



# WEETING VILLAGE LIFE

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## Weeting Flies the Coronation Flag



Just in time for King Charles III's Coronation on May 6th, Weeting received a grant from Breckland District Council for a flagpole.

This was installed on Parrott's Piece by Mike Nairn, Tim Murfet and Tom Childerhouse and a Coronation Union Flag was hoisted. This has now been replaced by the regular Union Flag that will remain flying throughout the year, although it is hoped to purchase others, such as St George's for the appropriate occasions.



A Family Funday is being held in Weeting on Saturday 22nd July to raise money for the Bone Cancer Research Trust.

It's going to be a great event with lots going on for all the family. The line-up so far includes face painting, ice cream van, food stalls, bouncy castle, craft/beauty/health and bespoke stalls, charity workouts, meet the owls, Greek dancing, strongman and martial arts demos and much more!

## Editor's Note:



Mark Your Calendar

The next edition of Weeting Village Life will be published in September 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 18th August 2023**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

## Weeting Steam Engine Rally & Country Show

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## Weeting's 5G Mast

No doubt everyone in Weeting will be aware of the new mast that has been erected on the side of the main road opposite Breckland Garage. This is the long awaited 5G mobile network mast and, once connected, should help to provide higher download speeds, eventually up to 10 gigabits per second.



The mast is 16 metres tall and fairly well camouflaged amongst the trees. This is a far better option than the original request from the network company to position an even taller mast next to the telephone box containing the village defibrillator outside the Post Office store. The Parish Council, and many residents in the vicinity, had objected to that location and the proposed mast height as being totally inappropriate. This new site was considered an acceptable alternative and will hopefully be of benefit to the village.

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

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# School Report



It is amazing to think that we are heading towards the final term of the academic year. The Summer Term has flown by so fast with lots of events taking place. We were pleased to welcome Mrs Hoggins back to Beech Class after her maternity cover post finished at The Norman School. We said "goodbye" to Mr Steeden who had been the headteacher at Weeting Primary School for the last two years. In May Dr Hardie was appointed as headteacher after leading the school in Mr Steeden's absence.



Our School Council planned and led a Sponsored Run and Walk as part of our yearlong fundraising for EACH. The children showed all of us how to keep fit, as they lapped and whizzed past most of the adults! We had great weather for our challenge and lots of the children and adults commented on how good they felt after some fresh air and exercise. It was lovely to see everyone challenging and supporting each other to keep on going.



The weather did not spoil our Coronation celebrations as we came together for a jam-packed afternoon of singing, dancing and picnic eating! Huge "thank yous" to Mike Nairn,



Chairman of Weeting Parish Council, who presented each child in school with a Coronation bookmark and our Friends of Weeting Group, who presented each child with a packet of Coronation themed wildflower seeds.



The classrooms were bedecked in a sea of red, white and blue bunting all created by the children and their red, white and blue outfits created a wonderful Coronation feel across school.



The finale of the afternoon was each class showcasing their dance from 4 eras of King Charles III's reign, which the children had learnt during the Coronation Workshops yesterday. I'm sure you all agreed that their moves and steps to Chubby Checker, Elvis, Michael Jackson and NSYNC were very impressive.



## Chestnut Class:

This term our theme has focused on "Kings and Queens". The children learnt that The Union flag is flown on a castle or palace when the King is not at home and The Royal Standard is flown when the King is staying at his castle or palace. We created our own flags that became part of our Coronation party decorations.



We became architects as we explored photographs of King Charles' palaces and castles, naming and describing the different features, including chimneys, flag poles, turrets and windows. We designed a new palace for King Charles, labelling all the features on our designs. The children worked together to recreate Kensington Palace, using blocks, crates and tree stumps to build the palace, a statue, a garden and a firework display. They even decided that they needed to include a flag and flag pole, securing it in place with an upturned plant pot!



The children had an amazing time at Sandringham. They learnt that it is King Charles III's holiday home! The children went for a walk around the grounds of Sandringham House and had a chance to feed the

giant carp in the lake. The coronation workshop was a fantastic event, complete with Royal music, a throne, orb and sceptre. The children created a Coronation crown and had the chance to dress up in Coronation robes and sit on the throne.



## Beech Class:

This term in Beech Class we have been delving into the Legends of King Arthur, finding out about the story of Merlin the Enchanter and how he rescued Arthur as a baby, knowing that he was destined to be High King of Britain. We have been using the text to learn about how to write speech and use it in our stories to create excitement and drama. We have also been learning how to add more description to our writing so that our readers can picture what we are writing about.

In Maths, we have been learning about Time, finding out how to tell the time at o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. Some children have learnt to tell the time to five-minute intervals. We have also been exploring the four operations and learning how to use addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to solve real life problems. The children have been exploring how they can use equipment in the classroom to support their learning and also how to check their answers using the inverse calculation.

In Science this term we have been looking at plants, finding out various parts of a plant and how they all contribute to its survival. We have explored seed dispersal and how different plants use different methods to spread their seeds as far as possible. We especially enjoyed finding out that some plants explode naturally to disperse their seed. We have also deepened our understanding of deciduous and evergreen trees.

In Geography, we have been using the globe and our atlases to find out about the seven continents and five oceans. We found out that there is a large active volcano in Antarctica that has an underground lake of lava, and that it takes the only post office - the Penguin Post Office - six weeks to receive mail for the scientists and geographers staying in Antarctica. We have also learnt the difference between physical and human features, learning about natural features such as the Alps, as well as the impressive rice terraces of the Philippines.





