

# WEETING. VILLAGE LIFE

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### Weeting Wombles' Latest Haul

The Wombles were out again in February, luckily missing the rain, Storm Ciara and Storm Dennis, gathering the rubbish strew along verges of the



Weeting to Methwold road. The items collected included a used nappy, baby feeding bottle with teat, a wool blanket, a wheel trim, "Men at Work" sign, "Site Access" sign, perfume spray bottle (empty), a leather choker necklace, tablet foils, various pieces of plastic trim from vehicles and a sheet of metal as well as the usual empty cigarette and fast food cartons, crisp packets, plastic and glass (mostly vodka) bottles and aluminium drinks cans. This amounted to over 30 bags of litter!

We do our best to re-cycle as much as possible, as Wombles should, and so the glass bottles are collected separately and put into the village bottle banks. Rachel Scrayfield, a dedicated member of the group, diligently sorts through the plastic bottles and cans, having washed them clean first, and then puts them into a normal black re-cycling bin. If only the guilty parties who threw them out of their car windows had had a little more thought for the environment and done the same.

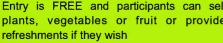


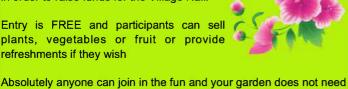
Shockingly, we collected no less than 288 aluminium cans and 133 plastic bottles in less than 2 hours!!!

Thank you to everyone who took part. We will use the Weeting Facebook pages to announce future litter picks. Anyone is welcome to come along and we provide fluorescent jackets, rubber gloves, picks, hoops and bags.

### Weeting Open Gardens

An Open Garden event in Weeting is planned to take place on Sunday 12th July in order to raise funds for the Village Hall.





to be a showpiece! I will do all the organisation and the programme so all you have to do is be there and look pretty!!

If you would like to take part, or could help with the organisation, please contact Mary Wood on 01842 813654.

### Village Recycling Banks

You may have noticed that the paper bank is no longer alongside the bottle and clothing banks. The Parish Council decided to have it removed as the

refund amounting from it was minimal. However, the clothing bank, which brings a healthy return, has frequently been overflowing, so it was decided to have a second one installed instead. This should eliminate surplus bags of clothing being left on the ground and potentially being ruined by rain. The revenue from these banks comes directly



back to the Parish Council and is always used for village projects, so that it can benefit everybody.

Although we ask you to put your items in plastic bags, it would be helpful if you did not fill them too full as it makes it difficult for you to get them into the chute and they get jammed.

Please do not leave cardboard or other rubbish beside the bottle and clothing banks. Place them in your own household bins for collection in the usual way or take them to them to one of the local waste recycling centres. There is one at Thetford, Crimplesham, Ashill and Mildenhall.



### Volunteers needed!

We are looking for members of the community to come into the pre-school to read stories to the children.



### Seeds and plants needed!

We will be planting in our outside area with the children in the coming months. If anyone has any seeds or plants that they would be willing to donate they will be gratefully received. Also, if anyone would like to come in to help the children do the planting, please get in touch!

if you can help with either of the above, please contact the pre-school on 07927690968.

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## School Report



Creativity and investigation have been the key skills that all children have been developing at Weeting Primary School this term. Children have been learning through a range of topics from superheroes to Romans. Here is a flavour of just some of our learning.

#### Chestnut Class

Chestnut class have turned into superheroes this term! The children have been learning about what a superhero needs to wear when they go out to help rescue people. They have been

having great fun taking phone calls in our superhero den and getting dressed up before going and helping out.

We have been exploring the tale of "Supertato" who has an arch enemy called Evil Pea. The children have been very busy making traps to capture Evil Pea and writing descriptions about what he looks like just in case he escapes elsewhere in school.

We have read the story of "Superworm" and used our own Superworms (or skipping ropes) to see what else we could make him do. The children created swings, lassos and belts – all good disguises when you're trying to catch a baddie! We used socks to make our own Superworms, which as you can see are super long and super strong.





#### **Beech Class**

This term, Beech class have been exploring the topic of "Pirates". We have read many pirate tales and have been innovating the story of "Kassim and the Greedy Pirate" to create our own versions. We have been focusing on developing our map skills by creating Treasure Islands using grid references and a key. We have also learned about North, East, South and West, linking in with our ICT activities of 1/4, 1/2 and 3/4 turns clockwise and anticlockwise.

We have been using programmable toys to enter algorithms and use the vocabulary of turning. In science we have been exploring materials.

In Science, we have been sorting items by material and have discovered that many items are made from many different materials! We created a "Fair Test" to check which materials are waterproof and would therefore be a good choice if designing a pirate ship today. In art, we have been exploring tone, texture and collage to create a stormy sea and sky with a pirate boat.





#### Chestnut and Beech Class

Chestnut and Beech children came together to celebrate Chinese New Year. We acted out the story of how Chinese New Year started and found out that this year is the Year of the Rat.

The children worked with Mrs Allen and learnt how to count and write numbers in Chinese, made paper chain dragons and created their own dragon dances.

We looked for similarities between Christmas and Chinese New Year and found out that families decorate their houses with decorations and send cards in the lucky colours red and gold. The children made beautiful lanterns with Miss Kent. Miss Hardie and the children worked together to create giant lucky red and gold coloured collage banners. The children created their own Chinese New Year cards with Mrs Moore.









Finally, we learnt that families come together and celebrate Chinese New Year with



parties where there is always lots of delicious food. Mrs Powell and the children prepared, cooked and ate their own stir fry as well as tasting prawn crackers and fortune cookies!









