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June 2022
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School Report



It is amazing to think that we are heading towards the end of the first full year back in school for all our children in over 2 years! We have continued to reintroduce lots of favourite and familiar routines as the term has progressed. It was wonderful to see the children, families and Mother Joan come together for our Easter Service. Each class contributed to the retelling of the Easter Story through drama, art and storytelling. It was amazing to see how confidently the children shared the performances and how much they enjoyed doing this.



This term, **Chestnut Class** have been learning about "Kings and Queens". This week Chestnut Class have been exploring their new theme "Kings and Queens". The children have learnt about Queen Elizabeth II and found out that she has been Queen for 70 years – even longer than Miss Hardie and Mrs Powell have been at school! The children learnt that the Queen wears a crown, some of the time, and sits on a throne. We looked at the Throne Room in Buckingham Palace and Grace decided that it looked very comfy and that the Queen could do her knitting there! The children have learnt about the Union Jack and the Royal Standard and that the Royal Standard only flies at Buckingham Palace when the Queen is actually living there.



Bobby and Leo created Buckingham Palace using the Duplo and included a garden for the corgis and a throne for Queen Elizabeth.



The children have painted portraits of the Queen wearing her crown and used sequins to represent the jewels.

They have learnt that the crown was passed down to Queen Elizabeth II when her dad died. The children thought that Queen Elizabeth would be a bit happy and a bit sad about becoming Queen. They went onto learn that Prince Charles is the Queen's eldest son and that he is 'next in line to the throne' and will become King next. The children learnt that a throne is a special chair that the King or Queen sits on during special occasions. We looked at the throne that Queen Elizabeth sits on and recreated it to make mini thrones and our very own life size thrones.



Mrs Powell was pronounced Queen Powell and was invited to sit on the throne! Chestnut Class decided that Miss Hardie was crowned Princess Hardie and will ascend to the throne after Mrs Powell!



This term, **Beech Class** have been reading the Jungle Book and have been working towards writing setting descriptions of the Cold Lairs. We have been learning how to use comparative and superlative adjectives, as well as similes, and exciting adjectives to create a picture in the mind of the reader.

In Maths, we have been looking at Time: recognising how to tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. We have also learnt how to measure duration.



In Geography, we have been learning about Northern Europe and now we all want to go on a school trip to the fjords and see the Northern Lights!

In Science, we used a microscope to see how it makes small things look much bigger. We found out that the smallest building block of nearly everything is called an atom.

We have also had lots of fun this term raising money towards our school trip by selling our cakes at a bake sale.



Elm class have been studying the Stuarts this term and have brilliantly discussed many possible reasons for why the English Civil War broke out. They then discovered that Civil War broke out in 1642 between the Cavaliers and the Roundheads after the King ignored parliament and raised taxes. Elm have discussed in great detail if King Charles deserved his trial and execution. Elm class have also been investigating if Oliver Cromwell was a hero, tyrant or misunderstood through persuasive writing and posters.

Last term we had an amazing response to our Books for Schools collecting. We successfully collected enough tokens to select £100 worth of books for our school library. Thank you to all our friends and families who helped.



Sports Equipment for Schools

Starting on Monday 9th May 2022 until 15th July 2022, the Eastern Daily Press is launching its new token collection where we will have the chance to purchase new sports equipment for the children to use at playtimes and lunchtimes. Tokens can be collected daily in the Eastern Daily Press and Norwich Evening News, and weekly in the North Norfolk News, Dereham Times, Fakenham Times, Beccles & Bungay Journal, Lowestoft Journal and Great Yarmouth Mercury. Please drop your tokens off in the school office for the attention of Miss Hardie.



Editor's Note:



The next edition of Weeting Village Life will be published in **September 2022**.

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 19th August 2022**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

School Report

The Friends have been super busy this Spring term, planning all kinds of events now that we have been given the green light to organise indoor activities again.

First on our list was a disco, which took place at the end of April. Well done to Herbie & Mollie from KS1 and to Harvey & Joanne from KS2 for winning Best Dancers. We raised £207 for the school which is absolutely brilliant! We would also like to say a special thanks to Scott from Dynamix Disco for giving up his time to entertain the children, you did a fantastic job as always!

