



WEETING VILLAGE LIFE



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Weeting Castle

At last work has begun on the repairs to Weeting Castle, although progress seems to be slow and how long the whole project will take is anyone's guess.

As most of the local population are aware, it was not built as a castle at all, but as a home for the Du Plais family back in the 12th century, around 1180. It would have been an imposing building, three storeys high in places, with a thatched roof and included a large great hall where the family would entertain their distinguished guests. The moat was created later, around the middle of the 13th century, and was intended to add to the beauty and opulence of the building rather than as a defence, as it is neither deep nor wide. However, it would have necessitated the addition of a bridge in order to access the castle.



The sad state that the building has been allowed to fall into in recent years does not reflect the opulence it once had. Believe it or not, historians say that it is still one of the finest and rarest examples of a mediaeval manor house in Britain and has many features still visible almost 850 years later that give clues to its original grandeur.

If you can access YouTube, have a look at "The Untold Past" where there is a fascinating video entitled "Weeting Castle – The Castle You've NEVER Heard Of." It was filmed in May 2020 and there were barriers around the garderobe part of the building even then! The narrative accompanying the video is fascinating and will give you a whole new perspective about this underestimated gem that we have in the village.



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



From

The Editor and Weeting Parish Council.

Editor's Note:



The next edition of Weeting Village Life will be published in March 2023/4.

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 16th February 2024.**

I look forward to hearing from you.

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School Report



Primary School.

We have had a fantastic start to the year. Our new staff team has come together very quickly and to form a strong team and we have had several new families join us. We have launched our Birch Breakfast Club and Apple After School Club and numbers of children accessing this wraparound provision is continuing to grow. All of this has helped to strengthen the school community as we start on the next steps to developing Weeting

We were joined by many of our families, including representatives from the Armed Forces, at our Remembrance Service. The Service was beautifully led by Oak Class, who shared two Remembrance poems, "When Poppies Fall" and "In God's Hand" helping us to reflect on the meaning of Remembrance. The whole school joined in with "Wear a Poppy" and showed great respect during our two minute silence.



Over the summer break there has been lots going on in and around school. I have to give a huge thank you to Marie Stubbins and her family



who have created an amazing Forest School space for us to use, out of what was a wilderness! A very big thank you has to go to Wayne and Hayley Howe who, along with their nephew, have built and installed a completely new viewing platform over the pond.



Latin has proved to be a great hit with all of our Key Stage 2 children and greetings in Latin can be heard as children pass staff in corridors and during registration times. Changing our names in Latin was a lot of fun and the children decided that their names make them sound like Emperors, soldiers and Roman royalty. The children quickly noticed that male names end in "us" and female names end in "a".

We have introduced weekly, class Philosophy sessions as a way of encouraging the children to learn how to talk confidently, listen to and consider other points of view and develop their skills of persuasion. So far, I have heard some very interesting debates about "Is change always a good thing?" and "What would you do if someone cheated in a test?"

Harvest Festival

We had a fantastic Harvest Festival where we were able to launch our new Community Pantry at Weeting Primary School. The purpose of the Community Pantry is to:

- Help families by distributing food / toiletries when needed
- Help the environment by preventing food waste
- Support the local community

If you would like to donate any items towards our community fridge, please drop them off at the school office.



If you are in need of a food parcel, please take a form from the main entrance, complete it and return via the school post box. When your food parcel is ready, we will contact you via your preferred method of contact.



I was so pleased that all the children played a part in leading our Worship. I had never seen so much creativity in so many different forms – ranging from songs, to poems and some beautiful artwork. The contribution of Elm Class and Year 5 children with one of the dances they had

learnt for the planned Barn Dance was very impressive. A very big thank you to Jo Norden, our community volunteer, who taught the children 5 dances in total.



The children worked incredibly hard to create their own interpretations of a poppy to create our Remembrance display in our main reception area. We have 93 poppies on display, one for each child in school, and I am amazed at how beautiful and individual these are. We have some very artistic children in our school.



Tesco Stronger Starts Grant (blue tokens)

A big thank you to the Friends of Weeting who have been successful in their application to be considered for a Tesco Stronger Starts grant. The grant will be used to purchase a new gazebo roof for the amphitheatre, providing us with a sheltered space throughout the year.

The next stage will involve customers at Tesco Brandon voting with the blue tokens that are given out at the checkouts. Voting commenced in October 2023 and continues until Mid January 2024. The project with the highest number of votes will receive £1,500 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £1,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £500.

