of filling in two boxes on our VAT return. When we leave the EU on 29th March, this system will be invalid. The government recommend that we either buy expensive software to deal with our imports or employ someone to correctly record the imports and ensure the taxes are paid to the right people. For small businesses like us, that's just not a viable option for the very small volume of product we import, so like many other companies we've imported as many plants as we can store before we crash out. Our European growers are used to dealing with countries outside of the EU so do not foresee that in the long term a 'No-deal Brexit' will be any problem once we are all used to the new systems. There is also the argument that the additional tariffs will make UK grown plants more cost effective to the end consumer, benefiting the UK growers which can only be a good thing in my opinion! In the short term there may be plants that we are not able to get from our growers, so please bear with us. Now that Brexit is dealt with here are a few jobs to be getting on with in the garden:

March:

- Plant early potatoes
- Mow lawns, and apply lawn fertiliser
- Hoe weeds to keep them under control
- Top dress containers with slow release fertiliser and fresh compost.

April:

- Protect fruit blossom from late frosts
- Sow seeds of hardy annuals, herbs and wildflowers directly where they are to flower.

May:

- Earth up potatoes and promptly plant any that remain.
- Lift & divide congested clumps of Daffodils and other spring bulbs.
- Watch out for late frosts!

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Weeting and the Shadwell Connection



Do you ever wonder how streets get their names or who they were named after? Probably most village residents have heard about the Angerstein family who once owned Weeting Hall which was situated in the area where Angerstein Close is now. But does anyone know the origin of Shadwell Close?

Thomas Shadwell was born in 1642, probably at Santon House in Lynford, but came to live in Weeting at the age of 14. His parents were John Shadwell, a lawyer, and his wife Sarah. He was educated at Bury St Edmunds School and entered Gonville and Caius College in Cambridge but left there without a degree. However, he became a prolific playwright and poet, producing a play nearly every year. These productions displayed a hatred of sham and a rough, but honest, moral purpose. Although bawdy in nature, they presented a vivid picture of contemporary manners. He also worked with several composers, such as Henry Purcell and one of their well-known collaborations was the song "Nymphs and Shepherds" that is still sung today. Shadwell married Anne Gibbs and they had five children; George, William, Anne, Charles and John. Charles, like his father, also became a playwright. John became Sir John and was physician to Queen Anne. He was also responsible for publishing a complete edition of Shadwell's works in 1720.

Shadwell was created Poet Laureate of the United Kingdom and Historiographer Royal on 9th March 1689 following the Whig Rebellion the previous year, when King James the Second was deposed and William of Orange came to the throne. The previous holder of the laureateship had been John Dryden who was a confirmed Jacobite, (supporter of the House of Stewart and to the restoration of James the Second), and whose political prospects had therefore been shattered. Shadwell continued as Laureate until his death, due to opium eating that he took to relieve his gout, on 19th November 1692. He was buried in Chelsea Old Church, but his tomb was destroyed by bombing during The Blitz in 1941. However, you can see a memorial to him in Poet's Corner in Westminster Abbey.

STANFORD TRAINING AREA TOUR

Weeting Parish Council are pleased to announce the date for the 2019 STANTA tour on
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- The tickets are £6.00 plus a voluntary donation which will be collected as you enter the bus, this will cover the cost of the coach and the remaining money will be donated to the STANTA Central Bank which is distributed equally to four different charities. They are, The Army Benevolent Fund, Help for Heroes, The Soldiers, Sailors and Air Force Association and the Battle Area Churches Restoration Fund.
- Closing date for applications is Friday 24th May.

To apply please e-mail putting STANTA 2019 in the subject box or write giving your full name, address and telephone number to:-

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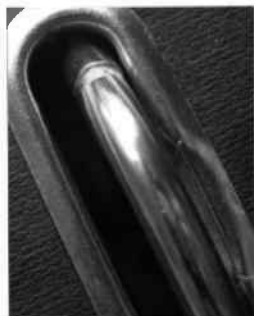
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A varied 10 objects from around the home - inside and out. Can you identify what they are?

(Answers on page 14)



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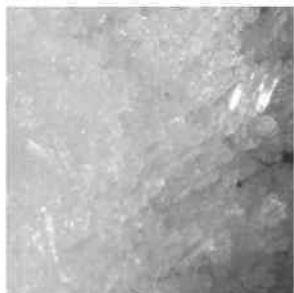
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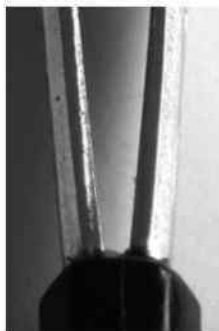
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Adder Bites

Vipera berus

The European adder (*Vipera berus*) is the only venomous snake native to the UK. It is the UK's most widely and northerly distributed snake, particularly common in Cornwall, Dorset, Hampshire, Surrey and Sussex. It is found in areas of open heathland with sandy or chalky soil, it is often associated with habitats on the edge of woodlands and in rough open countryside.