# School Report



## Beech Class (continued)

In Art, we have been looking at Hogarth's painting of the Graham Family (1742) and finding out how artists used their paintings to give information about their subjects. We have painting parts of the painting in the style of Hogarth and also created art to show what modern-day children are like.

## Elm Class:

In English the children have been investigating and learning about fables and what they teach us. They have learnt that fables often involve animals and they teach the audience life lessons and morals. Using the influence of fables, the children recapped and revisited how to make their main clauses and subordinate clauses more obvious. This also gave them a great opportunity to refine their skills about how to use connectives and conjunctions effectively to join two words, phrases and ideas together.

In Maths, the children have been exploring money. They have used their prior knowledge of decimals to help them solve addition and subtraction problems using pounds and pence. Later Elm have been exploring how to add and subtract two amounts. The children enjoyed solving real life money problems which involved, how much more do you need to afford things, as well as how much change will be given if you over pay for an item.

Elm have had a busy time in science this term, and have discovered that rocks are formed over millions of years and play a vital role in clarifying and solving the mysteries of how the world has developed over time. The children learnt that minerals are natural and that rocks are made of these natural minerals which take form of crystals which fuse together to make rocks. They moved onto handling and exploring rocks with magnifying glasses and microscopes to identify the scientific properties of each and placed their research within their charts in order to compare the similarities.

In History the children have learnt about Edward II and Thomas Becket and how he was killed in Canterbury cathedral. Elm learnt that Edward II was the main influencer and reason we have much of our legal system today.

In Geography, the children have been exploring some of the countries that make up western Europe. They have used the atlases well to locate the countries and their capital cities and discovered landmarks and features of countries including the Eiffel Tower, The Brandenburg Gate, The Black Forest in Germany and the Danube River valley.

## Oak Class:

This half term in Oak class, our literacy work has been based on the book – Animal Farm by George Orwell. For the first 4 weeks, the children's writing sessions were focused on grammar. For the final part of this half term, they have written a short narrative of their own version of the beginning of Animal Farm.

In Maths, we began the term by measuring and calculating angles; both within shapes and on diagrams. Then moved on to drawing both angles and shapes accurately before covering position and direction in all four quadrants, including reflection and translation.

In History Oak class looked at World War One. In this unit they have developed a deeper understanding of the causes and consequences of World War I on Britain, and the wider world; the role that empire played in European politics at this time and the growing tension that eventually sparked the First World War. The children began this unit looking at the causes that led to the war. They used their existing knowledge of the British Empire to understand how the desire to create vast empires, and the growing conflict, distrust and dislike among European powers meant that the assassination of one person - Archduke Franz Ferdinand - was enough to spark a world war that took the lives of millions of people.

In Geography they have learnt about New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands. The children studied New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands, looking at both physical and human geographical features of the region. They learnt that New Zealand's position on a tectonic plate boundary results in geological activity such as earthquakes and features such as hot springs and geysers. The Christchurch Earthquake was focussed on as an example

of the human impact that a physical process can have. The Children learnt that the Maori are people related to the very first humans to live in New Zealand and that their culture reflects rich traditions that are central to their identity. Drawing parallels with their understanding of the British colonisation of Australia, the children reflected upon the arrival of Europeans to New Zealand and the impact this had.

Science this term covered Astronomy. The children learnt about the theory of the Big Bang and that the universe is still expanding today before moving on to develop their understanding of gravity by looking at gravity's affect within our solar system. They have expanded further on this by looking at the celestial bodies within our solar system, including the different types of planets. One lesson looked at the phases of the Moon and the role that the Sun plays in this. To tie all this knowledge together, they looked at our galactic neighbourhood, looking at the Milky Way, Andromeda and Laniakea.

## The Nest:

We have had a wonderful start to the Summer Term. The children have been doing lots of fantastic learning.

We have spent lots of time reading and talking about different stories. The children really enjoyed visiting the library. We all thought about our favourite books and picked some new ones that we would like to try. It has been lovely to have lots of new books in the Nest which we read most days. We made bookmarks to go in our new stories.

We have completed our science-based project: Plants. We read a new book called "Jack and the Jellybean Stalk". We drew and wrote about some of the characters and some of the settings in this book. We made lollipop characters so that we could re-tell the story. We found out about the different parts of plants and some of the jobs these parts do to help the plant survive. We set up cress experiments. The children watered the seeds and made very careful observations over a number of days. We were really impressed by how much our seeds grew over such a short time.

In Maths, some of us have been counting in different numbers and some of us have continued our fraction work. We have been developing our understanding of multiplication. We have talked about rows, columns and arrays. We have thought about equal and non-equal groups.

We started a new project. Our new project is art based and is about different paintings. Our first painting was by an artist called William Hogarth and he painted the Graham Children in 1742. We continued our project by looking at more pictures of children and have started to think about how we can use different lines to plan pieces of artwork.

Cooking has continued to be one of our favourite sessions in the Nest. This half term we have baked cakes in mugs. We used the microwave to cook our cakes. They were delicious!

For the King's coronation we made coronation cakes and decorated our cakes, red, white and blue.



One week we made sandwiches. We chose our fillings and made a salad to eat with our sandwich. We enjoyed eating them outside in the sunshine. Last week, we made some healthy snacks. We used crackers, fruit and vegetables to design and make different creepy crawlies.



This half term we have taken part in lots of coronation activities. These activities included: a dance workshop, decorating bunting and finding out lots of information about King Charles.