Please let you family and friends know about this and help us with this project!

Chestnut

Our Primary Knowledge Curriculum theme was "All About Me". The children learnt about their bodies, what the different body parts are called and how each part is used. They explored how they could move their bodies to run, jump, skip and hop. The children created skeleton pictures and learnt about how bones help their bodies to move. The children have discussed their families and how they have grown from babies to children. They took great care of the babies in class and made sure they had enough food and clothes and most importantly plenty of



In Literacy, we have explored "The Gruffalo" and "Owl Babies." In each of the stories the children have learnt about and identified the characters. They made representations of these characters through paint and collage work.



They have also explored the concept of story setting and have painted pictures of the settings from the stories, using adjectives to great effect to describe them. and described the setting using adjectives. During our provision, we have been busy making our own Gruffalo faces and owl baby characters.



In Maths, the children have been learning about subsidising, comparing, sorting and matching. They made matching socks for the colour monster, making sure that the patterns and colours were the same on each sock. The children have also been learning and focusing on numbers 1,2 and 3. They had to find amounts of different objects and represent these on their fingers. The children have also collected natural objects and sorted them by colour,





School Report



Beech

Last term, Beech Class studied the story of "Hansel and Gretel". They looked at the structure and identified the opening, problem and resolution of the story. They then wrote their own versions of Hansel and Gretel. Beech Class really impressed the adults with their deeper thinking about the dynamics of the family and the links they found between the stepmother and the witch in the story.

Over the course of the term, the younger children in Beech Class went from counting up to 10 to not only counting to 100, but also being able to identify the tens and ones in the numbers. They have all learnt how to compare numbers using the greater than, less than and equal to symbols, as well as writing numbers in words as well as numerals.



In Science we looked at the human body and the children studied some of the systems that operate within our bodies, including the skeletal system, the muscular system, the digestive system and the circulatory system. A particular highlight for the class was when we acted out the circulatory system, with one child as the heart, directing the majority of the class who were blood cells along the arteries, picking up oxygen from the two lungs on the way!

Our favourite moments last term were definitely in the outdoor learning area, where the children made log slice necklaces, went bug collecting, built dens, and cooked whole meals with the mud kitchen equipment! They loved climbing the trees and being given the opportunity to gauge risks to decide what they should and should not attempt.



Elm

In English, the children have been exploring and writing a wide range of different English devices., ranging from learning the differences between simple, compound and complex sentences to using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to increase their narratives descriptive ability. The children have also learnt how to punctuate speech correctly as well as how to lay out dialogue. They used all these devices to write and create some well detailed narratives about the class text "Stig of the Dump".

In Maths, the children investigated place value and how to compare and ordering numbers going from two-digit numbers all the way up to four-digit numbers. This has allowed them to solve many different types of place value problems, such as estimating and rounding and counting up and down in different values.



The children thoroughly enjoyed Art, discovering how to show light in their work, through exploring Rayonism to show light and shadow in an abstract form. They took



this even further, mixing abstract with still life to create their own piece of art representing light and shadow.

History was a favourite of Elm last term, particularly in their learning about Ancient Greece. The children really enjoyed learning about key Greek people such as Alexander the Great, Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. They enjoyed learning how great thinkers came from Greece and how they influenced Alexander the Great to bring all the city states together under one banner. They enjoyed learning about the different Gods and Goddesses and what they had power over.

Geography was been an interesting topic, as they learnt about their local area and how to map this out in different ways such as grid reference. The children learnt how to use symbols to represent local areas and drew a map of Weeting showing roads, local features and areas of interest. They also learnt how to explain where locations are using an eight-point compass.

The Nest

The children enjoyed reading lots of different stories and looking at different books, with one of their favourites being is "Sid's Dinner". This story is about a cat who lives in 6 different houses and enjoys eating 6 different meals every night for tea. That is, until he gets caught out! Being a sneaky cat, he finds another way to ensure his 6 meals a night continues. We found this story very funny.



We also read Owl Babies where we thought about the characters, settings and some of us wrote our own versions of the story. We found out facts about owls and wrote non-chronological reports.

We completed a new topic "All about me" where we thought about our bodies and our feelings. We considered our families, our school, and the people around us who help us and make us special.