The top and sides of the European adder have a characteristic dark zigzag stripe and there is a distinct V or X shape on the top of the head. The main body is variable in colour and differs between the sexes. Male adders grow up to 60cm in length, females up to 75cm. Adders can be distinguished from similar looking species by their eyes. Adders have a vertical slit pupil, which is distinct from the round pupils seen in grass snakes, slow worms and the smooth snake.

Population

There are thought to be 130,000 adder snakes in the UK. The population declined rapidly in the 1960s and 1970s due to persecution and loss of habitat. The British Herpetological Trust and the National Amphibian and Reptile Recording Scheme monitor the population thorough the 'Make the Adder Count' survey; numbers are thought to be in further decline.

In autumn time, adders living in the UK follow scent trails to underground burrows to avoid freezing temperatures. In these communal areas, up to 100 snakes drop their body temperatures and move less. This form of hibernation is more properly called brumation, it is an important prelude to reproduction.

Adder snakes emerge and mate in the spring, territorial males may duel in a show of strength. Whilst many snakes lay eggs, adders give birth to live young in late August. In the UK adders reproduce alternate years.

Feeding

The European adder feeds on small rodents such as voles, they will also eat lizard, frog, newt and the young from ground nesting birds. Adders inject a lethal venom dose. After death, prey is swallowed whole and all, but teeth and hair are digested. Adders survive long periods between meals and only eat the equivalent of 9 voles each year.

Legislation

British adders are a protected species, the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) criminalises their deliberate injury and killing. Habitats are unfortunately not protected and hibernating burrows and foraging areas may be destroyed. It is illegal to trade any native species of amphibian or reptile. The adder is also covered under the Dangerous Wild Animal act (1976) meaning that it cannot be kept in captivity, without a dangerous wild animals' licence. This theoretically prevents visiting a veterinary practice for medical treatment.

Adder bites

Adders are non-aggressive and only bite when threatened, not all bites result in envenomation. Humans tend to get bitten on the hand when picking up the snake, normally resulting in just local pain and swelling. Records show that only 14 people have died as the result of adder bites in the UK since 1876. Inquisitive dogs are more commonly bitten on the face and lower limbs, fewer than 5% of bites to dogs prove fatal, although many dogs suffer significant pain and injury. Bites causes immediate painful swelling which continues to spread and bruise over 24 hours. In addition to these effects near the bite site, dogs may also show 'systemic' effects to the whole body. These can include a dramatic anaphylactic reaction, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, pyrexia, shock and bronchospasm. Low blood pressure may develop. Less common signs include acute kidney disease, bleeding, coma, seizures, cardiac arrest, gastric dilatation, pancreatitis. Bites to the tongue and neck can cause life threatening swelling.

A study by the Veterinary Poisons Information Service (VPIS) looked at reports of dogs bitten by adders from 1985 -2010. Most bites occurred between April and July, particularly between 3pm-4pm. Adder bites were more frequently reported in the south-east of England, particularly in Surrey.

Diagnosis

Owners may not see an adder bite their dog, suspicions are raised by a yelping dog returning distressed after investigating a suitable site. It may be necessary to clip hair to see a pair of fang marks separated by 5-10mm. There will be surrounding bruising and swelling. Bloods tests may aid diagnosis.

Treatment

Tourniquets or ligatures should not be applied to a bitten limb. However, reducing muscle contraction by immobilising the limb and carrying the patient can reduce absorption and spread of venom. The availability of antivenom is variable, if given promptly its use can reduce swelling but does not affect outcomes. Allergic reactions to antivenom is very uncommon. Pain relief should be given, and antibiotics may be indicated. A variety of bacteria have been isolated from snake bites including *Clostridium Tetanii* which is responsible for tetanus. Full recovery from systemic signs of adder bites is generally achieved within 5 days. It is common for the skin at the site of an adder bite to turn black and slough off, it may be necessary to remove this dead skin surgically.

Conclusion

Data suggest that since 2000, adder bites have been a decreasing percentage of the Veterinary Poisons Information service's workload. This may reflect a proportional increase in enquiries and awareness about other poisons such as permethrin, grapes and chocolate. Alternatively, it may demonstrate that bites are reducing due to a declining adder population. I would, however, still think twice before walking my dog on the edge of a Surrey woodland on a sunny June afternoon.

Paul Jarman Veterinary Surgeries

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22nd March 2019
19th April 2019 - no service
 17th May 2019
 14th June 2019

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| Saxon Place | 11.25 – 11.35 |
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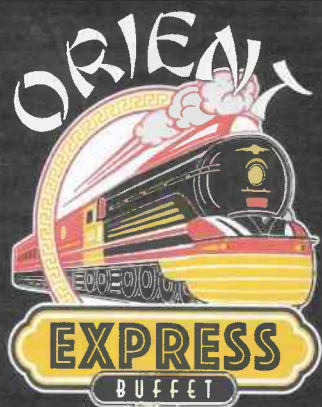
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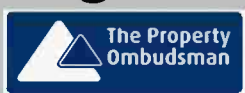
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