Bake sales are back! Chestnut / The Nest and Beech class have been busy baking lots of goodies at home and have set the standards high for the other classes. Beech class currently hold the winning title for raising the most amount of money. Let's see if Elm and Oak class can beat them in the next couple of weeks!

We are very excited to be hosting a Summer Fete and Family Fun Day on Sunday 26th June. You will find our poster for this on page 6 of this magazine with all the event details included. Everyone welcome so please come along and bring your family and friends. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

To keep up to date with everything we have planned for the Family Fun Day, please search 'The Friends of Weeting School Summer Fete' and join the event.

And last but not least, it is almost time to say goodbye to the Year 6 children as they embark on their journey to High School in September. We will be celebrating with a 'Festival' themed Leavers Disco, as chosen by the children, on Friday 1st July with lots of other treats thrown in along the way.

The Friends would like to wish you all the best of luck as you start this exciting new chapter.



We have had a very busy time at the preschool with lots of amazing things planned for the children for this summer term, including sports day, a school trip to Brandon Country Park to participate in a Roots and Boots Forest School session and a presentation

evening for those moving up to Primary School followed by a disco for all. All things we haven't been able to do for the last couple of years.

We would like to thank all children, their families and everyone who donated to our 22.02.2022 fundraiser. We raised a brilliant £1,276.22 which we plan to use some of to enhance our outside space with natural local made resources. The children sent handmade pictures to families in Ukraine, which even travelled on the front of the lorry.



This term the children are focusing on countries, especially those that some of our children are from. We have made flags, had our very own travel agents, and lots of discussions about where we are from. This will lead up to the celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee where we will be discussing British culture and why we are celebrating this huge milestone.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Carpet Bowls Club

One of our members has moved from Brandon to Surrey to be near her family and left the club enough money for a 'Red Lion, Hockwold' lunch and drink.

We thanked Doreen Walker with a garden voucher, welcome flowers to her new home and some photos that we took at the meal.



If any readers would like to spend 2 hours on a Friday morning amongst a very happy social carpet bowling club with tea and coffee, they would be made most welcome.

No knowledge of bowling is needed. We are all still learning!

Heather Woodhams – 01842 815406

Our rehearsal venue is Breckland School in Crown Street, Brandon, where we meet every Tuesday evening during school term time. We are always happy to accept new adult members, youngsters aged over 11, and junior chorus between age 6 and 10 (depending on current show requirements).



Please do get in touch, we would love to have you in our group to help on stage or back-stage no matter what your previous experience. If you would like to learn the art of theatrical design and performance this is the place to start.

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

The WASPs are very busy at the moment practising for our next production that will be held on the first Friday and Saturday in July. This time we have a show called "AR-LAD-IN" (well now, that name looks a bit fishy, so why not come and see what it's all about?) It will be a comedy with the usual nutty characters and with our maestro David at the keyboard. He will need all the help he can get to help us sing all the songs! Just to give you a taster, we are going to EGYPT, but we don't stay there as we then go to the other side of the world!!! That has set you all thinking! We have been practising for a couple of months, and all is going well; - well, as well as it usually goes for the WASPs!??

We have had our ups and downs, but we have also had a lot of laughs and that has kept us going. There have been a few hiccoughs, but I am glad to say, we have sorted them out. So, with the costumes mostly done, the scenery painted and the sound all sorted, we are almost ready to go, - well again, as ready as we, the WASPs, usually are. As you all know, the cast of any show put on by the Wasps are from every walk of life be they young or old fit or not, and we all do this to laugh and make you laugh. So come and join us on Friday 1st July - doors open 6.15 pm to start at 7.00pm. Saturday 2nd July doors open 1.15pm to start at 2.00pm and then the evening doors open at 6.15pm to start at 7.00pm. Bring your singing voices with you and a hanky to stop you crying - with laughter we hope! Refreshments and raffle at half time as usual.

Tickets available from 01842 550919 or any WASP member.

I am enclosing some pictures from previous shows - you might recognise some of the children, although they sure have grown up now.

See you there!
Carole



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ART FOR PLEASURE

We are beginning to see familiar faces again as members are cautiously venturing out after Covid. It has also been great to welcome new members taking up a new hobby or picking up their paint brushes again.