Cooking has continued to be one of our favourite sessions in the Nest. Our cooking so far has included making bread where we also learnt more about harvest. We enjoyed watching a cooking video where lots of vegetables were prepared in different ways. We have also made Catherine wheel cheese straws where we enjoyed rolling the pastry and then twisting it to make it look like a firework. One of our favourite cooking sessions was making animals out of different fruits – these looked and tasted great!



In RE, our learning has been based on the question "Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?". We thought about our own names and how these make us special. We made and decorated special boxes and put items which make us special inside. We enjoyed thinking about very important people and what makes these people important. We thought about why God is very important to Christians.



We have spent lots of time thinking about being a good friend. We have continued to practise lots of turn taking games, sharing and remembering to be polite when we want to borrow or share something. We have thought about what it means to be sorry when we do make mistakes and how we can

learn from these mistakes.



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School Report



We have loved welcoming the children back for a new school year and welcoming lots of new children! Everyone has settled in so well and our current children have been very welcoming, helping the new children to settle in and showing them around.



This term we have enjoyed learning about Autumn and all the changes that brings. We were very excited to harvest the vegetables we have worked hard caring for over the spring and summer. We used our potatoes, carrots and onions to make a delicious soup.



The children enjoyed coming in dressed up for Halloween (we loved seeing their costumes and outfits!) and we got creative making some spiders, skeletons and ghosts! They especially enjoyed making and decorating some Halloween biscuits.



The children were excited to tell us all about going out to see some fireworks. We enjoyed some themed crafts and activities, especially making some firework sticks, breadsticks dipped in melted chocolate then dipped in sprinkles, - this was a big hit with the children!



For Remembrance Day, we painted some poppies and made some into a wreath, along with creating some poppies out of play dough and having other themed activities.



With lots more celebrations coming up we are looking forward to Diwali, Thanksgiving, Hannakah and of course Christmas! We have lots of exciting activities and crafts planned!

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Art For Pleasure



At this time of year many of our group are producing their own Christmas Cards. Sometimes to sell as at the Craft Fair held at Weeting Village Hall on 11th November, sometimes to send to friends, when the verse can also be penned specifically for the recipient. If you came to the Craft Fair we hope you were able to see the variety of

work we can produce.

Most of us are retired so it is a pleasant way to get out and meet people, especially during these coming winter months. Some of us have painted for many years, whilst others are taking up a hobby now they have retired, or had always wanted to paint but work got in the way. The overwhelming desire to produce "a work of art" is the magnet that draws us all together. However, we all produce such diverse work. A couple of the ladies paint adorable animals, some of the men concentrate on buildings and street scenes, whilst flowers and seascapes are popular with most of us. If the subjects are so diverse so are the mediums ranging from pencil drawings, pen and ink, pastels, to watercolour and acrylic. When the weather is wet and windy it is a pleasure to be in Weeting Village Hall painting and laughing with friends who help and encourage each other to achieve that "work of art".

We are proud of the standard of work our group produces but as our name suggests we all meet to enjoy the pleasure of painting. So if you are interested in art

we meet every Thursday morning 10.30am – 12.30pm at Weeting Village Hall. You will be made very welcome.

May we take this opportunity to wish the people of Weeting a Very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

For more details, phone Beryl Pountney 01842 828750



Virtually Norfolk has been going for some two years and is now one of currently 17 Virtual Wi's from all round the country who also have members in Europe and Canada and the States. Sometimes this makes timings challenging but we manage. Virtual Norfolk has a member in the Beirut for example.

In a changing world when many of the traditional Wis closed from lack of members and those who would be willing to take on organisational roles, the WI had to die or take a leap of faith and embrace the twenty-first century. From small beginnings, the virtual WI world has grown and recently, due to the hard work of the East Yorkshire Roses (true name, I kid you not!) we all enjoyed a virtual festival which included craft sessions, an address by the NFWI Chairman and my favourite of all, Chair Yoga. I found it could actually do that and more importantly, enjoyed doing it! This quiz was a challenge too far, as was the murder mystery evening.

Virtually Norfolk is one of the smaller VWIs but none the more for that, they put on a full programme for the year and still have time to arrange luncheon get togethers. I know that people perhaps laugh at "Ladies who Lunch" but I rather enjoy it myself! With many of our local Wis closing, it is heartwarming to know that there is another way - do join us.

Ann E Morgan



Virtually Norfolk came into being perhaps because of the pandemic or perhaps just because we could ... what we learnt, was that we could keep up with the youngsters and Teams or Zoom or Webex with the best of them.

