



# WEETING VILLAGE LIFE



December 2022  
Edition 40

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At: Weeting Village Hall

on

Sat 17 Dec 2.00pm-5.00pm

and

Sun 18 Dec 9.00am-1.00pm

Refreshments included



Displays

Animals  
around the crib

Line dancing -  
Sun 18 Dec  
10.00am(tbc)

Dogs for the  
deaf - Sun 18  
Dec 11.00am



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Sun 18 Dec -12.00-1.00pm

Create an animal for our crib display. Bring it to the village hall on Sat 17 Dec from 2.00pm onwards.

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Vote for your favourite animal on Sunday 18 Dec from 9.00am onwards. (£1.00 per vote)

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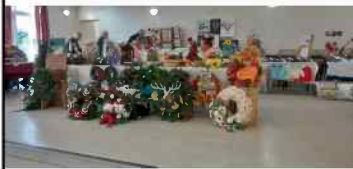
## Craft Fayre Success

Whilst in the middle of all the rehearsals for the next WASP's show, Carole Wilkins organised another Craft Fayre in Weeting Village Hall. These events are very popular and there is always a waiting list for those wanting to book a table. Carole already has half the tables booked for the **next craft fayre** which will be held on **Saturday 25th March**, so make sure you have all put the date in your diary.



At the recent event here were some beautiful gifts to be had, created by such clever neighbours we have in

Weeting and the surrounding villages. Beautiful wood carvings, china, Christmas and birthday cards and such beautiful knitted items, flower arrangements and so much more.



*A very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year to all our readers in Weeting and around the world and our sincerest thanks to our advertisers and regular contributors who keep Weeting Village Life Magazine going.*

*From the Editor and Weeting Parish Council.*



## Editor's Note:

The next edition of Weeting Village Life will be published in March 2023.

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 17h February 2023**.

I look forward to hearing from you.



Mark Your Calendar

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

## A New Trod

Anyone walking along the main road towards Saxon Place will have noticed that a new trod has been created to provide a safer crossing place.

There had been a dropped curb on the opposite side ever since the old path had been laid, but there was only a grassy verge to cross over to.

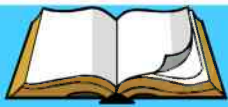


In addition, the workmen straightened up the concrete posts that were on the corner. These posts are of historic relevance because they were placed there to mark the entrance to the tank park (now Saxon Place) during WW2 and would have been painted white so that they could be seen in low light conditions.

The cost of the trod was covered 50/50 by Weeting Parish Council and a grant under the Joint Partnerships Scheme from Norfolk County Council.

**By the way, a "Trod" in Norfolk parlance is a pathway.**





# School Report



It is amazing to think we are heading towards the end of the first term. It only seems like yesterday that we welcomed new children and families into our school community in September. This term we have been able to celebrate fully, school traditions that have encouraged the children to think about others, an important part of our Christian ethos.



The school was turned into a "Children in Need Spotacular". Who knew there could be so many different sized and coloured spots across the school. There must have been a lot of creative sessions going on at home this week. We've seen Pudsey face painting, spotty dressing gowns, socks and tops.



The whole school and community came together on the morning of 11th November to commemorate Remembrance Day. Our worship was expertly led by the children from Oak Class who shared their specially commissioned poem and prayer that they had written. Their choice of words was very poignant and were beautifully presented.

## Remembrance by Oak Class

*Remember those who have fallen,*

*Endless love for fallen Weeting Soldiers,*

*Mothers losing their sons,*

*Everyone who fought and died in war, those we shall respect,*

*Memories of the past,*

*Be kind to the families of Weeting that have lost soldiers during the wars,*

*Remember these soldiers who gave up their lives for our freedom,*

*Always respect the people that died for you,*

*Never forget the soldiers that fell for us all and sadly died,*

*Children lost valuable family members,*

*Everlasting gratitude.*

## Prayer for Remembrance by Oak Class

Heavenly Father,

Scatter peace around the world and let it remain with us.

We thank you on this day of remembrance for those ordinary people who left their homes and families and stood up for our freedom and country.

We ask in Jesus's name that should the need ever arise again that you give us the strength and belief to make the right decisions not just the easy ones.

We ask you to watch over not only the families whose loved ones gave the greatest of sacrifices, but also those who are currently involved in conflict and fighting against oppression.

Amen

After we had observed the two-minute silence each class took their poppy wreath and tied it to the school gates before going and planting poppy seeds around our outdoor spaces.



In October we held our Harvest Festival worship. The children reflected on the meaning of Harvest and that it provides Christians with the opportunity to say thank you to God for creating the world - everything from bugs to the apples on the trees! The children from Oak Class presented the story of "The Big Catch of Fish" and Mother Joan explained that the message of Jesus harvesting or gathering people is an important way of seeing God's love for us.

The children from The Nest, Chestnut and Elm class led our reflection time, sharing their "thankful" prayers with us. There were some beautiful and thoughtful words included in these. We were very fortunate to be joined by Pastor Samuele and Jayne Martin from The Harvest Centre Food Bank who explained that your generous Harvest donations will be used to create over 35 Harvest bags for families and people living on their own. We cannot thank all of you enough for your Harvest Festival gifts, especially in these tough times.