After a slow start of about eight members each week we are now in double figures and looking forward to an outing this summer. Before shutdown we always had one outing a year when we would take our sketch pads and get new ideas of subjects to paint.

Although members work in all mediums and on any subjects they choose, we do have a suggested programme of subjects to work on. Of course, this month the subject has to be the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Considering that means anything with a royal connection that has occurred over 70 years, we do have a wide range to choose from and there could be some very interesting pictures.

Our programme is only a suggestion – members work on any subject they wish. So if you have a favourite view, pet, or flower you have always wanted to draw or paint, why not join us at Weeting Village Hall every Thursday morning 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.

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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.

Weeting Steam Engine Rally & Country Show

Fri 15, Sat 16 & Sun 17 July 2022 10am - 5pm



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The Friends of Weeting School

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Weeting Primary School Playing Field IP27 0QQ

11am til 3pm

FAMILY FUN DAY!

Refreshments, raffle, teddy tombola, craft stalls, hot food van, kids drive, inflatables, football fun factory, Breckland Police and lots more!

Dj sets from Dynamix disco, performances from pupils and MB Street dance

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

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT



We are well into 2022 now and Spring is upon us, time to dust off those cameras and go out and take some incredible images.

We recently held our 3 Print Competition and, as always, this was a golden opportunity for newcomers to come along to the meeting and have a look at our members' work, to wander round the tables at their leisure, chat to the members and then settle in to listen to the judge's critique of the work on show. A lot can be learned from these evenings as we invite professionals in their field of photography to talk to us about their experiences, show us some of their work and they are always ready to answer any questions you may have.

Some of our more experienced members are always on hand to help with problems you may be having with your camera or the settings that may be baffling you, they can advise too on places to go offering beautiful photographic opportunities and help you take some incredible images.

We hope you may be inspired to come along and share your interest in photography with us. We all have a lot to learn from each other and from the experts we ask to join us from time to time. Watch out for these editorials to learn more about what we have in store as each month passes. There is always someone on hand to help with any technical questions you may have.

We meet fortnightly at the **Baptist Church Hall, 39 High Street, Brandon, IP27 0AQ, at 7:30pm**

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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!

Thetford Voices / Thetford Singers - an update

There was a buzz in the air on the Saturday after Easter. A buzz of bananas, papayas and young voices raised in song. Thetford Voices were hosting their first Easter singing event and it was a resounding success, judging from the way the children and young adults made the room resound at the end of day performance. The tropical fruit cocktail song was a firm favourite, but the songs were varied and included more thoughtful pieces as well as some joyfully silly tunes.



A huge thank you to the organisers, helpers, parents and also the Mayor and Mayoress of Thetford, who came to watch part of the afternoon rehearsal as well as the performance. We are very grateful for the continued support of the Mayors and Town council over the years, both financial and moral.

Thetford Voices, the junior branch of Thetford Singers, have been running successful singing days in the summer holidays and before Christmas for many years now and this first spring event showed once more what young people are capable of learning in a day.

The next event is going to be 'Journeys' Ends' on 9th and 10th August 2022 at Thetford Grammar School, please email thetfordvoices@gmail.com or visit the Thetford Singers website at thetfordsingers.org for more information and details on how to sign up.

Thetford Singers themselves are hard at work on their new summer programme 'Songs from the Commonwealth', which they will be performing together with children from Admiral's Academy on 15th July 2022, 7pm at The Carnegie. Tickets are £8 and available from The Leaping Hare Box Office or leapinghare.org. Accompanied children under 12 go free! We hope to see you all there.

Kirsten Ehinger

Downham Market Swing Orchestra

Thank you to Ian Smith and the St Mary's PCC for organising the delightful Saturday evening Downham Market Swing Orchestra concert on 14th May. The band, instrumental soloists and singers were excellent and after beginning with a rousing rendition of the National Anthem, we enjoyed a varied selection of music from the 40's, 50's and 60's. I recognised many of my parent's favourites in the mix. It was a lovely sunny evening which added to the enjoyment. Thank you to the Saxon for providing the bar and Sean and the Pitstop team who again provided tasty food to fuel the evening. Thank you also to Ozzies at Brandon for selling tickets and finally thank you to everyone who came along, enjoyed the evening and supported St Mary's porch repairs.