Virtually Norfolk offers you all the benefits of an in-person WI BUT you do not have to turn out on a cold

winter's night, you don't have to organise a baby-sitter (or dog-sitter!) and you can enjoy life's little pleasures, like a glass of the "lightly chilled" whilst still joining in with the meetings.

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For details of how you can join now please contact:

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BRECKLAND CATS PROTECTION

It is with great sadness that I have to report here that on the evening of 16th October, 8 cats were dumped in cat carriers on farmland at Didlington. The people who dumped the carriers containing the cats were about to open the carriers and set the cats free, when they were spotted by the farmer and quickly drove away.

The cats came into our care in very poor condition – very thin and sickly. We took in 4 of them and the other 4 cats went to our Ely Branch. We quickly booked them into the vets for blood tests for feline immuno-deficiency virus and feline leukaemia.



Sadly 2 of the cats tested positive for feline leukaemia. This condition is untreatable and fatal. The cats were already poorly so it was decided to put them to sleep. There is no cure for feline leukaemia, so it was the kindest thing to do, otherwise they would have suffered

a horrible, painful death. It is very infectious. Feline leukaemia affects the cat's immune system, making them vulnerable to other infections, anaemia or tumours. It does not infect humans.

Meanwhile the 4 cats with our Ely branch were also taken to the vet but sadly 3 of them were also suffering from feline leukaemia, and were put to sleep. We take some comfort from the fact that the cats were not let out of their carriers when they were dumped, otherwise they would have been out there in the rain and cold when they were so ill. And they would have died a horrible death. We think the cats came from a breeder as they appeared to be pedigrees. If you have bought a cat or a kitten from a breeder and it appears to be unwell, please take it to your vet as soon as possible.

There is a vaccine for feline leukaemia and all the cats and kittens in our care are vaccinated against it, along with cat flu and feline infectious enteritis (parvovirus). If only these poor cats had been vaccinated, they could have been saved. We have had cats in our care die from cat flu or had to have eyes removed because they were badly damaged by it, and also cats die from parvovirus. So, it is very important that your cats are vaccinated.

There are some good deals around at the moment for vaccinations. Jollyes in Thetford will give your cats 2 vaccines, 3-4 weeks apart which covers them for a year for £33. For another £10 they can be microchipped as well. Some larger branches of Pets At Home, will also vaccinate your cat for life for £95. That is the first 2 vaccines, and then yearly for as long as they live.

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Rita Thompson.



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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

W.A.S.P.S

Hello friends and neighbours. By the time you read this the WASPs will be on their last rehearsals for the up and coming pantomime, "SANTA'S LOST HAT".



We started rehearsing at the end of September and, with a lot of laughter and me wringing my hands, we hope that we have got to the last of all the messing about.



As you all know the WASP's are famous for getting things wrong, so it will be no surprise if it goes haywire, but at least we will have had fun doing it.

I am sure you will be looking forward to seeing the antics they all get up to and I assure you this one is no different. I must say the singing is great, so bring your voices with you as we do have some fun songs for you

to join in with. Tickets are on sale at Dee's Delight in Brandon High Street, or just ring me and I will put your tickets aside for you. (Phone No at end.) We have some new members for this show and they fit right in as they too are as crazy as the rest of us!

So, the scenery is all done, as are all the costumes. I just hope that some of them will remember which entrance and exit to come in or go out! Still, it is all part of the fun.

I know you all enjoyed our last performance - our murder mystery, "Murder at the Manor", so, come the Spring, we are going to do another one called "Murder at the Grange" and we will start rehearsing for that one the end of January, (or as soon as I finish writing it!) and we will have some of the characters back in the new production..



See you all on Friday the 15th December evening or Saturday 16th of December matinee and evening performances.

Tickets Adults £5, Children & OAP's £4 - ring 01842 550919.

Wishing you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

CAROLE

Weeting Bowls Club

With the culmination of a very successful bowling season, restoration work has now begun on the green and we look forward to a much-improved playing surface next year. A new picket fence is to be erected in front of the green to protect the grass from unnecessary foot traffic in the build up to our 50th anniversary celebrations.