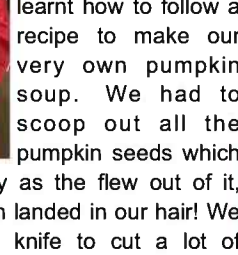


## Chestnut Class

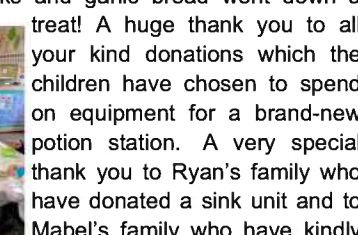
This term has had a real outdoors feel to it. We have been very lucky that the weather has been kind to us! A huge first school experience for the children was when we went on our first school trip to the Sandringham Estate. We had an amazing Forest School session where we explored potion making with flowers and herbs, went on a fairy hunt and ate popcorn around the camp fire. We even found a giant beetle on our minibeast hunt. We had a lot of fun trying to work out how to get in, and stay in the



We followed our interest in pumpkins and listened to story "Pumpkin Soup". We made a list of all the ingredients and equipment that the characters in the story used and then learnt how to follow a recipe to make our very own pumpkin soup. We had to scoop out all the pumpkin seeds which was very tricky as the flew out of it, and some even landed in our hair! We had to use a knife to cut a lot of potatoes, pumpkin and carrots. Using a knife meant we had to concentrate and look at what we were cutting!



We had an amazing turn out at our Family Soup Share afternoon. Everybody enjoyed the home-made pumpkin soup and the accompanying bread, bread sticks and garlic bread went down a treat! A huge thank you to all your kind donations which the children have chosen to spend on equipment for a brand-new potion station. A very special thank you to Ryan's family who have donated a sink unit and to Mabel's family who have kindly offered to build us our very own potion station.



Our transport theme this term provided us with an opportunity to learn about how to keep safe as we travel. The children learnt how to keep themselves safe crossing a road, by remembering the "stop, look and listen" rule. They practised crossing safely on a pretend road at the front of school and learnt how important it is to



wear fluorescent clothing so that drivers can see them easily. Back in class the children created a mini roadscape complete with pelican crossings, zebra crossings and lollipop sticks to show the different ways of crossing a road safely.





# School Report



## Beech Class

In Beech Class we have read the books Owl Babies and Aladdin. We learnt to retell the familiar story of Owl Babies and how to write sentences correctly. We then learnt some new vocabulary and unpicked the story of Aladdin.

In Science, we have been learning all about the human body including the five senses and Helen Keller who was both deaf and blind. In English, we wrote a non-chronological report about the bones, organs and keeping healthy. Beech class have also enjoyed their first trip of the year to Banham Zoo, linked to our topic about animals and habitats.



In maths, we have been learning to count in 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s making sure we are fluent in these to help us as we move onto problem solving. We have learnt to partition numbers into two parts and we are currently using addition and subtraction.



During Geography sessions we have been learning all about maps of familiar places, ordinance survey symbols and drawing our own maps. We are beginning to discover History, and finding out how we know how history happened by using diaries, archaeologists and fossils.



In Religious Education, we are learning why it is important to welcome others, how to partake in good deeds and be good citizens, and discussing various values.



During Art sessions, we have been learning about primary and secondary colours. We are now beginning to experiment with lines to create images.

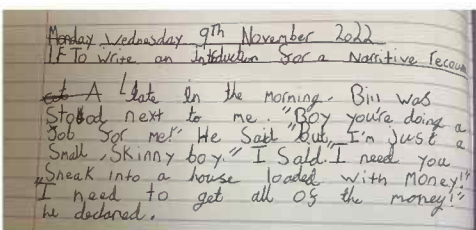
## Elm Class

The children have discovered that the human skeleton inside our bodies is called an endoskeleton. They also loved learning all the major bones names through a skeleton song and enjoyed stopping and discussing that bone's specific function. Later, the children discovered, through feeling and moving their own bones, that they are connected by joints and at each joint, our bones are connected by strong tissues called ligaments.



Throughout English this term Elm have tackled, simple, compound and complex sentences and have used speech, direct speech, expanded noun phrases, prepositions, adjectives, nouns, pronouns and paragraphs in combination to create their final pieces of work which was a short narrative with bursts of speech.

In PHSE the children have explored the need for rules at home and at school. They have discussed in great detail why homes are different to one another and came to the conclusion that all families are different and no parent is the same as we all have different values in life. Elm also discussed that school and homes share the same value for rules which is to keep us safe.



Most recently in Maths, Elm have been applying their knowledge of times tables to represent the numbers using the grouping method, repeated addition as well as arrays. This has led Elm to solve a range of multiplications word problems, as well as division problems using their ever-progressing ability to use the inverse of an operation.



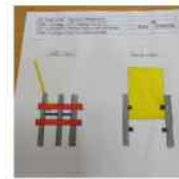
## Oak Class

As we begin the run in to the end of the Autumn term it is great to have the opportunity to share some of our learning. Our Literacy work this term has been based on the book – "The 1000 Year Old Boy" by Ross Welford. The children have written biographies about the author, narratives using dialogue, explanation texts and will conclude by writing a balanced argument on whether Alfie should tell Sangeeta his secret.

In Maths, after focussing mainly on the 4 operations, (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), we are now moving on to fractions, where we will be covering comparing and ordering, equivalence and simplifying, then addition and subtraction.

Throughout our Primary Knowledge Curriculum units, we have covered special sense involving longitude and latitude and are now investigating Mountains in Geography. In History, we began by looking at the Early British Empire and are now moving onto the Transatlantic Slave trade.