In RE, our learning has been based on the question: How does celebrating Pentecost remind Christians that God is with them always? We started our learning by thinking about feeling lonely. We were able to suggest how being lonely can make us feel and were able to think of different times when we might feel lonely. We reminded ourselves about the Easter Story, Ascension and then completed activities based on Pentecost. These activities including sequencing and re-telling the story.





# School Report



Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who attended our bingo fundraiser back in April. We had a brilliant turn out and truly appreciate the support shown by the community. We raised a fantastic £585! A huge thank you to all the individuals and businesses who donated prizes for the bingo and raffle, we really appreciate each donation. The children have loved testing out the new resources we were able to purchase with the fundraising money!



The children have really enjoyed celebrating the King's Coronation! They have enjoyed making crowns and Union Jack bunting. We learnt the names of the Royal Family, - they found the King's and Queen's names particularly funny! They preferred those of the younger Royals! After the Coronation the children spoke excitedly about seeing the King being crowned on the television.



Along with the Coronation, the children have enjoyed celebrating Earth Day and learning about ways we can all look after the earth better. They especially enjoyed looking at volcanos and trying out some science experiments!

Although spaces are filling up fast, we have availability for September. If you are looking for childcare for ages 2-4, please contact the preschool on 07927690968.



In May the children were very excited to welcome two very special visitors... Mat and Oona the (toy) Owl from Brandon Library. The children enjoyed Mat's word play session and especially enjoyed the story 'Bumblebear' and loved singing some nursery rhymes. Thank you Mat and Oona! We hope to have you visit again!

Thank you,  
Nicola Langley



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Female cats will come into season every few days unless they are mated, which is very stressful for them and not much fun for the owners, as they constantly yowl and demand attention. It can be difficult to keep a female cat in season indoors, as she will be desperate to get out and get mated.

Female cats can have up to 3 litters a year, which is a drain on their systems, and there is always the chance that something may go wrong and she needs a caesarean section which can cost around £1,000.

Male cats also need to be neutered, as they constantly spray indoors and out, marking their territory and their urine has a very unpleasant smell until they are neutered. It takes around 2 weeks for the smell to decline once they have had the operation.

Male and female cats will wander far and wide to find a mate, and often get hit by cars in the process. They can also become infected with Feline Aids or Feline Leukaemia from other cats they come into contact with. Male cats often get into fights with other male cats and can get abscesses as well which often need veterinary treatment.

We are here to help you. We can send you a voucher towards the cost of neutering if you are on a low income or struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. Our vouchers are worth £35 towards the cost of neutering a male cat, and £50 towards the cost of neutering a female cat which you can take to any vet. Just ring our help line on the number below, listen to the message to access the correct phone number and have a pen and paper ready to write the number down. Our helpline does not take messages but will lead you to the correct number to ring, depending on your requirement.

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Rita Thompson,



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## CLUB SPOTLIGHT



### Hockwold Amateur Theatrical Society

We are pleased to announce that we're planning our next show for November 2023.

To audition come along to Hockwold Village Hall on Sunday 11th June, 2pm to 5pm.

No previous experience needed, just enthusiasm and sense of fun.

Show dates: 30th November to 2nd December 2023.

Rehearsals will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings starting at the beginning of September.

Full membership to be paid at auditions

## Does anyone know what this is?

Whilst walking our dog in the forest recently, we came upon an intriguing tree stump. This would be commonly known as a squirrel's table.



Squirrels are clever little creatures and make use of hard, flat surfaces, such as an old tree stump, to crack open fir cones and nuts for the nutritious seeds found within. Hence the detritus left behind.

We couldn't resist taking a photo.

## MOBILE LIBRARY



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# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

## WEETING VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Hi everyone, oh my goodness, it's June already!!! This year is flying by and we hope everyone is keeping fit and well and able to get out and about.

Well, we had the King Charles's Coronation at the beginning of May – did anyone do anything special for that?? We know the Bowls Club were putting on a 4-day celebration, well done to them.

We, the Weeting Village Hall Committee, had our Annual General Meeting on the 28th April and we actually had an audience of 4 people turn up, wow, but we had rather hoped a few more people would have come along in order to support us with all the things we are doing within the Hall and to help the community in general. So, thank you to those who did turn up, and we now have a new Committee, albeit mostly the same faces, but with the addition of three NEW members, Sue Jones, Danny Juniper and Joyce Early.

The "new" committee are: David Wood (Chairman), Carole Wilkins (Secretary) Karen Scott (Treasurer) Angie Page (Lettings Officer), and general members Eve Day, Sue Jones, Joyce Early (Carpet Bowls), Micha Barker (Dance), Tommy Saward (Church) Dorothy Kent, Marie Stubbins (Weeting Weenies) and Rita Thompson (Line Dancing). The WASPS are represented by Carole and the Keep Fit group are represented by David. In his Chairman's Report, David thanked Norman Killeen for his sterling work up until he retired due to ill health which continues to drag him down - such a shame as he had been a member of the committee for many years and had instigated a lot of the work that has been done in the hall in that time.

With that in mind, we are still looking into creating "warm rooms" within the hall and hope to have something organised for the winter, especially as a member from one of our clubs has taken particular interest in running them. We will endeavour to find out more about this. As luck would have it, we had a special visitor at the AGM, our District Councillor Sam Chapman-Allen, who offered us extra help as and when we need it, such as obtaining grants for this and other projects.