## School Report



#### Elm Class

This half term we have been studying warning stories in Literacy in which we have included the use of speech punctuation, fronted adverbials and the "rule of 3" to help with description. In Maths the children have continued their work on multiplication and division and are applying their times table knowledge to calculate more complex questions. Our class reading book is "Escape from Pompeii", which links in perfectly with our topic on Ancient Rome. During the topic the children are learning about Rome itself as well as how the Roman invasion of Britain impacted on Celtic life. As part of the topic the children have been



set ongoing home learning projects and I am very proud of the effort that they have put into this. Examples of the homework can be seen here.

#### Oak Class

Year 5 and 6 have been learning about the Titanic. The class have focused on exploring the journey taken by the Titanic and the disaster that followed during this. The children have taken this theme into their Science, History Geography, Art and English learning. They have researched what happened to the survivors of the Titanic and found out more about key people involved in the ship, including Captain Edward John Smith and the architect, Thomas Andrew. The children have watched real life footage of the Titanic as it started out on its journey and used this for inspiration to create diary extracts about what it was like to be a First, Second and Third Class passenger.



The Friends of Weeting School are a small committee who get together to raise money for the school and pupils of Weeting Primary School. We run bake sales, discos and other events such as summer and winter fetes.

We had a successful Christmas fete last year and were able to purchase 30 tablets with protective cases which are now in use in the classrooms to help with learning. The children were so excited to be presented with these in one of their celebration assembly's a few weeks ago. We would like to once again thank all the parents and local businesses who donated towards our Christmas fete as without you, generous donations like this would not have been possible.



At the end of the last academic year the committee raised money and were able to purchase a new trim trail for the school field as the current trim trail has aged and become unsafe for use. The new equipment is due to be installed over the February half term break and we can't wait to see the children's faces when they return to school and see it!



### **Charity Family Prize Bingo**

Saturday 28<sup>TH</sup> March Weeting Village Hall Doors Open 4pm. Eyes Down 5pm

\* Refreshments \* Raffle \*

Everyone welcome, bring your friends and family for a fun filled night and win some great prizes.

All proceeds go to Little Saints Pre School Charity number 292152





### Script Selection Evening

9th March 2020

The Cricket Pavilion,

Hockwold

7.30pm - 9.30pm

Bring along any **complete scripts**, from professionally published ones to something you have written yourself. We want to know what you would like HATS to consider performing over the next year or two. We will spend the evening reading through and getting a feel for what both cast and audience would like to see performed locally on stage.

## **CLUB SPOTLIGHT**

### **WASPs**

Another three months has flown by and here we are in March with Spring just around the corner.

The W A S P s have been very busy with rehearsals: first, of course, the Christmas Show, which was a little different from our usual type of show, and I think all those who came enjoyed it very much, so we are going to do that sort of thing again later on this





year. For all those who could not come, we had an evening of comedy and music with the audience having snacks and BYO at tables set out like a cafe. with a raffle at half time.

Now, on Saturday 22nd of February, we will have held a quiz

night with nibbles etc. on behalf of the Village Hall and we will be holding another one in a few months time. It is a fun evening with prizes for the first three teams, and we will have a different sort of snacks etc. at each of such events during this year.

"CINDERELLA", our version, will be taking place in the Village hall on Friday March 13th and Saturday afternoon and evening March 14th. If you have not been able to get to one of our shows before then do come and see all your friends and neighbours putting their hearts and souls into this production. They really are great and very talented. I should point out that it pays to buy your tickets in advance. firstly because we do get very full and secondly it is cheaper by a £1 if you buy before the day. Just ring me on phone number on the poster and I will make sure your tickets are booked.



The next thing on our calendar is our annual Easter Craft Fayre. This will be on the afternoon of Saturday April 4th and all day on Sunday 5th. If you have never been before, then you are in for a treat as the Weeting Village hall will be packed with all sorts of tables with fabulous goods and, again, the talent shown in these fantastic crafts, made by our local people, is wonderful.

So many things to look forward to in our village hall, and don't forget there are many clubs that use the village hall. If you are ever at a loss for something to do, then check this great FREE magazine that is delivered to your door every three months. It is packed with information about Weeting and surrounding villages.

The pictures have been taken from our Summer and Christmas shows.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our events.

Carole.

At the beginning of December HATS staged their annual pantomime. This year it was Limelight Scripts' version of Alice in Wonderland. We welcomed several new faces to the cast and had an amazing time rehearsing and performing.



DeeDee Doke came from NODA East (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) to watch the show and here is the majority of her review:

"Norfolk's HATS is something of a repertory company. Familiar faces populate each production, generally rotating through a variety of parts throughout the years, and it's clear that HATS has a dedicated core of diverse volunteers for whom these annual pantomimes are a real joy to perform. Another constant in HATS productions is the extraordinary array of highest-quality costuming by the marvellous Carol Haigh – this show was no exception; Haigh's costumes were startlingly beautiful. She's arguably the finest costumier in NODA East, with a top support crew of Joan Ellison, Betty Golding, Kath Brown, and Janice Whitaker.

This production also featured beautifully detailed backdrops and cloths, created and executed by director Gary Sander. Lovely to look at!

Kira Daughenbaugh was a sweet-faced Alice, leading her mum Dame Millicent (Dom Bunten) through forests and tea parties and castles. Bunten was an (appropriately!) over-the-top dame, in contrast to young Kira, who often could not be heard. Jill Enefer brought her usual high energy and good humour to foolish Wally, and worked hard to get the audience going, which she accomplished with panache. As the villainous Knave of Spades, director Gary Sander channelled a lisping John Malkovich into the (fake) leather and spikes attire, simpering his way through evil guidance to comical henchmen Tweedle Dum (Suzie Sander) and Tweedle Dee (Mary Sullivan).