Joan Horan - Rector

Rector's Report

It's great to feel the warmth in the sun at last, even though farmers are now desperate for rain with crops needing irrigating. Our gardens likewise are thirsty – the brief spell of rain yesterday was very welcome, but we do need more. It's good though to be free to be out and about again, enjoying the long sunny evenings with family and friends following two years of restrictions.

Elvis Tribute Night.

What an amazing evening! The Village Hall thrummed and gyrated to the beat of all those iconic Elvis favourites, firmly part of our musical heritage. Dave provided great entertainment – he has an incredible voice and was a very convincing and entertaining "King of Rock and Roll". My heartfelt thanks go to Lisa Marie and Maxine Clare who headed up the organisation of this incredibly successful evening which raised the magnificent amount of just over £1,025 towards the restoration of St Mary's Church building. Many thanks also to Ozzies and Brandon who sold advance tickets and manned the bar and to Sean and the Pit Stop team for providing delicious food to fuel the singing along and dancing. We look forward very much to the **Tea Dance** which will be organised by Lisa, Maxine and friends for the Autumn. I'm so happy that everyone had a really great time and in doing so contributed to the badly needed restoration of St Mary's which remains a valuable village resource.

Weeting Steam Rally

St Mary's parishioners are looking forward to helping Helen Childerhouse and team out in the Community Hub and are working on creative ideas to help keep children entertained whilst adults enjoy a break to watch the events in the ring from the Hub. I'll look forward to seeing many of you there over the three days of the rally.

Weeting School

It's been great to resume 'live' assemblies with the children and staff at Weeting school. My curate, Rev'd Juanita Hawthorne and I returned to school for an Ash Wednesday assembly and I really enjoyed the way each class told a different aspect of the Easter Story before school broke up for the Easter break. This term I'm looking forward to welcoming the Reception Class to St Mary's to spend time with them as they explore giving thanks to God for the birth of a baby. On June 7th the Year 6 children from Weeting and Norman schools will be undertaking a day pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham as part of their programme of transitioning between primary and high school. I'm really looking forward to spending time with Year 6 before that day to introduce the history of pilgrimage and the reasons why people still choose to go on pilgrimage in the 21st century. They'll also be creating their own pilgrim badges to wear as they become pilgrims for a day. It should be a fantastic day and hopefully the sun will shine on us so that we can enjoy a picnic in the beautiful Shrine grounds.

Plans for restoration at St Mary's

Porch repair

I'm hoping [fingers crossed] to apply before June for a grant for the remainder of the money we need to finally repair the Porch. The Elvis night plus some of the smaller fundraisers and donations have helped enormously and we now have about half the money we need, so I'm hopeful that we can secure the rest and proceed with this work during the summer. It's long awaited!

South Aisle restoration

At the beginning of May, I had a visit from the 'interim' Archdeacon [a kind of middle management person in the C of E who deals with building matters], Nicholas Thistlewaite, a retired priest from Cambridge. Nicholas has a great deal of experience with proposed Church building works as he continues to be a long-term member of the Diocesan Advisory Committee which oversees the care of church buildings. He visited St Mary's at my invitation to look at the South Aisle and to advise on moving forward with that mammoth project. Hopefully during early summer, we will have an in depth site meeting with Nicholas, the Head of the DAC in Ely Diocese, Geoffrey Hunter and the architect Ruth Blackman to suggest a staged way to progress those works. Undertaking those repairs will be time consuming and costly but it will be helpful if it is possible to break the work down into 'chunks' that could be more financially viable. I'll keep you updated on progress in the Autumn edition of WV.

Platinum Jubilee

What a joy it will be to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years as our Queen in the four days coming up in June. I hope to attend as many village events as possible in all four villages that comprise the Grimshoe Benefice and look forward to seeing many of you at some of the events planned in Weeting.

Overall, we have much to look forward to and celebrate this summer as we learn to live with Covid and continue to be thankful for the return of our 'normal' freedoms.

Keep safe and well.