Unfortunately, the door at the end of the building was damaged by some young thugs from Brandon, who not only smashed the window but attempted to kick the bottom panel in as well. David, our Chairman, has been looking into getting this replaced, at OUR expense and these are special doors that do not come cheap, so hopefully by the time this magazine comes out the new door will be in place. We have also had some young people coming into the gents' toilets whilst our regular clubs and groups have been busy in the hall, opening the windows on the side with the intention of coming back later after the hall had been closed. Well, they were caught out recently as one of our volunteers happened to walk in on them opening one of the windows and this has now been permanently locked. The last time, another group broke in, they proceeded to make a thorough mess in every room of the hall – not a pleasant job for the cleaners to come into, especially as they have precious little time in between lettings to clean up and keep the hall looking clean and tidy. And again, 14 ceiling tiles have been damaged, we are not sure how these were damaged at this moment in time but we will get to the bottom of it, especially as these tiles were only put up some 18 months ago and are not cheap to replace. Whatever damaged the tiles could have easily have damaged the LED lights and these are even more expensive to replace !!!

On a final note, I do hope everyone has a super summer, and we will welcome all our usual regulars back after the summer holidays and hopefully if there are any other group or club who would like to hire the hall, please contact us as soon as possible as spaces are limited even now !!!! There is always room for something new, and we will always try our best to accommodate all new ventures

On behalf of Village Hall Committee  
Karen Scott, Treasurer

**Update:** The ceiling damage was caused by bouncy castles and the hirers have received a bill for the repairs.



## ART FOR PLEASURE

The group has been quite busy these last few months preparing for exhibiting our paintings at the Dragonfly Gallery in Watton. It is rewarding to see so many lovely pictures by amateur artists. The variety of subjects and different mediums used reflects the fact that we are all individual, yet help and inspire each other, and are drawn together, by our love of art.



We have in the past been able to exhibit our work at Brandon Country Park and at The Guildhall Gallery in Thetford, but unfortunately neither of these are available now so we have been unable to let our friends and neighbours see the work that is produced in their midst.

However, this year we have decided to hold an exhibition where this artwork is created – in Weeting Village Hall. So, if you would like to support or find out more about this fascinating pastime, we will be holding an exhibition at Weeting Village Hall on Saturday 15th July 2023. Make a note in your diary – entrance is free.

Some of us had painted before, but quite a lot decided to take it up as a hobby on retiring. We are of mixed ability and work in all mediums, but mainly the essence of the group is in the title – the pleasure of painting and socialising with like-minded art lovers.

We meet every Thursday 10.30 am – 12.30 pm at Weeting Village Hall.  
For more details phone Beryl Pountney 01842 828750

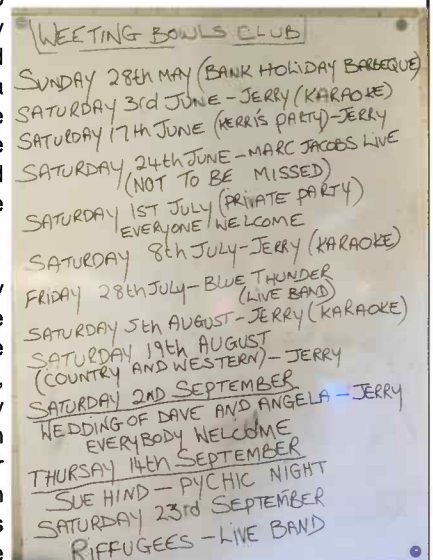
## Weeting Bowls Club Social Events

We have had a great year so far with our regular monthly karaokes, (always fun and well attended) and had a Motown night when we were entertained by Mr. E for the evening. We have also had some private parties in the club with more to follow.

We had a great four-day Coronation Weekend where we started on Friday with the Broadbandits - a great band, and a karaoke on Saturday after watching the Coronation in the club and food for everyone was included. On the Sunday we had quizzes with a barbeque in the afternoon and Monday was a relaxing day in club.

Through the rest of the year we have more live bands, private parties, karaokes, a wedding, a country and western evening and much more already booked. Keep an eye out for all the events coming up.

For more information contact:  
Sue on 01842 812094 / 07855 764288  
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# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

## W.A.S.P.S.

"MURDER SHE SAID!" - well Jessica did not say it, but someone will on Friday 16th JUNE and Saturday 17th JUNE. This is the Wasp's summer show this year. It is called "MURDER IN THE MANOR" and, yes, it is a murder mystery, but if you have ever been to a WASP show before then you know it is not without laughs. In fact, the cast has been rehearsing for about two months and they are still laughing at all the silly antics we get up to.

If I just say that two of the members in the show are PC WORLD and PS PLODD then I think you will know that it is a big hoot, so come along and have a laugh. I will stop the show very near to the end to ask you all "who did it?", as, at this point in time, even the cast does not know because I have kept the last two pages of the script. I will have to tell them soon, but not yet (Ha Ha)!

As with all our other shows we do it just for laughs and that gives us pleasure if you go home giggling. As usual at half time there will be refreshments and a raffle. Tickets are available, either through me by ringing my phone no. 01842 550919 or if you are walking through Brandon High Street, pop into DEE'S DELITES and Dee will be happy to sell you some.

I am very happy to say that we have some new members both on stage and back of stage and they are doing a very good job. Remember, we are always open to anybody who would like to help back stage, or if you would like to, as they say "tread the boards", in other words be on front of stage, no worries. Don't be shy - it is fun and we will be starting our Christmas Show rehearsals in September. Just say hello when you come and see us in our next production - "MURDER IN THE MANOR"

See you there - Carole

## Weeting Bowls Club Report – May 2023

The 2023 bowls season got off to a flying start in April with roll ups every Friday and our first in house singles competition, completed over the last 4 weekends.