Sarah-Rose Hunt portrayed the Queen of Hearts (of "Off with his head!" notoriety) as an ill-tempered madwoman, with Andrew Gookey as her genial consort, the King of Hearts. David White was a frantic White Rabbit, and Kerri-Ann Linge was the



Princess of Hearts to Hannah Sullivan's Prince of Diamonds, whose plans to wed may be thwarted by the Knave of Spades' dastardly

olans.



For this reviewer, the show's highlight was the Mad Hatter's Tea Party featuring Jo Ward as the Mad Hatter (in a fabulous costume and hat!), Debbie Hunt as the March

Hare, and Laila Ashby as a very sleepy Dormouse. This scene makes absolutely no sense, and watching the players pretend to make sense of the madness of it all was laugh-out loud funny. Also high on the list of delights were the languorous Cheshire Cat performed by an almost unrecognisable Sue Perry and the Caterpillar (Marjorie Bradley)."

Following on from this review DeeDee has nominated HATS for the Best Technical Award 2019. The awards ceremony is in March so we will let you know how we do.

## Rector's Report

**Quiz Night** 

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Valentine's Quiz Night on Saturday February 8th. It was a full house with even the stage area taking the overflow. Our Quizmaster, Paul Garland along with wife Sue from Feltwell kept the questions coming, challenging and entertaining the teams, whilst St Mary's parishioners catered generously with jacket potatoes, hot dishes & salads to keep the teams well fuelled into the second half. There was a truly monster raffle - thank you to everyone who contributed prizes. Thanks also go to Julianne for generous prizes for the winning and losing teams. The evening raised just over £500 - much needed funds as we struggle to keep our parish church afloat. The next event will be an 'early Easter' coffee morning at the Bowls Club from 10am-12md on Saturday 28th March. You'll enjoy good coffee or a selection of artisan teas, home made cakes, biscuits, scones - all sorts of goodies and there will be an Easter raffle and competitions for children. Towards the end of May we are planning a sponsored walk - for people and dogs. Please look out for further details on Facebook. The summer hopefully will see a number of concerts and there will be events planned for autumn and in the lead up to Christmas.

#### Lady Chapel Roof and the electrics

The **good news** is that roof on the Lady Chapel has been completed with a covering of heavy duty felt which looks great. (See photo opposite). We're very relieved that the chapel is now watertight. First job of the year is done! Unfortunately, however, a serious fault with the electrics has been uncovered which needs urgent attention. The whole electrical system is being tested and until such time as urgent repairs to make the system safe have been completed we have no option but to close the church *temporarily*. We will keep the village **updated via Facebook and the Benefice website**. Hopefully the work is not too extensive or expensive and we can reopen the building as soon as possible.

#### Love it or lose it.

Do any of you ever wonder about what the Vicar watches on TV? Songs of Praise? Religious programmes? Well no actually! When I sit down to watch the box, I'm not looking for a busman's break! I love Sky Sports at this time of year because it allows me to follow all the action from the Alpine Skiing World Cup. However, when not watching people hurtling down mountains at breakneck speed, like many other people I'm also into lifestyle programmes, especially those to do with decorating or buying and selling homes. Lately one of my 'not to be missed' TV programmes is Phil & Kirsty's "Love it or list it" because it combines house hunting with interesting renovations.

Over the next few years, our little parish church here in Weeting will be requiring significant work just to repair the fabric. However we would also like to incorporate in those works those facilities, such as a decent loo and small kitchen area, that would enable to church building to offer a much improved sense of hospitality to all, be it after normal services or to cater for people who travel often large distances for baptisms, weddings or funerals. For this we will be approaching various grant making bodies and the work may need to be staged depending on the availability and generosity of such grants.

However more urgently the parish needs sufficient funds in order to pay ongoing costs such as our 'parish share' – yes that's right **we** have to pay the **Diocese** in order that ministry is sustained – they don't pay us - which may come as a shock to those of people who see the Church as a 'rich' institution. Whilst this is undoubtedly true at a national level, the reality out here is very different indeed.

The Parish Church Council has recognized that if they don't run sufficient fundraisers to keep the basic parish finances afloat, enabling us to continue paying the annual parish share, insurance, electricity and other essential maintenance bills then the parish will not be viable in the longer term. The Valentine's Quiz was the first in a series of essential fundraisers which St Mary's will hold over the year in order to raise these essential funds. For hundreds of years St Mary's has fulfilled the significant pastoral role of marking important life events – birth [Baptisms], human love and family life [Marriage] and death [funerals] as well as marking significant feasts such as Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance. St Mary's is a significant village resource which would be missed by many if it was no longer there to mark these important life events. It is 'your' church...vicars come and go but the church remains to offer continuity, celebration and consolation to all who seek it.

My appeal to you all then is this. Please support our efforts to raise finds to keep our parish church afloat. The Quiz was a fantastic start and I'm so grateful to all of you who supported it. It will be great to see as many of you as possible coming along to planned events starting with our pre- Easter coffee morning. Don't forget also "Easy Fundraising" which I've mentioned previously as every little helps. It really is a case of appealing to the people of this village to 'love it' or 'lose it' because sadly that's the stark reality.

Every blessing

Joan Horan [Rector]









Come along and enjoy a relaxed morning with good company, family fun and great homemade baking.

All proceeds will go towards the maintenance and restoration of St Mary's Church.

Look forward to seeing you there.

## **CLUB SPOTLIGHT**

### Over 60's

We enjoyed our Christmas dinner back in December at The Red Lion in Hockwold. Both the dinner and the service were excellent, so it will most likely be our venue for this year as well.

It is coming up to the time of year for us to hold our A.G.M. and once that has taken place we will be looking into planning our days out for the coming year. Looking ahead, we are planning to hold an Easter bonnet parade for our members plus some other competitions to keep their brains active!

We would like to wish you all a Happy Easter.