In Art, the children completed their unit on Style by designing their own chair in the 'Modernism Style'



## The Nest

In the Nest, we have started each morning and afternoon session with Sensory Circuits. We enjoy these sessions and they have been based on a few minutes of alerting: this will be activities which make the head direction change rapidly. This is followed with a few minutes based on organising: these are complex sequences of movements, for example, trails. The sessions end with calming activities.

Our RE learning was focused on, 'Why is belonging to God and the church family important to Christians?' We thought about how to make others feel welcome and about how we feel when we belong. We loved using Lego to make models of places where we belong. We thought lots about Baptism/ Christening and the importance of these.

In English, we loved reading Owl Babies. We drew pictures of owls and found out lots of facts. We also enjoyed the story: Aladdin. We thought about different characters and settings and wrote some instructions for how to marry a princess.

In Maths, we have completed lots of counting activities. We have been counting both forwards and backwards. We have compared different numbers and have been trying hard to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction.

In Science, we studied the human body where we found out lots about the parts of the body associated with our senses. We thought about what could happen if people have problems with their senses for example blindness and deafness.

In Art, we had lots of fun finding out about the colour wheel and experimented with primary and secondary colours. In Geography, we enjoyed working on compass directions. We made our own maps and keys and considered the features of our school.





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# School Report



We have welcomed lots of new children to the Preschool this term, it has been lovely getting to know them and watching them settle in.

This half term we started with talking about fireworks and bonfire night, the children loved sharing their stories and creating their own fireworks using paint. We also shared the CBeebies "Poppy" video on Remembrance Day, the children thought the soldiers were very brave and wanted to create their own poppies to say thank you. The children have also taken part in Children in



Need by wearing something yellow, spotty or even Pudsey ears to help raise money.



**Children's Christmas Party**

WEETING VILLAGE HALL

Friday 16th December  
5.00pm - 7.00pm  
£3.00 per Child

£1.00 per Accompanying Adult

*Booking is essential due to limited places!*

Refreshments will be available to purchase on the night!

All monies raised will go straight to the preschool to purchase new resources for the children.

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It's now the time of year for the children to start on the Christmas crafts, which they are all very excited about.

We are looking forward to our next fundraising event, our Children's Christmas party on 16th December, which will be a fantastic end to the term.



**\*\*Tickets can be purchased from the Pre-school, from Mica in the main school playground or from the village hall on**

**Wednesday evenings. For any further information please contact the Preschool [Lspre-school@outlook.com](mailto:Lspre-school@outlook.com) or Mica [mbstreetdance@outlook.com](mailto:mbstreetdance@outlook.com)**

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## BRECKLAND CATS PROTECTION

Breckland Cats Protection consists of a small band of volunteers of about 12 people. Some are fund raisers, some foster cats or kittens, we have a co-ordinator, treasurer, neutering officer, homing and welfare office, but we need more volunteers, so that we can help more cats. We are particularly short of people who can foster. If you have a spare bedroom and have the time, you could help us to help more cats. We pay all expenses, so it doesn't cost you anything except your time. We pay mileage and provide food and litter. You would need to be able to drive, to take a cat to our vets in Thetford if it needed treatment or neutering.



In Weeting we have a problem with a feral colony of cats. Before Covid, we trapped, neutered and returned about 40-50 cats, we took their kittens and socialised them and homed them. Behind every feral cat there is a human. True feral cats are the offspring of a stray or abandoned domestic cats.

In most cases, adult feral cats cannot be domesticated or re-homed as they have not been socialised when young and become too used to living wild. Our branch trap, neuter and return adult cats back onto their territory. Very young kittens can be domesticated through good socialisation with humans before they become too used to living wild.

If you live in Weeting and have the time, we desperately need your help. We are trying to cope with the original colony, but more un-neutered cats have joined the group and these need trapping, taking to our vets in Thetford to be neutered and returned to their territory. We would pay mileage, so that you are not out of pocket, but we don't have anyone who lives close by to help us. We can deal with the situation more quickly, if we have people to help us, otherwise it will be a long-drawn-out process and all the time, with un-neutered cats, the population of feral cats is growing.

Remember, cats are protected by law and purposefully killing or harming a cat constitutes an offence. Don't forget these cats didn't ask to be here, but they are here because someone down the line, abandoned their un-neutered cat and turned it into a feral.

If you can help, or need assistance with the cost of neutering, please call us on 01842 810018.

Rita Thompson.



# CLUB SPOTLIGHT



This year Hockwold Amateur Theatrical Society (HATS) performed "The Little Mermaid", a well-loved show in typical panto style written by Limelight Scripts.

Returning for the first time after lockdown, the cast enjoyed learning this hilarious script. It's been nonstop laughing throughout the last few months as everyone worked really hard to put on the show.



And then came the shows! With lots of booing and cheering, the show was full of laughs from audience and cast.

Many songs were sung, some popular, some unknown, some the cast couldn't get right which only resulted in more laughter!

The acting was exceptional for an amateur dramatics group. The costumes that were made especially for the cast were



inventive, colourful and fabulous (as always).



Fun was had by the cast, the audience and all the people who help behind the scenes.

Special thanks go to everybody who helped to make this show possible!

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Shoestring Theatre Brandon is bringing the much-loved Panto, Snow White, to the stage on February 17th and 18th 2023 at Breckland School in Brandon.