In October the club AGM was well attended and officers duly appointed for the coming year. The social committee are pleased to announce the following social events in the run up to Christmas

Sat Nov 18th	Bingo
Sat Dec 2nd	Karaoke
Sat Dec 16th	Christmas Party
Sun Dec 24th	Mulled wine & mince pies
Sun Dec 31st	New Year's celebration (With karaoke)

All events are free to members
Members benefit from reduced bar prices

Pool features greatly at the club throughout the winter months, particularly on Tuesday nights, 7.00pm - 12.00pm. Weeting bowls club have entered two teams in the Northwold league and they can be seen in action during home matches on Tuesdays. We are hoping to install a new top quality competition table and a new child friendly table in the near future.

Building work has already begun on the installation of a new kitchen, which promises to be of great benefit to our members for those booking their special celebratory occasions such as birthdays, weddings, funerals etc.

If you are looking for somewhere to go on those long days/evenings during the winter months, you will find a warm welcome at the bowls club. Regular opening hours:

Tuesday 7pm - 12am, Friday 5pm - 2am, Saturday 8pm - late,
Siunday 12pm - 12am

Mrs Joanna Nordan (Bowls captain)

At Shoestring Theatre Company, we are currently preparing our annual Pantomime. After the success of last year's Pantomime, 'Snow White', we're taking on another script written by our chairperson. This time it's



'Beauty and The



Beast' which will be coming to the stage in February 2024. Rehearsals are well underway and costumes are being finished to perfection thanks to our fabulous wardrobe team, fittingly dubbed 'The Costume Ladies'. A vast majority of this year's costumes have been created from scratch, including our leading lady's storybook-

esque dress and The Beast's fur-tastic beastly look!

Also bringing magic to the stage is our cast who have been bringing their own personalities into the newly imagined characters. Ashley Bell, who plays Ruby, the newly named bookworm leading lady, has been delving deep into her character from the get-go.



"I am so grateful to be playing such an amazing role and I'm excited to take to the stage in just a few months! I know that our director, Leah Sanders, has worked so hard on this script which makes it even more special for me to play such a fun and lively character. Ruby is energetic, caring, loving, funny and of course lives a life full of adventure and stories! I can't wait for you all to see this Pantomime as I know it's one you definitely won't want to miss!" - Ashley

Bell



Continuing her reign of Villainy is Mia McDonald who played the dastardly Evil Queen in last year's Pantomime 'Snow White', but not all villains are the same as this time she takes on the muscles of the handsome brute Jacques.

"For the second year running I am playing the role of the villain! Oh yes I am! This year, however, I'm

not out to kill - only to get the girl of my dreams to fall in love with me. Jacques is such an enjoyable character to play as he is very different from my own personality which is a challenge that I love to take on. Jacques has a huge ego, from his personality to his looks, and believes that no one is more perfect than he is. I can't wait to get on stage and perform this original take of Beauty and The Beast, full of wonderful and witty characters. Will Jacques ever find love? Who knows!" - Mia McDonald

Come along with Ruby, Boots and friends to discover the tale of the beastly prince in a new retelling of the classic story. When Ruby goes on a quest to find another patient for her eccentric father Doctor Doonuffin, she leads her friends to the palace of The Beast who is far less than welcoming, but at least the furniture is friendly! Bring your friends and family along for a PANTO-TASTIC time, sing along, cheer and boo, and don't forget 'HE'S BEHIND YOU!'

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West Norfolk Aviation Society

On Tuesday 7th November, at the Mundford Bowls Club, the WNAS were delighted to play host to Stewart Samuals: celebrity, historian and co-owner of Feltwell's prestigious family-run, Wellington Inn.



For an equally prestigious airfield Stewart's introductory photograph did not pay tribute to its status. The main entrance to the site shows a rather grandiose brick monolith bearing the noble inscription: 'Liberty Wins'. Unfortunately, undergrowth has recently been given too much liberty.

Stewart soon reset the balance by revealing that everything else about the location could be described as treasure. The infrastructure is almost exactly as it was during WW2: hangers, workshops, schools and even a beautiful timber church built by Boulton and Paul. There is no living accommodation on the site but the houses are regularly maintained and original camouflage paintwork can still be discerned on the property walls. There are veterinary, dog training facilities and schools there. A testimony to this fact comes from WNAS member, Lee, who used to teach there. Stewart explained that RAF Feltwell has never been deactivated and a concrete runway was never built. It was designed as a satellite to Lakenheath in 1937. Before that there was a WW1 airfield between Feltwell and Hockwold; evidence of this can be seen there today. The geography of the surrounding area seems to be ideally suited to the construction of airfields and it is not surprising that we see the 'golf balls' (radar surveillance scanners) there now. This scenario was a development of the Star wars initiative instigated by Ronald Reagan in the days of the Cold War. With radar and the atomic clock together with the Thor missile it would be possible to detect an adversary and counter attack with pin point accuracy. Feltwell was host to the first Thor missiles. They were originally of a German design. The British built the rockets and the Americans built the warheads. Ironically, the rockets were taken back to Vandenburg test site in California and were commissioned by RAF engineers from Feltwell.