Dorothy Young (Coffee) - secretary.



### WEETING GUN CLUB COME AND JOIN US!

We are a friendly clay pigeon gun club looking for new members, we are of all abilities and ages, anyone is welcome.

We shoot on various Sunday afternoons throughout the year.

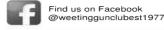
We have skeet, ABT DTL and other free moving traps to make each shoot different.

£35.00 for a year's membership & £7.00 for 25 clays.

Anyone new can shoot as a guest on their 1st visit and will get their 1st 25 clays  $1\!\!/2$  price.

Contact the below for more information/fixtures list.

Del (Chairman) on 07741 285278 James (Treasurer) on 01953 529579



Weeting Gun Club | Weeting, Brandon, Norfolk, IP27 0QN | 01953 529579



### **Bowls Club**

So far this year we have enjoyed a chilli night and a Chinese night, both of which were well attended and enjoyed by everyone who came along Our Reggae night with a disco went well too. We also have had a series of sessions to help people use their mobile phones / I-pads to their full potential. For example, how to send text messages or take and store photos. If you would like to come along to the club and bring your devices, we will gladly show you how to use all the features on them. These are very relaxed sessions, with tea, biscuits and chats. Please contact Sue on 01842 812094 for more information.

Our regular monthly karaokes are very popular and are not to be missed. You can get up and have a go or just sit and relax in our very modern club with exceptionally friendly staff. You will not be disappointed.

Still to come this year are an Irish night on Saturday 4th April, Live entertainment on Saturday 18th April and, back by popular demand, is Marc Jacobs Live. This is definitely not to be missed.

We will be taking part in the VE Day weekend 8th May – 11th May. More details on this will follow.

We will be having a 'Peaky Blinders' night on Saturday 13th June. More details will follow later.

Our bowls season also begins at the end of April / beginning of May. It would be lovely to see some new bowlers join us for this season. If you would be interested, come along to the club and speak to a member of staff. Also, it would be great to see some younger members of the community taking part. This is a very enjoyable game for all ages. Please phone Sue (secretary) on 01842 812094, <a href="mailto:suewindget@hotmail.com">suewindget@hotmail.com</a> or visit our Facebook page "Weeting Bowls Club events" for more information on any activity that you are interested in.

We also cater for private parties, christenings, baby showers, wakes

Drop into the club and see what you are missing. Opening times, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings and Sundays 11.30am to 4pm. Hope to see you all there.



Need a little help with your e-mails, Facebook, or mobile phone?

Then pop along to one of our GetOnLine sessions and we will help you learn how to get connected. You do not need to have any computer skills and we promise not to use complex technical language!

Sessions will be held weekly at the **Weeting Bowls Club on Mondays at 3pm.** They are free of charge and are organised by Breckland District Council.

We look forward to meeting you.

Lorraine Craven – Transitional Support Officer Breckland Council

### **Parish Council Notes**

Our most recent Parish Council Meeting, which was held on the 20th February, was also attended by residents of Redbrick Cottages and representatives of Rory Holbrook, including Mr Rory Holbrook himself. The residents were able to direct questions to Mr Holbrook with regard to the issues arising from his company's operations at the sidings at Brandon Station.

We have also had our first Litter Pick of the year, focusing on the Methwold Road. We collected over thirty bags of detritus which is disappointing as it is not far off six months since we last picked this area. We would like to thank those who turned out on the 9th of February. I would also like to thank our regular litter picker, Melvin Jones, who ventures out daily on his runs with a litter sack in hand. Melvin was one of the first recipients of an enamelled lapel badge depicting the village sign, given for his continuing efforts to keep the village tidy. There have been a number of other recipients, all for their assistance and dedication in helping the Parish Council in community projects.

Melvin is also to be thanked as he has recently swept the footpath on the Brandon Road which was covered with chippings thrown up from the road surface.

Although we are long past Christmas, I would like to thank the volunteers who once again turned out to help with dressing the tree and the pergola with lights.

Finally, on the weekend of the 8th May there will be a number of events at the Saxon and the Weeting Bowls Club to commemorate VE Day.

Mike Nairn - Chairman



### ?? Who's Who ??

#### **Weeting Parish Councillors**

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## Club Spotlight

### FELTWELL GOLF COURSE -**50 YEARS ANNIVERSARY** A COURSE TO BE PROUD OF

Feltwell Golf Club has a thriving Junior Section, we became a golf Roots 3 years ago and now have over 20 Juniors joining us for lessons every Saturday, under the tutelage of our PGA Professional Jo Bates, most of these have now also become members of the Club. We work closely with, Golf Roots and England Golf, and have recently achieved Safe Golf Accreditation. Last year we entered the Golf Roots, Golf 6s competition, open to all clubs and our Juniors thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the challenge of competition and are eager to sign up again this summer. It is wonderful to see youngsters grow in the sport with the support of family and the club. Call Jo Bates now for more information on 07855 821116 or simply come up on a Saturday afternoon (during term time) any time after 1pm to see for yourself.

#### Open Day - 50th Anniversary

This year's Open Day at Feltwell Golf Club centres around Community, Sport and Fitness. We will be open from 10am until 5pm on Monday 25th May and are inviting local sports and sport related clubs to join us in taking a stand to promote not only their own sport but encourage everyone to take part in sport whether that be team games, walking, cycling etc.