With an original script written by our very own Leah Sanders, we promise to bring a fun and entertaining show with all the usual panto ingredients for the whole family! Tickets are on sale at Leaping Hare [info@leapinghare.org](mailto:info@leapinghare.org)



If you would like to know more about our group contact us at [shoestringsecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:shoestringsecretary@hotmail.com) or via Facebook @shoestringtheatrebrandon

# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

## WEETING ALL STAR PERFORMERS

I Thought you would all like to know only 3 weeks left until Christmas and only a few days before the Wasp's Christmas Show!

Time has gone so quickly - I think the minutes must be getting shorter as I go to bed and wake up in the morning and another month has gone.

The WASPs have been very busy this side of Christmas after the AR-LAD-IN show which we held on the first week of July. For those who did not manage to get to see it, well we are the WASPs "WEETING ALL STAR PERFORMERS" and we like to put on a show where you can come and spend an hour or two, watching some of your neighbours making you laugh at their silly antics. It is all in good fun and we on the stage laugh just as much, as we can never tell just what the rest of the cast are going to come up with that are just not in the script! But, hey, we just do it to make you laugh and if you enjoy having a giggle then come to our next production - you are in for a treat.



During our last after-show party, two of our young people came to say that they had an idea for our next production. Well, I said go for it and Hannah Sullivan did just that. Hannah is 16 years old and she has written this next show of ours - we all hope you will like it. We cannot tell you much about it, but I can say it is called "MERRY REXMAS" and there are lots of animals in it!!

Tickets will be on sale from the 18th of November, and they can be bought from "DEE'S DELITES" in Brandon High Street, or by ringing me on 01842 550919. I think you will be very surprised at the expertise which has been given to the writing of this pantomime. We all have had such fun at rehearsals, so keep up the good work Hannah

In October we held a Halloween quiz which went down very well, and 12 teams took part. At half time there were refreshments of baked potatoes and all the trimmings, plus soup and French bread etc followed by Devil's food cake and Angel cake. and the team who won went home with a devil's goblet each to remind them of their win.

This was a very good evening and everybody I spoke to afterwards said they did enjoy it and when was the next one. We have decided to put on another quiz in the Spring, so look in our Weeting News for the date as it will be towards the end of February

By the time this magazine has been delivered, everybody will be looking forward to Christmas. So much has been going on in this world of ours, I hope you all will enjoy your Christmas and New Year and that this time next year we can say, (all my fingers are crossed), "That was a good year wasn't it!!"

Merry Christmas to you all.  
Carole - Hon Sec. Weeting Village Hall and President of WASPs.

## 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:

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!

## ART FOR PLEASURE

As we approach Christmas, we can look back on almost a normal (pre-covid) year. Our membership has grown over the year from just about collecting enough fees to pay the rent of the hall to having enough money in the kitty to be able to pay for a professional artist to do a workshop, subsidise an outing in the summer and there are now enough of us to be going to a pub for Christmas lunch. Life is getting back to normal.



Another thing we have done this year is to have a stall at the Village Hall Christmas Fair. There were framed pictures, just mounted pictures to be put into frames that matched the customers décor and cards for sale, all produced by the talented artists within our community. I hope you were able to come to the fair and saw some of the work our group has produced. You may also have purchased some of our pictures and cards and we hope the pictures give you several years of pleasure.

We must thank the Village Hall committee for organising such a successful fair. Not only were there a wide variety and many stalls, but it was also very well attended from all the surrounding villages.

We are proud of the standard of work our group produces but as our name suggests we all meet to enjoy the pleasure of painting. Some of the members had never painted before they joined us and some are relearning old hobbies, but by helping and encouraging each other we have all improved this year.

If you have always wanted to paint or would like to try a new hobby, we meet at Weeting Village Hall every Thursday 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.

Details from: Beryl Pountney 01842 828750  
Mary Wood 01842 813654

## Play Area on Jubilee Field

Many of you will have noticed that the fencing around the play area on the Jubilee Field has been removed. The wooden fence and gates had been deteriorating for some time and the Parish Council had tried to keep up with repairs. However, several palings had been torn or kicked out lately and left nails or screws protruding and were therefore a potential hazard.



Replacement with metal railings that would be more resilient was found to be unaffordable (approximately £17,000) and a grant application was turned down. Therefore, due to the rotting condition of the fencing, the decision was made to remove it altogether. We will continue to make enquiries regarding possible alternatives, hopefully using recycled materials that will not rot (like the new benches around the village) and that we can afford without raising the Village Precept (our portion of your Council Tax). In the meantime, we aim to place a continuous barrier between the playground and the Village Hall car park to keep the two areas apart.





# Grandad's War Stories

## 1914 -1918

During the Great War, my grandfather, Robert Farrington, was in the Somme battlefield where he laid narrow gauge railway track over muddy shell-holed ground. These had to be taken up and re-laid quite often as German artillery would get to know where they were and would shoot to destroy them. It was the steam locomotives that gave the game away as to where the tracks were because of the steam and smoke rising into the air. This could be seen up to 5 miles away, so the German gunners would aim at it, hoping to hit the train and, alas, they often did.



After one particularly severe bombardment, Grandfather was busy taking up, moving and replacing rails with about 20 other men, when all work stopped in order to watch a new-fangled flying machine circling

around overhead. It was quite the done thing to wave and shout greetings to the pilot as he flew by and not to shoot at the plane as it was not armed because the pilot was just spying and making notes on the progress of the repairs. The British army would also spy on the Germans in the same way and would not be shot at.