Stewart intimated that there is now evidence of the construction of the first purpose built runway; a very short one. Can we see electric vertical take-off aircraft on the horizon?

Stop press: at an affectionate level, Stewart made mention of the bond we have with America. Every day on the base at 4.30pm the National Anthem is broadcast followed by the Star Spangled Banner. At Halloween, children head for the officers' quarters first where the pickings are more juicy. RAF Watton is not the only base to host its own wartime ghost.

St Mary's Church



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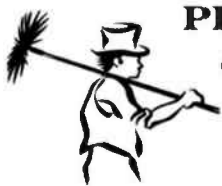
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29 th July	26 th August	Park View (W)	32236	30	29523	2713
26 th August	23 rd September	Lynn Road (N)	52595	40	35906	16689
23 rd September	21 st October	South Park (S)	114721	30	101053	13668

Quarterly Summary

Total Vehicle Count from 29 th July to 21 st October 2023	199552
Vehicle Count within the speed limit	166482
Speeding Violations within the village	33070
Violators as a percentage of the total vehicle count	16.6%

?? Who's Who ??

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LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

0	CONTACT	LOCATION	DAY AND TIME
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 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	The Ram, Brandon	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	Jo Nordan 01842 815638 Carol Newman 01842 815089	Bowls Club	Tuesday 7pm-10pm, Friday 5pm–10pm Saturday 8pm-Late, Sunday 12pm-12am
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 Badminton Club	Jeff Millard 01842 827428	St George's Hall, Methwold	Every Thursday between September & April 7.00pm
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 Nairn 01842 810212	Methodist Rooms Tanner Street Thetford	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

Church update

We finally have a date for the survey work to commence at St Mary's. The contractors will be in the church from 27th November and hopefully this work will be completed in a timely fashion depending of course on how the weather performs! They will secure the nave ceiling against further plaster falls which will enable the church to reopen, though the south aisle surveys may still deem that area unsafe pending restoration work. The outcome of these surveys will be that our architect, Ruth Blackman will then be able to draw up a schedule of works with approximate costings for each phase. These will be prioritised with probably the south aisle floor being the area to be restored first. Then begins the process of securing funds from various grant bodies to cover a goodly part of the cost of the works, though fundraising will remain vital as the Church must contribute towards the cost of any restoration work, including the current surveys.

Once this work is completed, I'll be inviting the head of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, Geoffrey Hunter to visit the building again with a view to permanently replacing the Victorian pews in the nave with chairs. We will need permission from the DAC to do this however it will offer a more flexible use of space and Geoffrey is well known for encouraging church councils to think creatively about how church buildings can be used as community resources, so I'd be very surprised and disappointed if he instructs us to reinstate the pews. The extra space offered by removing the pews will be advantageous for enabling more services and visits to the church from our village school, building on the current excellent relationship between church and school. It could also open up possibilities for history and other groups as well as being an atmospheric venue for concerts and talks.

Of course, there's always a possible 'fly in the ointment' or in this case a bat in the rafters!! I'm praying that the architect and I have headed off the Bat Protection person who wants us to delay the work until the end of March so as not to disturb any possible hibernating bats! Given that our grant funding would run out before then and that the delay in getting the work done has already been huge, I personally feel that in this instance the bats may have to take their chances.