From the start we were delighted to welcome several new bowlers to the club and all have shown great potential in roll ups, some even joining in with competitions. A number of youngsters have also been keen to try out our children's bowls and this is all really exciting for the future of the club.

The Coronation weekend saw bowling on Sunday 7th, and Monday 8th May when a Pairs Competition took place and was greatly enjoyed by participants and spectators alike. With hot dogs, burgers and good weather to crown it all, everyone had a great time.

League matches began mid May and it was very rewarding for our more experienced bowlers to win their first match against last years winning team.

It is still early in the season, plenty of time left to start bowling. If you have never bowled before you don't need any equipment other than a pair of flat soled shoes (no heavy tread/grip pattern) You do not need to be a member to come along for a free trial, although members do benefit from access to social events such as live music, quizzes, pool, parties, karaoke as well as reduced prices at the bar.

Why not come along? There will always be someone there to help and advise or put you in contact with the right person.

Joanna Nordan (Bowls Captain)

## WEETING CRAFT FAYRES

On April the 1st we had our first Craft Fayre of the year. A lot of people turned out to browse through the 35 tables, which were full to the brim with wonderful craft items. There was everything you can think of and then some, - knitted garments, (really beautiful things for little babies and grown-ups alike). I loved the hedgehogs made by Ella and so many other things - different toys, dolls, china, glass, wonderful flower arrangements - I could go on and on, but I can do better than that, because I had a waiting list for a table and therefore, I have decided to hold another fayre on the 29th of July. I hope we will also have some other activities on the playing field at the same time. This is at an early stage, so check out the "Facebook" site every now and then to see what we have come up with.

All the crafters who could not get a table for the Easter fayre have now got one for the summer one and there are a few tables left, so if you are another crafter then ring me and we will see if there is room for you. (Carole - 01842 550919)

The annual November 11th Craft Fayre has filled from the moment I announced the date, and, yet again, too many crafters wanting a table, so, after talking to our letting officer, I now have another booked on Saturday December 9th. This one will be a Christmas Bazaar rather than a craft fayre and, once again it is almost full. If you have never been to one of these events believe me, they are definitely a must for your calendar. Not only do we have every craft you can think of but there is a raffle for which all the stall holders give one of their items, so there is always a chance that your raffle ticket will win you something made by one of your talented neighbours. We will also have a Tombola stall and the kitchen will be doing their usual hot bacon and sausage rolls, cakes, soup, etc.

So put these dates in your diary and come along to the WEETING VILLAGE HALL and have a very good day out.

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### QUARTERLY UPDATE

Time Period (4-week cycle)	Position (Direction facing)	Total Vehicle Count	Speed Limit mph	Vehicle Count within the limit	Violations of the speed limit
February - March	South Park (S)	111421	30	98355	13066
March - April	Peppers Close (E)	5470	30	4642	828
April - May	Park View (E)	37287	30	30962	6325

Summary for the period.

Total Vehicle Count from 14 <sup>th</sup> February to 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	<b>154178</b>
Vehicle Count within the speed limit	<b>133959</b>
Speeding Violations within the village	<b>20219</b>
Violators as a percentage of the total vehicle count	<b>13.11 %</b>

## ?? Who's Who ??

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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	Wednesday 3:45 - 8:45 Thursday 6:30 - 8.30pm
Art For Pleasure	Beryl Pountney 01842 828750	Village Hall	Thursday 10:30am – 12:30pm 3rd Thursday 10:30 - 3:30pm
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	2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:30pm
Brandon & District Society of Model Engineering	Dave Moore 01842 811996	Brandon Council Offices	1st Wednesday 7:30pm
Brandon Day Centre	Michelle Jarrett 01842 819777	Warren Close, Brandon, IP27 0EE	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 10am - 3.30pm
Brandon Speaker's Club	Gary Sander 01842 814679	The Ram, Brandon	2nd & 4th Wednesday 7:00-9:30pm
Carpet Bowls	Heather Woodhams 01842 815406	Village Hall	Friday 10 – 12 midday
Fit Camp	Naomi 07506 246786	Playing Field	Monday 6:15 - 7:15pm
Green Bowls	Sue Windget 01842 812094 Carol Newman 01842 815089	Bowls Club	Friday 6.00 – 10pm Sunday 12 midday – 4:00pm
Gun Club	Derick Spencer 07766 750153	Weeting Gun Club	Alternate Sunday January to October
HATS	Gary Sander 07754 727130	Hockwold Village Hall	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		
Outdoor Archery	Mike 07894 904090	Euston Park	Friday 6:00 – 10pm Sunday 12 midday – 4:00pm
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. 07876 330687	Village Hall	Alt. Wednesday 7pm - 9pm
Pool	Carol Newman 01842 815089	Bowls Club	Tuesday 7:00pm
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 and Friday 6:00 - 8pm (during rehearsal periods)
Weeting Saxon FC	James Langley. 01842 811627		
Weeting Steam Rally	Kate Plant Rally Co-ordinator 07907 720312		Monday 7pm to 9pm Friday 9:30am - 2:30pm
Weeting Weenies	Marie Stebbins mariestebbins@hotmail.com	Village Hall	Wednesday 10:00 – 12 midday (school term time only)
West Norfolk Aviation Society	07706 030307	Mundford Bowls Club	1st Tuesday



# Rector's Report

I can't believe how this year seems to be on speed skates – I think it is something to do with getting older. When I was a child time seemed to drag and I remember wondering just HOW much longer it would take to reach 'double figures' on my 10th birthday. Now it would be quite nice to count back a decade or so!!!