Every blessing

Joan Horan [Rector] St Mary's Weeting



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The Breckland Mobile Food Store (see more details on page 14 of this magazine) will be visiting Weeting every Friday between 10.30 and 11.30am and will be situated at the back of the lorry park beside the bowls club. This is a brilliant initiative on the part of Breckland and is proving to be a huge asset, having already increased the number of villages served from 10 to 11 within its first week.

Regarding the Playing field, the new equipment has been installed for several weeks now and is proving popular. We are looking towards applying for funding for other equipment and would like some ideas, so please contact the clerk or any of the councillors with your suggestions. Sadly, we haven't the space for a skatepark or zip wire, but all other suggestions would be welcome. We are also looking towards replacing the fence around the junior play-area with a metal type as the palings of the current wooden one are being either pulled off or broken and the posts will also have to be replaced in time.

We would also like to thank those folk who, when they are out and about, collect the litter that they come across and dispose of it. Thank you so much for helping to keep the village clean and tidy.

Lastly, the Parish Council are sad to lose one of our valuable members, Sarah O'Donnell, due to family and work commitments, and would like to give her our best wishes and say a big thank you for all the effort and enthusiasm she gave during her time on the committee.

BRANDON FESTIVAL 2022
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LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

CLUB	CONTACT	LOCATION	DAY AND TIME
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
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Thetford Singers	Sue Nairn 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)
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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)

Summer Gardening



How time flies! It is June already, so let's hope summer is here and we can enjoy those long, warm, sunny days! Here at P&R Garden Supplies, we are full of bedding plants ready for planting out now and the risk of frost has passed, so we can all stop watching the weather so intently.

As we all celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this June, it is also celebration time here at P&R Garden Supplies as we have been trading for 20 years – it seems like yesterday! One thing that the Royal family are known for is their love of the environment and tackling environmental issues. This article is something I have written about before, (January 2015 to be precise), **Peat**.

Peat became hugely popular with both commercial and amateur gardeners in the mid 1970's due to its stability, lightness, predictability and low cost. Before this, gardeners either made their own compost or bought ready-made loam compost (John Innes). Peat remains the mostly widely used planting medium in the UK and around 70% of all peat extracted is used in horticulture.

The problem with peat: To meet the demand, UK peat bogs were drained and destroyed resulting in peatland becoming one of the UK's most threatened habitats. Because of commercial extraction 98% of the UK's lowland raised peatbogs, one of our rarest and most vulnerable habitats, have been lost. There are just 6,000 hectares in pristine or near-natural condition left. Each of these bogs holds its own unique community of plant and animal species and peatlands contain one of the world's most important carbon stores.

So why do gardeners still use peat-based products? It's estimated that as many as 90% of gardeners don't realise that compost labelled as "multi-purpose" contains peat unless it is clearly labelled as peat free. Keen gardeners tend to use a compost brand they know and trust.

At the end of the day, all gardeners want a bag of compost that will perform well. The government had originally planned to stop all retail sales of peat-based composts by 2020, but we all know what happened in 2020 and that date has now changed to 2024. However, manufacturers have invested millions of pounds into creating new formulations that are either entirely peat-free or peat reduced. Formulations that previously contained high levels of peat have been replaced, so when you visit our store, (or any other), you will find that the compost on offer this year is noticeably of a very different texture, being much coarser and more fibrous. This isn't a bad thing and your plants will thrive, as this aids aeration and plant root growth. Avid watchers of Gardener's World will know that Monty Don uses peat-free composts for all tasks in his garden.

Top Tips for Summer Gardening:

- Summer prune stone-fruit trees (pruning now prevents silver leaf disease).
- Sow seeds of bi-annuals, including Sweet Williams, Forget-me-nots and Wallflowers for flowering next spring.
- If any of your hanging basket plants have become leggy, trim the excess away to encourage new bushier growth.
- Pinch out side shoots from cordon tomato plants.
- Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds.
- Keep on top of watering.
- Regularly pick vegetables such as cucumbers and runner beans to keep them from cropping.
- Apply a high potash fertiliser to tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and summer annuals to keep them producing fruit and flowers.

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?

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

The WNAS' Visit to the Marham Heritage Centre.

"I hope that was cleaned out before they brought it here!"
"Why?"
"It's a Blue Danube, a nuclear bomb, didn't you know?"