However, one particular day, the German spotter plane came over quite low and Grandad's best mate, Jack Potter, said, "What's he doing here again? I'll fix him!" and with that he let go one round with his rifle. No one knows whether he hit the plane or not, but when it came back the next time, the pilot leaned outside the cockpit and fired a single shot which narrowly missed Grandad and knocked the track spanner out of his hand. This may have been the first time a British soldier was shot at from an aeroplane – it certainly had never been heard of before that occasion. Shortly after this, German artillery would fire on British spotter planes marking the beginning of a new era of aerial warfare.

*(In the photo above, my grandfather is on the left, marked with a circle.)*

## Grandad verses the Luftwaffe 1939/45 War

In the last war, Grandad was out shooting with his old friend, Fred Risbrook, on a field along the Hockwold Road. The day had not gone well and it was raining and very cold. Late in the afternoon when they were about to call it a day, they heard the sound of an aeroplane coming fast and low and moments later it appeared through the low cloud and coming straight towards them. "Lord, look at that," said Fred. "Yes," said Grandad, "but that's a German fighter!" and he immediately gave it both barrels, thinking that would be the end of it. But, no, the plane, an ME109, made a long turn to the left, flew out over Manor Road in Brandon and turned again, coming straight towards Grandad and Fred. They were loading their guns to have another go at it when there was a blast of machine gun fire from the plane. Fred nearly jumped out of his skin, lost his hat and dropped his gun in the mud, clogging up both barrels so he couldn't use it, also dropping his glasses. Grandad gave the plane another two barrels and then ran with Fred to the hedgerow to hide. The plane flew very low and the pilot waved goodbye. "Missed, you B----d! We showed him all that firing and he missed us!" shouted Grandad.

It was not until they got back to my grandad's old Morris 8 car that they found the pilot had not missed at all. The poor old car had three broken windows, eleven holes right through it and part of the steering wheel was missing. Amazingly, it still ran, so Grandad and Fred got into the car and drove home to have a stiff whisky each! They were very lucky to get away unscathed.

How I know all this is because ever since I was little, I used to sit with Grandad and Fred and they would tell me all about what happened to them when they were younger and, fortunately, I have a good memory.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and A Healthy and Happy New Year.

John Holledge

# St Mary's Church



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The speed recorder is positioned at a series of sites throughout the village at 4-week intervals. The data recorded is vital for the ultimate safety of all Parishioners and allows analysis of the number of vehicles that pass through within the designated period and the speeds of vehicles.

Time Period	Position	Vehicle Count	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Count / Speed mph		Maximum Speed mph
July-August	Peppers Close	8603	7313	30.4	50
August-September	Park View	37,944	32,225	29.9	50
September-October	Lynn Road	59,140	50,269	38.7	70
October-November	South Park	73,068	62,108	29.8	50

In conclusion, the 16-week analysis shows **178,755** vehicle movements throughout the 4 sites, of which **151,915** vehicle movements remained within the speed limit. However – it is greatly concerning that **26,840** vehicles exceeded the speed limit within Weeting Village.

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# LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DAY AND TIME</b>
Adult's & Children's Street Dancing	Micha 07841 474400	Village Hall	Monday 4.30 - 6.30pm Wednesday 4-7pm. Thursday 6-8.30pm
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	Brandon Sports & Social Centre	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	Mick Wickens mick.wickens@gmail.com	Brandon Council Offices	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 Woodhams 01842 815406	Village Hall	Friday 10 – 12 midday
Green Bowls	Sue Windget 01842 812094 Carol Newman 01842 815089	Bowls Club	Friday 6.00 – 10 pm Sunday 12 midday – 4.00pm
Gun Club	Derick Spencer 07741285278	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
Hockwold Cricket Club	John Ruddick 07902 231235		
Indoor Archery	Mike 07894 904090	The Dome, Mildenhall	Saturday 12.30 - 3.30pm
Keep Fit	Dorothy Kent 01842 810378	Village Hall	Monday 10.00– 11am (except Bank Holidays)
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	Colin	Village Hall	Alt. Wednesday 7pm - 9pm
Pool	Carol Newman 01842 815089	Bowls Club	Tuesday 7.00pm
Rainbow	Anna 07956 683499	Village Hall	Thursday 4:445 to 5:45
St Mary's Church	Tommy Saward (Churchwarden) 01842 813601	St Mary's Church	See list of Service times
Shoestring Theatre Company	Jill Hopper, 07985 376465	IES Breckland School Crown Street, Brandon	Tuesday 7.00 - 10.00pm
Thetford Singers	Sue Naim 01842 810212	Methodist Rooms Tanner Street	Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm
W.A.S.P.s	Carole Wilkins 01842 550919	Village Hall	Monday 7pm - 9pm Friday 6.00 - 8pm (during rehearsal periods)
Weeting Saxon FC	James Langley. 01842 811627		
Weeting Steam Rally	Wendy Young Rally Co-ordinator 01842 810317		Monday 7pm to 9pm Friday 9.30am - 2.30pm
Weeting Weenies	Rebecca 07926 073609	Village Hall	Wednesday 10.00 – 12 midday (school term time only)



# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

## Bowls Club Report – Autumn 2022

As the nights begin to draw in, and we begin to take stock, we reminisce over the wonderful evenings, spent with friends and teammates on the Bowling Green. The weather has been quite exceptional this year and ironically, a few matches had to be postponed due to extremely high temperatures, rather than the familiar 'rain stops play' we have come to expect.