## Church update

### Porch

I'm very happy to report that the church porch roof has now been repaired. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts over the last year specially to make this a reality. The porch ceiling will be completed once the issues in the nave have been resolved and the church can reopen.

## Structural surveys update

Our architect Ruth Blackman prepared the specifications for the various aspects of the interior structural surveys on the nave ceiling and floor and these have been put out to tender. The due date for the quotes to be submitted was May 5th. I've contacted Ruth for an update but am still waiting for her response. The work will need to begin relatively soon as our deadline from Historic England for completion of all the surveys is December. I'm hoping that work on the nave ceiling can begin within the next month so that the main body of the church can then reopen once the damaged plaster is removed and the temporary repairs to make the ceiling safe have been completed. I hope to see this done by the end of the summer. Once the investigations of the south aisle floor are complete, hopefully we can get that floor repaired, the pews returned to their place and the whole church can then be functional. We will then have a big party – a 'rave in the nave' to which the village will be invited!

Hopefully by the time the next edition of Weeting Village Life is published significant progress will have been made.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Dr Jacqui Hardie who has been appointed Head Teacher at Weeting school. Jacqui has been holding the fort at various times over the past couple of years when the school has been between heads and her appointment is well deserved. Jacqui knows the school so well having been the Reception teacher for the last six years as well as having various executive roles and she will now give the school much needed stability and a clear vision and strategy moving forward. It's a real delight for both Rev'd Juanita and I to spend time with the children in Collective Worship and in assisting recently with some class lessons. I'm looking forward to accompanying Year 6 from Weeting and the other two schools in the Trinity Partnership on our annual day pilgrimage to Walsingham in June.

I appreciate the positive support of so many of you as we work hard to sort out the repairs to our church so that it is there for the community into the future. We'll be organising some great community fundraisers during the year – there will be a bumper Quiz night in the Village Hall with great food and a quality raffle and in October we're hoping to organise a Harvest Barn Dance in conjunction with the school in the school hall. These and other activities will be advertised on social media and through the school and I look forward to seeing many of you at these events as the year progresses. Thank you again to you all for your generosity and good will over the past year.

Every blessing,

Rev'd Canon Joan Horan  
Rector St Mary's Weeting



# St Mary's Church



## Rector:

Joan Horan

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## Churchwardens:

Tommy Saward

Tel: 01842 813601 tommysaward@hotmail.com

Julianne Young

julianneyoung0@gmail.com

## Regular services are as follows:

Second Sunday of the month: Service of The Word @ 11am

Third Sunday of the month: Eucharist @ 11am

It was about 10 years ago when a group of us invited Lindsay Peacock to sample a hands-on gliding experience at Wattisham Airfield. On 2nd May, we invited him again to our stage, this time at the Mundford Bowls Club. He is well known in aeronautical circles as an editor of Jane's Encyclopaedia of Aviation and has self-penned several books on various fighter types. His presentation at our meeting provided an account of his experiences at Fairford over the last twenty odd years. This is where the internationally renowned Royal International Aircraft Tattoo is held each year. He worked there as a media escort and was often in the privileged position of enjoying free rides in modern fighter aircraft and, meeting some influential people: last year there were four British veterans present, together with one aging WW2 Luftwaffe pilot.



The weather is invariably inclement at Fairford and on one occasion the rain stopped when Queen Elizabeth arrived to honour the event; after she left, the rain commenced its invasion. When it was suggested to Lindsay that he was a bit of a name dropper he seemed somewhat affronted but soon mellowed when it was advised that the targets would have been honoured by his exposés.

Not only was Lindsay's photographic material extensive but also colourful: extensive because some of his aerial shots of stationary aircraft were taken from a cherry picker and, colourful, because the livery of many of the subjects was extreme to the point of psychedelia and animalia, with cues taken from orcas, zebras and, would you believe, peacocks; perhaps the plumage adorning the fuselage of the Indian helicopter display team was an attempt to pay tribute to our speaker.

On the question of extremes it has to be said that Lindsay has experienced a few: let's not forget the cherry picker which takes off but doesn't always come down; let's not forget the Wattisham glider winch which, during take-off, induced the greatest adrenalin rush he had ever experienced. Nigel Tooth.

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## Summer Gardening 2023



Summer is here, finally we can stop watching the weather so intently and safely plant out tender plants. Here at P&R Garden Supplies we're at the peak of plant supplies now and the garden centre is full to bursting with gorgeous UK grown plant stock. Here's my top tips for keeping your garden looking its best throughout the summer.

### Routine Tasks:

- Check plants daily and water them if the soil is dry — especially newly planted fruit trees and shrubs that are still getting established. Use rainwater where possible.
- Keep on top of weeding. Your plants shouldn't have to compete for precious water, light, and nutrients.
- Keep on top of dead-heading annuals
- Pest-watch. Be vigilant, early treatment will prevent infestations.