We have been lucky enough this year to persuade Chrissie Wellington, born and brought up in Feltwell, a British Triathlete and four times World Ironman Champion. Chrissie is now a director of Park Run and will be giving us a talk on Park Run and its benefits and joys, at 2pm in the Club House. More on this next month

After our success last year we will also, of course, have a Family Texas Scramble made up of teams of 4 and a Putting Competition. Golf will be available at a knock-down rate of £5 a round and on top of all this there will be Craft Stalls and Robert's will be running an all-day BarBQ. All monies raised on the day will go towards our fund for new covered Practice Bays, something that could benefit everyone, a Driving Range on your doorstep. **ENTRANCE IS FREE** 

#### **Always Open for Golf**

Golf is available at Feltwell 7 days a week, our fast draining soil enables us to stay open when many are closed. No winter greens, our green-keepers do an amazing job keeping the course open and playing smoothly. Our new winter opening hours for the Bar and Restaurant are 10am until 4pm on Tuesday-Thursday; 10am until 9pm on Friday and Saturday and 10am until 5pm on Sunday. Plenty of time to enjoy a drink, try our Ale of the Month and have a meal. Robert is taking bookings on 07376 182419 for meals, Afternoon Teas and Sunday Carveries, so don't miss out.

#### Visitors are always very welcome at Feltwell Golf Club.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to be sure to keep up to date with what's going on here 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

### **Editor's Note:**



Mark Your Calendar

The next edition of Weeting Village Life will be published at the beginning of June 2020. 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 15th

I look forward to hearing from you.

#### FELTWELL MUSEUM 2020

First opening Saturday 28th. March

#### And the LAST SATURDAY of EACH MONTH thereafter.

Come see

#### The remains of WELLINGTON BOMBER N 'November'

Read the fate of its crew who almost made it home to Feltwell And the story of its sole survivor...

Come see

#### Our New display of 'WALKING STICKS'

New - Old - and the making of! BRING 'YER' STICK IN TO SHOW?

Come see

#### Feltwell Village 'Millenium' PHOTO BOOKS

Your house is in there!

Come see

#### Paul Garland's 'THEN and NOW' Books

'How it was - how it is now' including the old timer's stories...

#### THE BECK junction of OAK STREET FELTWELL IP26 4DP 11am-3pm.

All enquires pls. call Graham 01842-828387

FREE ENTRY.....DONATIONS APPRECIATED



### The Weeting Walkers

The Weeting Walkers meet every Tuesday morning, starting and finishing at the Saxon Pub. except those marked in bold which start and finish at Brandon Leisure Centre, Church Road, Brandon (B) or start earlier (W). 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?

3rd March	10am	4.7 miles
10th March	9.30am	4.3 miles
17th March	10am	3.5 miles
24th March	9.30 (B)	6.4 miles
31st March	10am	4 miles
7th April	9.30am (W)	4 miles
14th April	10am	5.8 miles
21st April	10am	4,7 miles
28th April	10am	4.3 miles
5th May	10am	4.3 miles
12th May	10am	3.5 miles
19th May	9.20am (W)	5.3 miles
26th May	10am	6 miles
2nd June	9.30am (B)	6.4 miles
9th June	10am	4 miles



Our walks are organised as part of the Ramblers and are short but brisk. We encourage walkers to go at their own place 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

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



I can't quite believe that half of the school year has already gone! Time seems to have travelled so fast and the welcoming of our biggest year group ever, opening of our new toilets and unveiling of our new science labs feels like a distant memory.

We held our first "revision boot camp" on Tuesday to show the Year 11s a range of support mechanisms they can tap in to and a number of ways they can

work to improve their performance. Many of the students, and their families, will already be feeling the pressure as revision starts in earnest for the forthcoming GCSE examinations.

During this calendar year, working in conjunction with our excellent Academy Transformation Trust Regional Estates Team, we will be looking to build on the £700,000+ worth of capital work last year. Plans this year include updating further science labs, developing our Creative Arts space and, crucially, a much-needed revamp of our changing facilities.

We have continued our focus on "extra-curricular" activities alongside our core academic mission to ensure that every young person who leaves lceni Academy has the best set of qualifications but also the most rounded character development experience. Many of our incredible students will go on to do brilliant things and we are working hard to ensure they have the softer skills they need to do more than look good on paper.

Our new Iceni Government are now all appointed with our Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister already having an impact. Our Secretaries of State are also buzzing with ideas as to how we can improve things for our students and I look forward updating you further on their work in the next edition.

While a colleague was clearing a dusty cupboard, he found the included photo and I would love to hear from anyone who can help us identify anyone in the phone. Do please get in touch if you can help!

Did you attend Iceni Academy / Methwold High School? We would love to hear from you if you did. You can sign



up for the odd email (and to allow us to stay in touch) via our website at <a href="http://icenimethwold.org.uk/the-old-icenian-association/">http://icenimethwold.org.uk/the-old-icenian-association/</a>.

To finish I would just like to wish everyone a restful half term break and to thank you for your support so far during 2020. It is appreciated and never taken for granted.

Stephen Plume



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 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 @ 11am
Third Sunday of the month: Eucharist @ 11am

Please note that no services will be held until the church electricity problem has been resolved.

#### WEETING VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Welcome to everyone who use our lovely Village Hall.

So far this year, we have seen the return of most of our clubs although a few are finding it a struggle now with dwindling numbers, which is such a shame as most of the activities we have here are for the benefit of everyone from the very young to the very old.

At the time of writing, we will have had our first quiz of the year, which we had on the 22nd February, with more scheduled throughout the year, there will be the Annual Easter Craft Fayre on the 5th April, but before that, the WASP's are putting on their Panto on the 13th & 14th March - see separate report. Later on there are plans for some more dances and quizzes, plus other fun things to do — so look out for posters and adverts in and around the village and online on the various web pages — if you have any great ideas as to what you would like to see in the hall, then please contact the committee.

We are trying a new venture, Barry of Radio Caroline fame is coming to put on a disco on Saturday 25th April, with all types of music, this time specialising in anything from 50's to 80's music – see poster for more information.