Well, that's roughly how a conversation went between two members of the West Norfolk Aviation Society during an evening in May at Marham. My group was wending its way through a tour of the Heritage Centre, beginning at the First World War exhibits, moving through the WW2 artefacts and finally reaching the Cold War area.

Our guides had kindly given up their own time to explain to us what we were looking at. And very successful they were too. They described the aircraft which had flown from Marham airfield over a period in excess of a hundred years: the biplane fighters sparring with Zeppelins, the Mosquitos 25 years later and, the V Bombers and Tornados in more recent years.

But Bunny, formerly an RAF Armourer, and Ken, who used to fly as a Navigator, took particular care to recall the contributions made by other people involved: the aircrews of course, the engineers, the parachute packers, the armourers, the cooks and particularly the relatives of those who were in harm's way when on Active Service.

During the intermission Chris, our Chairman and also an ex armourer, produced refreshments: sandwiches and tea which he had previously made himself. Thank you, Sir!

Our sincerest thanks are due to those two chaps for a fascinating couple of hours which we would like to experience again (our memories are not as good as they were!); perhaps in a couple of years' time.

So, if you find yourself near Marham, check the museum's opening times on their website and spend an hour or two there. You will enjoy a very friendly welcome, a highly competent guide and, a lot to learn!

In the meantime, if you are interested in other subjects aeronautical, do peruse our website to see what we have to offer on the evening of the first Tuesday of each month in the Bowls Club at Mundford.

www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk

David Allen

WEETING VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Here we are again, I really cannot believe we are in May already and by the time you all get to read this we will be in June – where has the time gone? And what funny weather we have had too.

So, what has been happening in the Hall since February? Well as you know most groups have been getting on with their activities, we have had a couple of fund-raising evenings for the Church, one of which was the Elvis night, and by all accounts this was a fantastic evening and there is another evening this time featuring the Downham Market Swing Band which should be a good evening too. Also, the private parties are coming in now too – so don't forget if you have any special parties coming up – birthday, anniversary etc, why not come and use the hall with all the new facilities such as the lovely new cooker/oven, microwave and the hundred piece dinner service which is available for use by all hirers.

Other jobs have been ongoing, like replacing the curtain rails along the one side as the original curtain rails were found to be broken and coming apart so we have rehung the curtains on rods to make opening and closing of the curtains easier.

The notice boards, kindly donated by the Parish Council, have now been put up, one at the end of the driveway to the hall, replacing the old wooden one that was there and the second notice board has been put back up by the brick-built bus stop on the corner of Hockwold Road. These will have all the latest posters and information that is going on in the hall updated each month including a list of all the clubs and groups with their times etc, so if you want to join in with any of the activities that are going on, just have a look at the calendar and that will show you the times etc and what is happening, for example, Art is on a Thursday morning, Carpet Bowls are there on a Friday morning, Bingo is Tuesday evening (eyes down at 7pm) and many more other activities are available for everyone – check the list in this magazine for contact names and phone numbers of these groups if you need any further information.

In the meantime, we have been updating our contracts with the utilities, such as the electricians, water and gas companies, no mean feat as many of you know if you have been trying to budget for all the increases that have been going on over the last few months and trying to work out if we can keep our prices down for another year.

We do have some exciting events coming up soon, and always like to support all the other local venues like the Bowls Club who have lots of activities going on over the Jubilee Weekend – do see their posters etc on Facebook etc and go along and support them – there is a quiz night, a bowls competition and a karaoke evening just to name a few things they are planning and then at the beginning of July the WASPS are putting on their summer show, do come along and support them as well, a lot of hard work as always is being put into both groups' ventures. We also have the return of the Weeting Steam Rally Weekend later in July as well to look forward too.

On behalf of Village Hall Committee
Karen Scott, Treasurer

Bowls Club Report



A Cheese and Wine Welcome evening on the 8th April marked the start of the bowls season. Here we were delighted to welcome back bowling members, and introduce potential new bowlers to the club. Friday 15th April saw the opening of the green and bowlers knocked the dust off their bowls to put their skills to the test.