High temperatures and lack of rain brought about problems to green keepers up and down the country, although our Weeting bowls green fared well under the care of Tony Stevens and for that we are grateful.

Throughout the summer, bowling members have been battling for club championship titles. Early in May we completed a singles knockout competition, (in memory of Peter Hunt who was a friend and inspiration for many), and a plate competition running alongside. The winner of the Pete Hunt memorial knockout competition was Darren Deplanque whilst Angela Lee won the plate title. It was a super competition played with enthusiasm by a number of new bowlers in addition to the 'old hands'

Currently we have reached the semi - final stage of the singles championships; a round robin, played in two leagues with the winners and runners up from each league to meet within the next few days. The final will follow a week later. Good luck to the individuals involved.

The pairs championships is almost complete with only one match to play in the round robin before the winners can be announced, and we are hoping to run a triples competition before the end of the season.

This year we have been fortunate in that one of our members has attended a coach bowls course with Bowls England. We are extremely grateful to Alex White for the help and advice he has given to the bowling members, and thank him for his input in the new skills circuit we are now trialling. I am hoping that next year, this will be a key aspect of the skill training and development of our team players.

Externally, Weeting have been involved in three leagues, The Rosie Smith memorial league, The David Allen Memorial league, and the Ashill league. My thanks go to all our bowlers for turning up for matches, sometimes twice or three times in a week. Everyone has given their best, sometimes against strong opposition, bouncing back from defeat, and often going on to enjoy sweet victory. The final league placings are still to come, but top or bottom, we will be back next year to enjoy fine hospitality and comradeship on the green.

Joanna Nordan (Bowls captain)

The bowls club has had a great year with lots of events, private parties and celebrations. We are looking forward to our Christmas party on 17th December and New Year's Eve party. We have a live band 'Broadbandits' coming in on Saturday 10th December.

Our regular karaoke with Jerry and Eve will continue in 2023 on the first Saturday of each month. We have Sue Hind coming into the club on Thursday 16th March 2023 for an evening of mediumship (not to be missed).

Why not come and try our club. We have a lovely, modern, well stocked bar. It's a great place to socialise with family and friends and you will get a really warm and friendly welcome.

We are open Friday evening 5pm until late, Saturday 7pm until late, Sundays 12midday until late. Tuesday evenings for pool.

We cater for private parties and any celebrations and wakes. Also, if you fancy having a go at bowls, come along and have a chat

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## WEETING VILLAGE HALL

Hi everyone, oh my goodness it's December already!!! Where has this year gone? I am actually typing this in November so bear with me if I miss something that has happened between the magazine coming out and when I sent this report in.

Well, what a busy year we have had here one way or another; more maintenance and repairs have been happening within the hall, in particular the plumbing coming from the ladies' toilets has now been replaced – thank you David, our Vice Chairman, for getting all that sorted – it meant having contractors in to dig a trench outside the front and replacing and relaying pipes to and from the toilets and making a new drainage system including a new manhole cover etc. I have to say that the company doing the work were very quick and did an excellent job clearing up after themselves too, without too much disruption to the groups who use the hall. A window in the gent's toilet has a new handle as well, as that was found to be broken.

Next thing on our list to be done is the outside lights running around the hall for people to be able to see their way back to their cars. Electrical work should have been done by the time you read this report, with new lights all round, the lights by the front entrance will be sensor lights, other lights being controlled by switches in the foyer, also CCTV cameras are being looked into due a recent spate of break ins and minor damage being caused to things inside the hall which we have had to mend, replace or clear up as the case maybe.

Glad to say that according to Angie, the lettings officer, we have a very full hall over the next few months, all days and evenings being fully booked with clubs, groups and parties going on – with that in mind don't forget the W.A.S.P.S show on the 8th, 9th and 10th December (see separate report), a must see panto with lots of laughs, songs and silliness as always.

The Hall hosted its annual craft fayre on the 12th November with a record 37 tables being booked, and everyone of them turned up!! (again, see separate report). It was very well attended by very talented crafters and public alike. The Committee would like to thank Carole Wilkins for organising and hosting it, as well as the behind-the-scenes mob who were on hand to put the tables out on the Friday evening and back again Saturday afternoon to help put everything away. Not forgetting the kitchen crew – Angie Page and her family, who made bacon or sausages in rolls, tea coffee, and cake all day for everyone.

Back at the end of October, the WASPS hosted a Halloween Quiz, again very well attended, with 12 teams of between 4 and 6 people per team, with lots of lovely food supplied, including baked potatoes, chilli, baked beans, soup, tea, coffee and cake as well! A good night was had by all and rumour has it there will be another quiz in the new year, hopefully around the end of February or beginning of March.

On that note, I would just like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year on behalf of the Weeting Village Hall Committee. Take care and hope to see you all soon at an event in the hall.

On behalf of Village Hall Committee  
Karen Scott, Treasurer



## Winter Gardening



Another whirlwind of a year is coming to an end. 2022 started as it meant to go on with the warmest New Year's day on record, and since then every month has been warmer than average through 2022. A warmer than average Autumn has resulted in many gardening tasks either not being conducted, or being left very late in the season.

The garden shouldn't be out of bounds during winter. Plants are dormant and often us gardens head for hibernation too. Yet gardening at this time of year can be a joy, not just because it gets you outside and into nature, but because it gives you a perfect excuse to retreat from the festive fuss. Digging, weeding and raking the leaves will bring exercise into your routine, so go outdoors for some fresh air and keep your garden looking glorious!