At the beginning of May, we will be having our Annual General Meeting, and at this time we would like to invite all those who are interested in keeping the hub of the village, the village hall, running to come along and join us (11th May starting at 7pm). In this day and age, when there are so many distractions for the younger people not many attend all the great activities which are put on in the hall. So we are always looking out for fresh ideas as to what we can do to encourage people to use the hall, but we need PEOPLE to come forward and join us — the existing committee are all due to stand down at the AGM therefore it is essential that anyone who wants a say in the running of the hall to come forward, the committee so far has only a couple of "youngsters" on it, the rest are getting tired and there is only so much we can do.

And all clubs that use the hall on a regular basis, please remember that you are duty bound to have someone from your club on the committee, this way we can all liaise with each other better and if there is any issues with the hall they can be bought up at the meetings and resolved there and then – it is no good your members complaining to you, if you are not on the hall committee, we can only deal with things that are bought up at our regular meetings, if we are not informed of an issue by you, we cannot rectify it.

There are other things that need to be done such as the ceiling, we are at present involved with the Co-op funding and are asking everyone to go on line and become members of the Co-op and "like" us, thereby we receive points which eventually gets turned into pounds and all this will go towards our projects – it is FREE. Other projects on our list along with the decorating, is the floor in the main hall, again this floor has been down for many many years and has got to the stage where despite all the washing and cleaning, it is not looking as good as it used too – any ideas? Please contact us, always open to helpful suggestions, but we are a charitable organisation with limited funds!!!

So, to finish this report, we look forward to seeing you all at any of our forthcoming events, or if you have any special events of your own coming up, then don't hesitate to contact the lettings officer and she will find a space for you

On behalf of Village Hall Committee Karen Scott, Treasurer

LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS					
CLUB	CONTACT	LOCATION	DAY AND TIME		
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 7pm - 9pm		
Brandon & District Classic Vehicle Club	John Maxim 01842 811032	The Ram Brandon	2nd Monday 7.30pm		
Brandon & District Camera Club	Denise Whiting 01842 862079	Baptist Church Brandon	Alternate Wednesdays 7.30pm		
Brandon & District Society of Model Engineering	Peter Ephithite 01842 813154	The Ram Brandon	1st Wednesday 7.30pm		
Brandon Speaker's Club	Gary Sander 01842 814679	Function Room, The Raml Brandon	2nd & 4th Wednesday 7.00-9.30pm		
Carpet Bowls	Heather 01842 815406	Village Hall	Friday 10 – 12 midday		
Children's Dodgeball	Sam 07944 531757	Village Hall	Monday 5.00 - 6pm		
Children's Street Dance	Micha 07842 474400	Village Hall	Wednesday 4.00 - 7pm		
Darts	Sue Windget 01842 812094	Bowls Club	Thursday 7.00pm		
Feltwell Golf Club	Denise Whiting 01842 862079	Feltwell Golf Club			
Green Bowls	Sue Windget 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 - 9.30pm (during rehearsal periods)		
History Group	Julianne Young 01842 813581	Various - call to check location	Last Thursday 7.30pm		
Indoor Archery	Mike 07894 904090	The Dome, Mildenhall	Saturday 12.30 - 3.30pm		
Judo	Donna 07738 381970	Village Hall	Saturday 10 - 12midday All ages – novices welcome		
Keep Fit	Dorothy Kent 01842 810378	Village Hall	Monday 10.00– 11am (except Bank Holidays)		
Knit & Natter	Vivien Muir 01842 810003 Doris O'Grady 01842 812323	Village Hall	Last Monday of the month (or previous week if a Bank Holiday) 2.00 – 4.00pm		
Line Dance	Rita Thompson 01842 815550	Village Hall	Friday 2.00 - 4.pm		
Methwold Theatre Club	01366 727526	The 21 Room St George's Complex Methwold	Tuesday 7.30pm		
Model Car	John Abbott 01366 385452	Village Hall	Alt. Wednesday 7pm - 9pm		
Over 60's	Jean Monk 01842 814553	Village Hall	1st Tuesday 2.00 – 4.00pm		
Pool	Carol Newman 01842 815089	Bowls Club	Tuesday 7.00pm		
St Mary's Church	Julianne Young (Churchwarden) 01842 813581	St Mary's Church	See list of Service times		
Shoestring Theatre Company	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 - 8pm (during rehearsal periods)		
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 morning (see itinerary for times and distances in this edition)		
Weeting Weenies	Marie Stubbins 07960 756455	Village Hall	Wednesday 10.00 – 12 midday (school term time only)		

### Spring Gardening.



Spring has arrived, the busiest time of year at the garden centre. One thing we look at when ordering our stock (usually in the Autumn) is gardening trends. What we will we be doing in our gardens this year according to the RHS? Guy Barter, Chief Horticulturist at the RHS, explains: "As we enter a new decade, gardening takes on an ever more important role in helping us to create healthy and happy places to live. While many gardeners will celebrate the return of some old favourites, there is much to be excited about in the way that we'll all be growing in 2020."

- Gardeners across the UK are expected to swap peat for more sustainable growing options, such as wood fibre and homemade compost, as they put the environment first. In addition, they are also predicting that many of us will adopt a 'no-dig' approach when it comes to gardening, to limit soil structure damage and help wildlife thrive.
- 2) Some of the 1980s favourite plants, such as nemesia and diascias, are set to make a comeback. Famed for their long flowering period and sweet-scented petals, the RHS believe these beautiful species will pop up in gardens all around the UK. The experts explain: "New breeding programmes that have resulted in a wider range of sensational colours such as the dark and mysterious Nemesia 'berries and cream' and more delicate 'Wisley vanilla' only add to their appeal."
- 3) Thanks to an increasing awareness around environmental care, more of us are looking for ways to help wildlife numbers in our own gardens. Bee hotels, wildlife ponds, log piles, plants for pollinators and compost heaps are tipped to rise in popularity this year.
- 4) While growing fresh produce at home has become an obvious route for many across the years, the RHS is predicting more of us in 2020 will grow our own fruits and vegetables to help support the environment and reduce plastic waste. According to their research, chillies are one of the most popular choices for people to grow at home, closely followed by beans and peas. Planning on making your own vegetable patch? Why not give it a go...