Roll ups take place from 6.30pm on Friday evenings and bowlers can come along to hone their skills, have fun, play friendly games and enjoy a drink at the bar. Anyone who is new to bowling is always welcome to come along. The only thing needed is a pair of flat shoes/trainers with no ridges on the bottom, to protect the green.

Our opening competition was the Pete Hunt Knockout, which took place over the first two weekends. 18 bowlers competed, all playing at least two matches; In the final of the Trophy competition Darren Deplanque narrowly beat Joanna Nordan; whilst in the new Plate competition Angela Lee beat very promising new bowler Collin Wallman, to take the trophy.

Still to come, over the course of the season; a singles championship, pairs and triples competitions, all at home amongst members; with many league and friendly matches at home and away against other clubs for those with a real competitive edge.

Weeting is a relaxed and friendly club with plenty of action both on and off the green. If you are looking for a new interest, whatever your age, come along and find out why bowling can be such a skilful and challenging sport. Everyone is welcome.

Joanna Nordan (Club captain)

WEETING BOWLS CLUB

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BOWLS PAIRS COMPETITION

Saturday 4th June, 2022

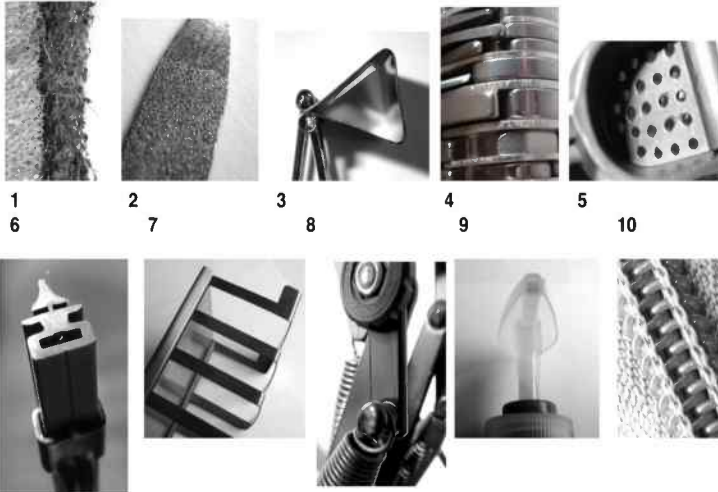
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Everyone welcome

Picture Puzzle



Here are ten familiar objects found in and around the home viewed in close up. Can you identify what they are?
Answers on page 16



Hockwold Amateur Theatrical Society

are pleased to announce that we're planning our next show

The Little Mermaid

To audition come along to Hockwold Village Hall on Sunday 10th July, 2pm to 6pm. No previous experience needed, just enthusiasm and sense of fun

Show dates: 24th to 26th November 2022

Rehearsals will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings from 6th September

Full membership to be paid at auditions



Walking in Norfolk



Time to get walking again!

At this time of year, we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Norfolk <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/norfolk> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

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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More Memories Of My Work Days by John Holledge

When I worked at TH Nice's garages in Thetford as an HGV fitter, we had a large used car lot run by two salesmen, Brian (Stitcher) Foster and Charlie Burmah, the latter being a retired heavyweight wrestler. In his office he had photos of himself in his wrestling attire, standing with one foot on his opponent whom he had just beaten and with one hand punching the air. If anyone complained about a car that they had purchased, Charlie always took them into his office and sat them down where they could see the photos. "Is that you Mr Burmah?" they would say. "Oh yes", he would reply. "Now, what is your problem?" At that moment the atmosphere would change, the customer would alter their attitude becoming rather subdued and they would speak very nicely to Charlie!

One day Charlie came into my workshop holding some car keys. "John where are you?" he shouted. "Over here" I said. He came over and said, "Give us a pound". I asked what for and he said, "Never mind, just give us a pound". So, I gave him a pound and he gave me the keys and said, "See that Ford van over there? That's yours now as I don't want it". "What, for a pound?" I said. He told me yes, so I took it home and sold it to my brother-in-law who used it for many years without any trouble.