Here's some of my 'must do' Winter tasks:

### **Prune your roses:**

Most types of roses should be pruned in winter, before the leaves emerge in spring. A general rule with hybrid teas, floribunda and shrub roses is to reduce the height by half, creating a rounded, even shape. Remove any of the branches showing the three d's (dead, damaged, diseased). Follow your pruning with a good mulch of soil improver to protect the roots from winter frosts and to lock in moisture for the spring.

### **Plant bare-rooted trees and shrubs:**

As long as the ground isn't frozen or waterlogged you can plant dormant bare rooted trees and shrubs. All bareroot means is that there is no soil around the roots of a plant when it is delivered. We are all familiar with some examples of bare root plants. For example, almost all flower bulbs are planted when they are dormant and have neither leaf nor root. The key word is dormant. All plants slow down in the winter as temperatures drop and light levels fall. Deciduous specimens (trees and shrubs that lose their leaves in winter) go to sleep completely and almost all cellular activity ceases. Because these plants are in "shut down" they have very little need for anything except sufficient dampness at the root to prevent desiccation and cell damage. Meaning they can be lifted from the ground and replanted in your garden without them even noticing!

### **Herbaceous Perennials:**

Don't be too tidy! By leaving the old growth of perennials and grasses in situ until the spring you can help insects such as ladybirds survive the winter. It also gives the plant some protection should we have a harsh winter.

### **Welcome in the Spring:**

Weather depending, from late January onwards our garden centre will be full of colourful primulas, bi-annuals and bulbs. We will also have seed potatoes and soft fruits to make a new start on your vegetable garden or allotment.

Whatever you are planning for your garden in 2023 Paul and I are always available to offer support and advice, as well as stocking fairly priced gardening products from the top manufacturers, and plants sourced year-round from the very best UK growers. Have a very merry Christmas.

Rachel Sobiechowski BSc(Hons)

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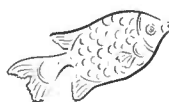
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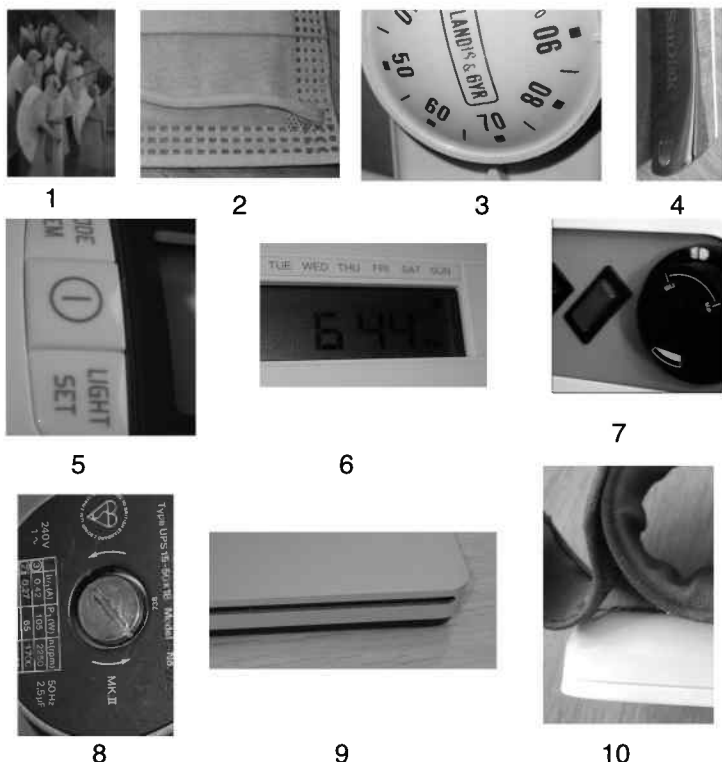
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# Picture Puzzle

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Can you identify them? Answers on page 17.



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With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

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John Harris

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# Rector's Report

Unfortunately, Mother Joan has been unwell lately and has asked the Editor to apologise on her behalf for a lack of a Christmas message and to update you all regarding the church repairs.

Having enjoyed a well-deserved holiday recently, Joan subsequently contracted a non-Covid virus that triggered a severe asthmatic reaction. Her usual medication was not powerful enough and her blood oxygen level fell to a point where she was admitted to the West Suffolk hospital for a few days. However, I am pleased to say that she has been discharged from hospital and is recuperating for a week or two in London.

## Update on the South Porch Repair:

The contractor has been delayed due to their current project significantly over-running. Unfortunately, these delays can often occur, but St Mary's is in his diary for a start in mid-February, so we are going in the right direction.

## Update on the General Church Repairs:

The architect, Ruth Blackman, and Holly Isted from the Diocese have completed the grant application with help from Tommy Saward and this has now been submitted and we have an excellent chance of a significant grant to identify and prioritise the works required at St Mary's.

Ruth feels confident that because Historic England are giving us this grant money, which will enable the scope of the works to be clearly identified, we stand a very good chance of securing a large grant or grants to get all the work done at once.

## St Mary's Christmas at the Village Hall:

### Saturday 17th December:

Create an animal for our Crib Display and bring it to the Village Hall from 2pm onwards. There will be a Lucky Dip Prize for every entry made.