#### 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!

Rachel Sobiechowski BSc(Hons)

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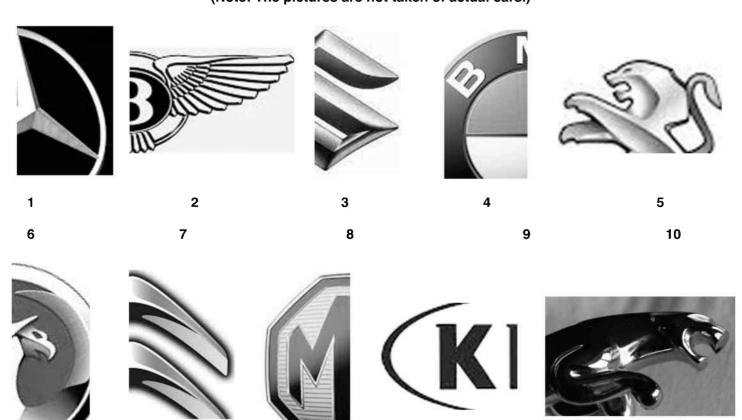
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# Puzzle Page

#### **PICTURE PUZZLE**

Below are 10 pictures of a portion of a car make badge. The final letter of each make is as follows: "A, I, G, L, N, R, S, T, W, Y." Can you match each letter to its badge? Answers on page 14. (Note: The pictures are not taken of actual cars.)

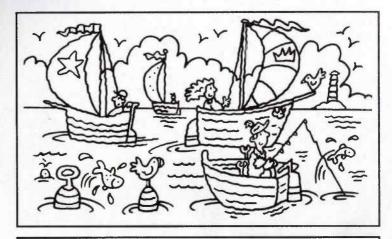


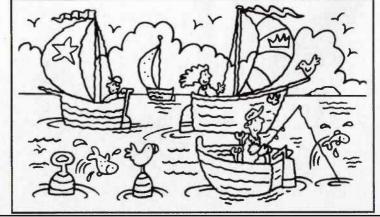
### ANIMALS

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CAT HIPPO MOUSE TIGER DOG SQUIRREL MONKEY BIRD GIRAFFE ALLIGATOR ELEPHANT FISH LION

Can you spot the 10 differences between these two pictures?









### Pet's Corner





### Obesity in pets

#### The size of the problem

The latest report from the Pet Food Manufacturers Association (PFMA) states that 51% of dogs, 44% of cats and 29% of small mammals are overweight or obese. This research, which addressed 8000 British households found that 68% of pet owners think their pet is exactly the right weight, whilst 67% admit they are not worried about pet obesity. However, the study also found that 100% of vets are concerned about obesity in companion animals.

In a North American project, clinical records from 900 veterinary hospitals were analysed. 50,000 dogs, of 12 different breeds, aged between 6.5- 8.5 years were categorised as either 'overweight' or 'normal'. In all breeds, overweight dogs had a higher risk of sudden death and shorter lifespans overall. The actual difference in longevity depended on breed, the most dramatic being Yorkshire Terriers, where healthy weight individuals lived on average 2.5 years longer than their overweight counterparts. Author of this study, Professor Alex German, commented: "Owners are often unaware that their dog is overweight, and many may not realise the impact that it can have on health". "What they may not know is that, if their beloved pet is too heavy, they are more likely to suffer from other problems such as joint disease, breathing issues, and certain types of cancer, as well as having a poorer quality of life. These health and wellbeing issues can significantly impact how long they live". "For many owners, giving food, particularly tasty table scraps and titbits, is the way we show affection for our pets. Being careful about what you feed your dog could go a long way to keeping them in good shape and enabling them to be around for many years to come."

#### The BSAVA position statement

The British Small Animal Veterinary Association (BSAVA) has released a statement on weight management. The BSAVA recommends that vets 'score' the body condition of cats and dogs on a scale of one-to-nine (1-9). Body condition scores (BCS) of 6 or 7 are described as "overweight", whilst pets with body condition scores of 8 or 9, are classified as having obesity; the equivalent to at least 30% excess weight. The BSAVA recommends a period of controlled weight loss and then subsequent weight maintenance for overweight and obese pets. They stress that it is important to supply all essential nutrients whilst decreasing energy intake. Increasing physical activity and assistance from veterinary staff are also beneficial. Although there are drugs licenced for weight loss in people, there are none for use in companion animals. Weight loss surgery is not performed on cats and dogs.

The BSAVA statement endorses prevention of obesity as well as management. A complete and balanced diet should be fed that is appropriate for the life stage and lifestyle. The diet should be weighed and adjusted according to changes in bodyweight and BCS, which should be measured at least yearly. Particular care should be taken when feeding high energy diets (i.e. diets designed for working dogs), which are not a suitable choice for most pet dogs.

#### **THE BVA recommendations**

The British Veterinary Association (BVA) and the British Veterinary Nursing Association (BVNA) have published a list of 30 recommendations to help reduce the problem of obesity. Advice for veterinary professionals includes the monitoring of weight and BCSs, the use of animals with mid-range body conditions in promotions, advising owners on frequency and duration of physical activity and critical analysis of breed standards and the judging of shows.

The BVA recommendations to advertising and marketing companies include images of suitable food portion sizes; and the advertising of treats to be offered in the context of a balanced, nutritional diet. Advertisements should avoid the use of overweight or obese animals in their marketing to avoid the normalisation of unhealthy body conditions.