### Flower Garden:

- If your hanging basket plants become leggy, trim off the excess to encourage bushy new growth.
- Continue to thin out drifts of hardy annual plants if they're overcrowded.
- Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of flower bulbs and tubers.
- Pinch out the tips of fuchsias to encourage a bushy habit and more flowers.
- Dead-head your roses if they're repeat-flowering types. Otherwise, leave the seed heads on for decoration.
- Cut back oriental poppies after flowering. Cutting them close to ground level will stimulate new foliage.
- Stake tall perennial plants to prevent wind damage.
- As new shoots grow, use soft ties to train climbing plants such as honeysuckle and clematis to their supports.
- Towards the end of June, if your hardy geraniums have finished flowering, cut them back to encourage new foliage and flowers.

### In the edible garden:

- Continue to earth up potato plants as they grow.
- Pinch out any side shoots from your cordon tomato plants. Start to feed once the first truss is setting fruit.
- Harvest salad crops, and resow every 2 weeks for a constant supply of tasty leaves.
- Keep an eye on your onion and garlic. When the leaves start to yellow and die back, they're ready to harvest.
- Protect crops from butterflies & root flies by netting with fine grade netting/ environmesh.
- Start to prune stone-crop fruits such as Cherry or Plum.
- Net fruit crops to prevent birds or squirrels from eating them before you can!

However, In Summer the most important job to do is to enjoy your garden; heady scents, glorious colours, an abundance of fruits and vegetables and hopefully more sunshine. What could be more enjoyable and satisfying than surveying the results of your hard work throughout the year?

Rachel Sobiechowski BSc(Hons)

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## Picture Puzzle

Here are ten images all of which have appeared in previous puzzles. Seven are items found in or around the home, two are portions of labels of common household products and one is found in Weeting. Can you identify them? Answers on page 14.



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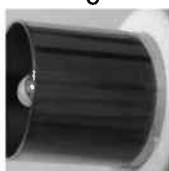
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John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web, but it is difficult to find. Walking in Norfolk (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

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John Harris

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## Memories of my friend, Ernest Perkins

I would like to tell you about a man I once knew called Ernie Perkins, now sadly deceased. He was a train driver on the Southern Railway, usually on the London to Dover line, in the days of steam locomotives. His fireman, Joseph Bird, oversaw the boiler water level and fire condition. It was a job Ernie loved no matter what the conditions and he eventually got the name of Perko.

One morning he was informed that one of his workmates, Charlie, had passed away and had left instructions to be cremated and his ashes to be scattered along the railway track. Perko was asked if he would be prepared to carry out these wishes and he said he would be honoured to do it. The day came and, as they were speeding towards Dover with the 2.35 express, they came to a beautiful section of the track – nice and straight with large poplar trees along one side, golden wheat fields along the other and the sun was shining and casting shadows along the track. It was a very hot day with the rush of the wind blowing air on their faces. Joseph looked out of the side of the cab and said this would be a good place to scatter Charlie's ashes and Perko agreed. He removed the lid from the urn and held it out of the window, turned it upside down, and shook out the contents. At 70 miles an hour the effect was amazing – a great cloud of dust billowed back along the train, suspended in the air by the wind, swirling over the carriages and soon disappearing over the track and fields. "That's it", said Perko, putting the lid back on the urn as he got back into the driver's seat. "We have done our bit, Joe". Joe agreed and started to dust himself down as they were both covered in ashes.

About ¾ of an hour later, they arrived at the Dover terminus, took a drink of cold tea and looked out of the cab window, watching all the passengers walking by and brushing themselves down. Mothers were asking their children, "whatever have you been doing? You are filthy", then spitting on their hankies to clean their faces! One passenger said to Perko that this was the dirtiest train he had ever been on! It turned out that all the top windows of the carriages had been open for ventilation and everyone got some of poor old Charlie's ashes to take home with them. Perko kept the urn out of sight in case there was an enquiry about the dust storm, but fortunately there was not!

In another incident, the drivers were in their lobby, sitting around a long table by the fire when one of them, Digger Fanshaw, started arguing with his mate about some obscure subject. He suddenly grabbed a milk bottle and some playing cards which he set out in a circle, placing the milk bottle in the middle. As their mates watched, the bottle was pushed around the circle, the drivers watching with bated breath. Digger said, "Is there anybody there? If so, knock once". It was deathly quiet for a moment until some joker tossed a fog warning detonator onto the stove which went off with an almighty bang! All hell broke loose and everyone tried to get out of the door at once, one chap lost his hat and another his false teeth!

With Perko's encouragement, I built my own steam railway locomotive and used to have it going up and down the garden. It now sits in the shed, although I do fire it up occasionally. I also built a road locomotive and a 5-foot model boat, but they also sit in the shed. I make everything from scratch and you would be surprised at some of the bits and pieces I find laying around that I can use.



John Holledge



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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 - Pan scourer.                  | 9 - TV aerial connection.  |
| 3 - Boots Chemist label.          | 7 - Swiss Army knife.      |
| 5 - Fairy Liquid label.           | 8 - Voltmeter              |
| 6 - Windscreen wiper blade.       | 10 - Ring pull can opener. |
| 4 - Cafetière plunger.            |                            |
| 2 - Silhouette of Weeting Castle. |                            |

**Answers to Picture Puzzle on page 13**

## In Memoriam

### NORMAN KILLEEN.

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you, that Norman Killeen has passed away peacefully at home on Thursday 11th May.



He had been involved in many activities within the village and in his time had served on the Parish Council and was Chairman of the Village Hall Committee in past and recent years. Many of you may also have known him as a First Responder in Weeting and other outlying villages.