### Sunday 18th December:

9am onwards – vote for your favourite animal (£1 per vote). There will be a Christmas Hamper for the winning entrant after the Carol Service.

10am – Line Dancing (this has now been confirmed)

11am – Dogs for the Deaf

12md – 1pm – Carol Service with mulled wine and mince pies.



Joan has asked me to send on her behalf, her best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and New Year to everyone in Weeting.



# The Belles of St Mary's

On 15th October a group of us got together, named ourselves "The Belles of St Mary's" and held a Tea Dance at the Weeting Village Hall to benefit St. Mary's Church. The church has been an iconic part of our village for so many years. Many of our families have got married there or said their final goodbyes and worshipped there; not to mention it being an historical tourist attraction.



St Mary's Church is in dire need of repairs. The charitable event of our Tea Dance had Happy Dave as our DJ, cakes were donated and enjoyed by all and the proceeds, amounting to £445, were presented to the church. The community once again pulled together to help us save our village church, part of our history.



Residents from Weeting and surrounding villages who came out to dance, eat and enjoy an afternoon together are helping the church to make the repairs necessary for its continuation of active services to our village. We are proud of our community for helping to achieve this. A wonderful time was had by all!

We would like to thank our volunteers and organisers in particular Maxine Clare, Evelyn Clare, Carol Skoulding, Lyn Torka, Bev Mosdall, Elena Duke and Husband Sal.

A special thank you to Councillor Roy Brame for his wonderful and humorous speech.



Last, but not least, Happy Dave Doughty for not only bringing the music, but taking the microphone and singing himself!

Please continue to support our local church in the future as we are planning our next event already. One spoiler is that Walter, the famous Hearing Dog, will be supporting one of the next events to benefit the church in December! Be on the lookout for details coming soon.

## BRANDON HAPPY TO SING CHOIR

After several weeks of rehearsals, we are now ready to welcome you to our very first concert!

Our members have had great fun learning all the songs and carols and we are really looking forward to our first proper concert in Brandon Methodist Church at 7.30pm on 16th December.

Ticket numbers are limited so if you would like to join us for our "Celebration of Christmas" be quick and buy your tickets from Tramps or Blushes on Brandon's Market Hill.

If you are interested in joining the choir, contact us at [jill.h2schoir@hotmail.com](mailto:jill.h2schoir@hotmail.com) or on 07985 376465. Your first taster session is free. We look forward to welcoming you in the new year.



## Melody Makers

Melody Makers would love to invite you to our Christmas Concert on Saturday 17th December at Hockwold Village Hall.

Doors open at 7.15pm, concert begins at 7.30pm.

Music for everyone, mince pies, mulled wine, candlelight, Christmassy hats and laughter, Sing along if you like!

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# Thetford Voices Carolling Event

Calling all young singers for a free afternoon workshop event!

Thetford Voices is once again looking to recruit young singers for its annual Christmas Carolling across the town, this year on Monday 19th December. We aim to provide musical experience to the young people in our town and surrounding villages as well as a cheerful Christmas themed afternoon to care homes across Thetford. We are delighted that for well over a decade children aged 6 to 16 have come from across our region to join us.

We will be meeting at 12.45pm in the Williamson Hall at Thetford Grammar School to rehearse carols and Christmas songs both old and new with our musicians. We will then perform these in care homes across the town and finally to friends, families and the interested public at St Cuthbert's Church. Throughout the day, we will be collecting for EACH (East Anglia Children's Hospice).

There is no charge for the day. It is always a pleasure to see the young people enjoying making music together and for us to be able to share a stimulating day. To sign your child up to the event please email [thetfordvoices@gmail.com](mailto:thetfordvoices@gmail.com). We will be delighted to see you there!



# Christmas Joy!

Thetford Singers are happy to invite you to this year's Christmas programme, Christmas Joy!

We will be performing a joyful mix of traditional carols and modern songs to get you into the seasonal spirit. Rudolph will be making a musical appearance along with bells and wassailers. Join us for an evening of Christmas cheer on

14th and 15th December 2022 in the Guildhall, Thetford. Tickets are £8 from the Leaping Hare Ticket Office in town or online at [leapinghare.org](http://leapinghare.org). They include Christmas nibbles. A pay bar will be available before, after and in the interval in the Guildhall Tea Room. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



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# The Breckland Mobile Food Store in Weeting



The Breckland Mobile Food Store went live on Tuesday 10th May 2022 and visits Weeting every Friday morning between 10.30 and 11.30am. It is parked at the back of the lorry park area, next to the Bowls Club, beyond the bottle banks, and is available to all Weeting residents.



This is an enterprise powered by Breckland Council and the Norfolk Community Foundation, along with providers such as Morrison's, the supermarket chain.



At present, there is just one vehicle that will visit the same 11 chosen villages in Breckland every week, but they hope to expand the service to more areas by increasing the number of mobile, as well as static, shops in the near future. It supplies good quality, affordable food and if you live in Breckland you can become a member. After showing proof of address and paying a one-off joining fee of £3 per household, members can buy fresh, dried and tinned food, alongside toiletries and personal care items at a discounted cost.

In addition, the Breckland Mobile Food Store can offer signposting to community members, helping them to address the challenges that they might be facing, such as social isolation, debt and employment advice, debt management, schools and employment, or mental health and well-being.



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## PLEASE, PLEASE READ THIS!

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

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

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

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

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- 3 - Hot water tank thermometer.
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