#### The human perspective

The obesity problem is of course not unique to cats and dogs. In last year's report to The Government, the chief medical officer, Professor Dame Sally Davies, demonstrated that in the final year of primary school, six children out of a class of thirty are obese and a further four are overweight. This is double the number compared to thirty years ago.

Proposed solutions for childhood obesity include, education and school curriculum design; legislation around food labelling and pricing; advertising and media imaging; and architecture and town planning

Hopefully campaigns to reduce human ill health due to obesity will be as successful as those to reduce ill health due to smoking.

#### Conclusion

Please speak to veterinary staff to discuss your pets' weight and body condition and if necessary, how to improve it.

Paul Jarman Veterinary Surgeries

### Calling All Clubs!

If your club would like to submit a report, advertise an event and / or include photographs in the next edition, please contact the editor (details on front page). Similarly, if you wish to add your club to the list in the centre page, or change contact details, days, times, etc. please let the editor know.

### **Editor's Note:**



The next edition of Weeting Village Life will be published at the beginning of **June 2020**. 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 15th May 2020** I look forward to hearing from you.

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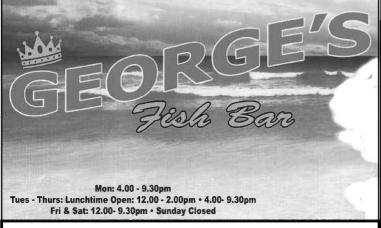
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6 - L, Vauxhall. 7 - N, Citroen.

4 - W, BMW. 5 - T, Peugeot.

1 - S, Mercedes. 2 - Y, Bentley. 3 - I, Suzuki.

Answers to Picture Puzzle on page 12



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## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

#### ART FOR PLEASURE

The winter is a quiet time for the group, but we did enjoy a Christmas lunch and at our last meeting before Christmas we all received a card made by a fellow member. Pictured are the results of our work. The variety from comic to religious showed the many talents of our members. It was especially pleasing to



see a card by one of our newer members who last year had given a shop bought card and now had the confidence to submit one she had painted.

Our programme suggests pictures with a transport theme and springtime scenes so we should have these ready for display at the Easter Fair to be held at Weeting Village Hall. If you are interested in art, perhaps we will see you there. Please come and talk to us especially if you would like to join our group and try your hand at painting. We meet every Thursday 10.30 am – 12.30 pm at Weeting Village Hall.

Further details can be obtained from:-

Beryl Pountney, Club Secretary – Tel no. 01842 828750 Terry Kimpton, Club Chairman – Tel no. 01842 819732

### West Norfolk Aviation Society

At the beginning of our meeting at the Mundford Bowls Club on Tuesday January 7th, Mundford champion of good causes, Rod Billen, began the evening's programme by announcing that, after a redtape dispute, his



considerable efforts had not been in vain and consent has been given for a permanent memorial to be erected at the WW2 Lancaster Bomber crash site in Thetford Forest (MR 52.493126 – 0.639661). An inaugural ceremony is to be held at the site on 21st March at 1-00pm and all are invited to attend this and the Bowls Club later, between 2pm and 3pm, for tea and cakes.

After the raffle and bowls club banquet, Techie Fred proposed the idea of registering the attendance of members with the employment of a card reader system. There were no formal objections to the concept being trialled.

Fred preceded his own presentation by giving a résumé of his personal interesting background and then proceeded to illustrate, with the assistance of 'Powerpoint' and accompanying downloads, various instruments, their advantages and weaknesses; this included the pitot tube and the angle of attack sensor.

Viewers were then invited to watch a cartoon depicting a race between various animated antique aeroplanes; it was easy for them to be recognised by such a well-informed audience.

Fred's final showing depicted a lone pilot of a light passenger aircraft flying from Tampa Executive Airport to St. Peters, Clearwater FL. This demonstrated the intensity of concentration necessary to control an aeroplane and, at the same time, maintain a continual dialogue with air traffic control.

More information is available on the website: <a href="http://www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk/">http://www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk/</a>

### Road Train!

For all you railway buffs, here follows the tale of DB Cargo loco 66088 which sat sadly on a railway siding in Brandon for two months last year.

The Branch Line Society (BLS) had organised a charter between Nottingham and Norwich for the 14th September 2019. Calling it "The Breckland Freighter", DB Cargo were the Train Operating company, working in conjunction with Riviera Trains and Network Rail and they provided two class 66 locos, one at each end of the train ("top 'n tail") to allow coverage of branches and sidings that do not offer locomotive run-round facilities. This rail tour provided their society's 2,000 or so members the opportunity to travel over lines not normally available for passenger trains and over 200 were travelling on the day. On board raffles, sales and catering raised over £2,000 towards the Railway Children charity (<a href="https://www.railwaychildren.org.uk">https://www.railwaychildren.org.uk</a>), which works for the benefit of homeless street children who congregate around railway stations both abroad and in the UK.

Unfortunately, when the rail tour departed from the siding at Brandon, behind the station, loco 66088 failed and was unable to take the train forward. DB Cargo carried out a complex shunting manoeuvre to



position the second loco at the front in its place and left 66088 behind on the right-hand road in Brandon sidings for attention. As these sidings are in frequent use, the loco had to be positioned right up against the buffers, a unique event as this area has never before been covered by a passenger train!

The loco had suffered a series of traction motor failures, such that it could not leave the site under its own power and repairs required a railway engineering facility, probably the DB Cargo depot in Toton, Nottinghamshire.



Two months later, on 25th November 2019, 66088 was rescued from her Brandon sojourn and taken by road, complete with police escort, for the necessary repairs.

#### 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!

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