Quiz Night

A **huge thank you** to everyone who worked so incredibly hard to make our recent Quiz night such a success. Peter and Jo Nordan are a fantastic team, responsible for the publicity for the evening, with those lovely colourful posters dotted around the village, which this time largely remained intact as well as ensuring social media exposure! They also cooked half the potatoes and a couple of hot dishes, salads, bread, butter and cheese, Jo was Quizmaster and Peter worked the computer aided by Peter Seward as scorekeeper. Julianne, along with Mary Sullivan also contributed hot food and was 'front of house' selling loads of raffle tickets assisted by Liz Smith from Feltwell. Jules also worked her socks off in the kitchen. The Quiz had a great feel to it – people seemed relaxed and were enjoying the interesting twists some of the questions provided. Thank you also to **everyone** who donated raffle prizes. Special thanks go to **P & R Garden Supplies Fengate Grove Weeting, George's fish bar, Hereward Way Weeting and A & J key cutting, High St Brandon**. It is really heartening that our business community are so supportive of our "Save our Church" appeal. The success of the Quiz which cleared £522 towards our Church restoration made up for the disappointment of the cancellation of the Harvest Barn Dance.

School Harvest

It was great to see so many parents and families present at the School Harvest Festival in October. It was the largest gathering of family in the school hall that we've seen in a very long time. Thank you all for coming and for your generous support for the school's initiatives in supporting children and families struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. The classes all presented creative harvest themed poems accompanied lovely artwork. The highlight however was the country dance performed by children from years 3,4 and 5. In anticipation of the Harvest Barn Dance, these children had been taught five dances by Jo Nordan and they performed one of these to the evident delight of the rest of the school and the adult audience. It is clear just how much the children enjoyed this activity. As a result, we haven't given up on the idea of a community Barn Dance and will carry the idea over to Spring next year with a new venue at the Village Hall. Having seen the children perform we hope that their evident enjoyment spills over into the family members present at the Harvest Collective Worship assembly and that people may feel more positive about enjoying an all-age evening of music and dance in the warmer weather.

Christmas Approaches

This year has galloped by and I can't believe that we're hurtling towards Advent and Christmas. The school will again be hosting the travels of Mary, Joseph and the 'wee donkey' during the annual Advent Posada which will culminate in a Christingle / Posada service to end the school term. The Diocese of Ely has also invited us to trial a Nativity Trail in the school which will engage all the children with different activities for Key Stage 1 and key Stage 2.

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

These words from St Luke's Gospel open the ancient prayer of the church called the Angelus which I say twice each day. It begins with an angel on a mission confronting a very ordinary teenager called Mary with an extraordinary message from God. She was invited to be the mother of God's Son...pretty impossible for a virgin!

In so many ways the prayer does not do justice to the complexity of the situation and the decision that Mary faced.

Mary had a choice. She wasn't just zapped by God and impregnated against her will. Luke's Gospel is open to the very real possibility that Mary could have said – No Way! I often wonder how long it actually took her to say 'Yes'. It couldn't have been an easy decision, especially for one so young. God was disrupting all her plans for a 'normal' life – to marry the young man she loved and live as a respected married woman in her community. Saying 'yes' could endanger all she held dear – even her life. She may have felt resentment – what does God think he is doing asking *me* to disrupt *my* life? Her faith must have been greatly tested. But ...God did not and does not impose His will. He waited for her to respond. She was completely free to choose and because she was a person of deep faith and prayer, her heart was sufficiently open to allow God's purposes to be worked out in and through her...so...as the Angelus continues in the words of St John:

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us... Jesus was born.

The whole point of Jesus' conception and birth is that God solidly identified with every aspect of human existence – from cradle to the grave. Jesus is Emmanuel – God with us. God is involved, connected in the deepest love possible with all humanity. Because of Mary's yes, Jesus, God's Son, took human flesh and was born, lived, suffered and died among us. The Word was born and wrapped in swaddling clothes, wrapped in the frail humanity that is ours. And he transformed that humanity beyond our wildest dreams or imaginings when He broke the chains of death in His glorious resurrection which is our great hope and promise for a bright future in eternity with Him.

What a gift!

Gift invites gift. At Christmas we will exchange gifts with those we love. In this we reflect God's love for us in the love we have for our families and friends. Gift invites gift. Jesus gives me Himself – what then is my response? I conclude with the words of the poet Christina Rossetti.

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: **give my heart.***

In invite you all to open your hearts to Emmanuel, God with us, this Christmas and be transformed by His love so that we all may be worthy of His promises and enjoy abundant life in Him.

May the light and peace of Christ shine in your hearts this Christmas.

Joan Horan
Rector St Mary's Weeting





Winter Gardening



The last few weeks have been very wet and unusually for our sandy soil in places it's been too damp to work on as walking on it will compact the soil further. Short-lived flash floods after a downpour seldom harm most plants. It is prolonged, saturated soil that cause the most damage as the oxygen is used up by the plant roots and soil microorganisms. You can help your container plants by lifting them off the ground onto pot feet (or bricks) so that the drainage holes in the base are not blocked. This will also help stop your pots from cracking in frost.