He served his country in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) for 24 years before relocating to Weeting with his wife, Pat, 20 years ago and working on the Lakenheath base as a civilian until his retirement.

He took up the post of Chairman again for Weeting Village Hall about three years ago, but illness forced him to give it up, although he continued to take a great interest in what was going on in the hall.

We must not forget his most important role to hundreds of children and that is of SANTA CLAUS, travelling to all the surrounding towns and villages, making children very happy and he also assumed the role for many charities.

REST IN PEACE NORMAN.

## MARGARET BURLINGHAM

Margaret was born in Lakenheath on 4th September 1944 and married the love of her life, Maurice, in 1965. The couple moved into South Park in Weeting where they brought up their two children, David and Alison, later moving into their bungalow in Castle Close in 1999.



She served as a Weeting Parish Councillor for 25 years and was the contact for the community reporting faulty street lighting. This kept her fairly busy whilst we had the orange sodium lamps as the bulbs often failed, but she developed a good rapport with the company who serviced them and obtained a rapid response.

Margaret was a great supporter of the Macmillan charity and held an annual coffee morning to raise funds. This was always well attended and raised a significant amount from the coffee, cakes and home made preserves. She also delivered poppies for the British Legion.

After Maurice's death, her own health began to fail, but she continued to attend the Parish Council meetings whenever she was able and enjoyed the company of her children and grandchildren. She passed away suddenly, but peacefully, at home on 28th February 2023.

SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED

## 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!



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'Feel the Spirit', a cycle of spirituals, was first performed on 17th June 2001 in Carnegie Hall, New York and conducted by the arranger, John Rutter. The familiar melodies include Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho, Steal Away, Deep River and When the Saints Go Marching In.

Thetford Singers, conducted by Chris Parsons, are delighted to be joined by soloist Naomi Sturges and the children of Raleigh Infant Academy and Admirals Academy for their performance of 'Feel the Spirit' on Thursday 13th July in the Carnegie Room, Thetford.

It has been an exciting term for the local community choir. An earlier performance of 'Feel the Spirit' took place at the Bury Friendly Orchestra Summer concert at the Apex in Bury St Edmunds.

The choir have also performed at the 'Space Community Concert' at the Ely Festival in Ely Cathedral. This involved 350 local school children, a live orchestra and professional soloists performing an eclectic mix of space themed music.

A repeat and deeply moving project for choir members has been 'Firesongs', a presentation by Frozen light theatre which creates exciting and original multi-sensory theatre for audiences with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD).

Thetford Singers rehearse on Wednesday evenings during term-time at Thetford Methodist Church. Interested singers are welcome to attend for a taster rehearsal. Please express interest and find further information at [www.thetfordsingers.org](http://www.thetfordsingers.org)

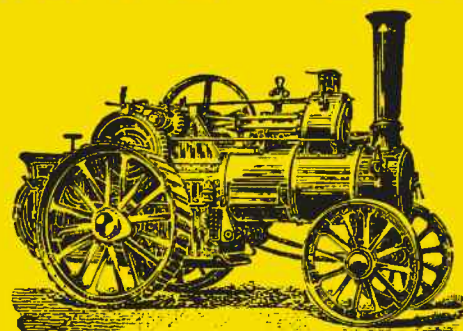
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# Would you like to join Methwold Theatre Club?



Methwold Theatre club is a small sociable amateur theatre group with members aged from 18 to 80 from Methwold and the surrounding villages. We are fortunate to have the 21 Room in Methwold Hall Complex as our base, which provides us with a permanent stage complete with lighting and sound. We meet and rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm.

We put on a variety of productions, often to sold out performances. These include murder mysteries and full-length plays. Other recent entertainments have included tea parties for royal events with 1940s style radio plays and a medieval evening.

We are in the preparation stages for our next big performance planned for November but we need some new members to come and join us, for work behind the scenes as well as on the stage.

As well as anyone interested in acting, we are looking for people who would like to help with:

- sound or lighting,
- the stage set (painting and DIY),
- props, costumes, prompting,
- publicity,
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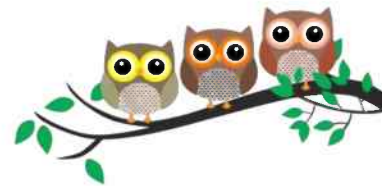
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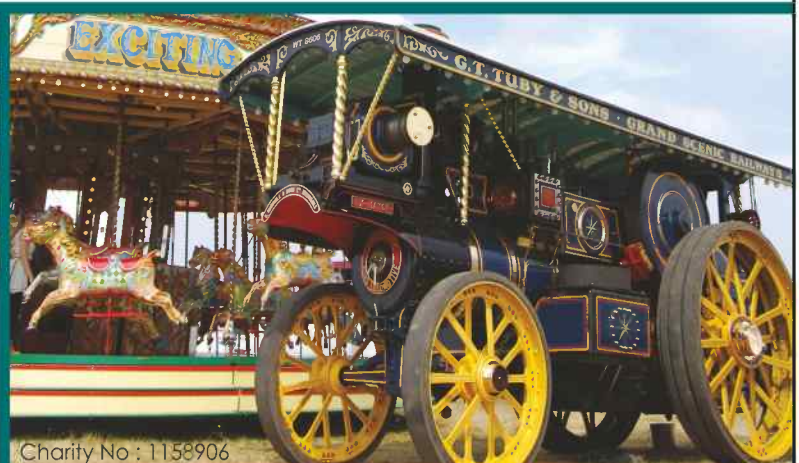
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