Brian (Stitcher) Foster did not have customers, he had victims as his nickname suggests. He once took a Wolseley car in part exchange and it was put on the end of the car lot near the crossroads. It did not sell, so after 4 months we repainted it. It looked very smart and was put back on the lot. However, the next day a cattle float failed to take the corner, toppled over squashing the car, burst open and pigs ran out and up the Bury Road. It took all afternoon to catch them. Needless to say, the car went for scrap.

It was about this time that Norfolk Highways and Thetford Borough Council decided to widen the road past St Mary's Church and divert to the old A11 at the crossroads. In their excavations at the edge of the graveyard, the workmen dug up 3 skeletons that had been buried in shallow graves. With no more ado, they threw the bones onto the heaps of dirt that they had excavated, on top of which they pushed in three red and white marker poles. On top of these they placed the skulls with little pieces of cardboard fixed to them upon which was written the names, PIP, SQUEAK and WILFRED. The local people went potty and called the police who came and told the workmen to take them down, which they did. I don't know what they did with the bones; perhaps they reburied them close to the church. Some people thought it funny, but most did not.

In the 60's it would snow a lot during the winter, sometimes 150 – 200cms. Our toilet block, such as it was, had a flat roof, in the middle of which was a clear corrugated plastic skylight. This would get covered with snow and it made the toilets very dark, so one of our apprentice lads, Rolfy, climbed on the roof with a broom to clear the snow away. Unbeknown to him, our paint spraying expert, the honourable Ian Arbothnot Shearer, had just sat upon the throne to begin his morning ablutions and to check the runners in the Kempton Park races. I stepped out of the workshop to check on a vehicle when a snowball hit me on the head. "Gotcha", said Rolfy and bent down to make another one. I grabbed a handful of snow and threw it at him, but he saw it coming and side stepped it. A moment later he disappeared from sight with a loud cry of "OH", immediately followed by a cry of "Bloody hell!" I ran to the toilet block only to see that the honourable Ian Arbothnot Shearer had been joined by Rolfy, a broom, the corrugated plastic and several pounds of freezing snow. To make matters worse, the toilet door opened inwards and we couldn't open it because of the compacted snow. Rolfy couldn't get up as he was stuck on Shearer, who in turn was not pleased with the situation as he could not get off the toilet, being covered in broken bits of plastic, snow and, of course, Rolfy! We managed to extract them both by removing the hinges and breaking the lock.

I tell you, I have never laughed so much in my life and, what is more, none of the horses that Shearer had picked won!

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The Breckland Mobile Food Store comes to Weeting

The Breckland Mobile Food Store went live on Tuesday 10th May 2022 and will be visiting Weeting every Friday morning between 10.30 and 11.30am. It will be 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.

- **Save Money** – The Breckland Mobile Food Store will provide affordable food for those most in need, helping them save on the household weekly shop.
- **Healthy Options** – The Breckland Mobile Food Store will provide healthy, nutritious food including fresh fruit and vegetables, alongside a range of chilled and store cupboard items, as well as other household essentials.
- **Help and Support** – The Breckland Mobile Food Store will 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.
- **Reduce Food Waste** – by using surplus food that might otherwise have gone to landfill, The Breckland Mobile Food Store will also have a strong and positive environmental impact.

The Breckland Mobile Food Store will supply 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.



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Date: Saturday 15th October Time: 1pm -4pm

Venue: Weeting Village Hall
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Music, sound system by Happy Dave Doughty.

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Weeting's Blue Plaque.

You may remember our frontpage item in the March edition of Weeting Village Life regarding the presentation of a blue memorial plaque to the village "To Commemorate the Resilience" of our community during the Covid 19 pandemic. This was presented to us at the parish council meeting in January by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Mary Rudd.



The plaque has now been attached to the village sign for all to enjoy.

Castle Danger



Many of you will be aware that English Heritage have had a comprehensive network of scaffolding erected around Weeting Castle in readiness for repair work to be undertaken.

However, there have been several reports from residents of people entering the fenced off area, climbing the scaffolding and throwing down more stonework and scaffold planks. This is a very dangerous activity as well as causing further destruction to such an ancient building. It may be several weeks or even months before the conservation builders start work, so there is potential for severe damage to the property or injury to the guilty parties if they have an accident or fall. English Heritage have asked the community to contact Norfolk Police by dialling 999 if any further miscreants are seen on the scaffolding.





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