To improve drainage on compacted lawns, spike or aerate the soil so that rainwater can flow down into the ground more easily, rather than puddling on the surface. You can use a garden fork to spike the lawn or a hollow-tined aeration tool, which removes plugs of soil. The holes should ideally be 10–15cm (4–6in) deep. For larger lawns, you can buy or hire a powered aerator. Brush a free-draining 'top dressing', such as horticultural sand, into the holes. Prolonged or repeated water-logging of lawns can cause several issues:

Bare patches – finer grass species won't grow well in waterlogged soil and may eventually die. Coarser, more robust species or weeds may then take over.

Algae, lichens and liverworts - thrive in waterlogged conditions, affecting the appearance of the lawn, blocking light from reaching the grass and making the surface slippery.

Moss - will often colonise damp lawns, as well as shady areas and soil with a low pH (acidic). Although not usually welcome on fine lawns, moss can be an asset on less manicured lawns, greening up areas where grass fails to thrive and providing habitats for invertebrates.

If the excess water on your lawn is run-off from nearby hard surfaces, then adding a border known as a rain garden could help to absorb the water before it floods your lawn. A rain garden is planted with plants that can stand water-ogging for up to 48 hours at a time. The choice of plants will be governed by speed of drainage and a rain garden is not the same as a bog garden as it cannot guaranteed to be damp all year round. The following plants tolerate temporarily wet soil as well as dry:

Shrubs: Sambucus nigra cultivars
Cornus sanguinea 'Midwinter Fire'
Hydrangea 'Annabelle'
Rosa rugosa

Herbaceous Perennials:
Ajuga reptans
Campanula glomerata
Crococsmia 'Lucifer' AGM
Geranium 'Rozanne' AGM
Homero callis
Iris sibirica

Grasses: Calamagrostis brachytrica
Deschampsia cespitosa
Miscanthus sinensis cultivars

Avoid slippery paths by keeping your paths clear of fallen leaves and debris. Leaves that fall onto borders can generally be left where they are as the worms will soon drag them below soil and improve your soil structure. Good soil structure will hold moisture in dry weather and be free draining in flooding. Do keep the crowns of dormant perennials free from fallen leaves though as it can cause rotting, especially plants such as Hosta's.

Here's a couple of other tasks for December:

- Winter prune open grown Apple and Pear Trees. (not those grown against walls)
- Prune Japanese Maples (Acers) and grapevines if needed, as they will bleed sap if pruning is done any later.
- Apply glue bands to the trunks of fruit trees to prevent wingless female winter moths climbing the trunks and laying their eggs in the branches.
- Check your winter protection structures are securely in place, and if you have a greenhouse make sure the heater is working.
- Take Hardwood Cuttings: For the best results you should choose healthy stems about the same width as a pencil.
- Protect outdoor taps from frost by wrapping insulation around them.
- Clean and repair your garden tools. (or ask Santa very nicely for some new ones!)

Whatever you are planning for your garden next season, Paul and I are always available to offer advice, and we look forward to meeting all your gardening needs in 2024! Have a merry Christmas.

Rachel Sobiechowski

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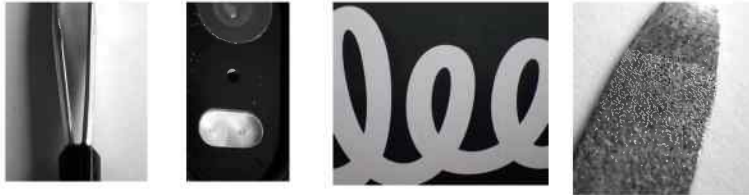
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Picture Puzzle

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 the label of a common household product and one is found in Weeting. Can you identify them? Answers on page 14.



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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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people who, for different reasons and circumstances, need some help during these difficult times.

At present we are able to help approximately 120 adults, and 80 children every month. Thanks to the many generous people, groups, and schools who regularly donate towards this work, we are managing to help a lot of people around us! The increase in the cost of living has indeed affected everyone, and for foodbanks in particular this has proven to create "a perfect storm" because it increases the demand for food parcels, while at the same time it decreases the amount of donations that we receive because people are struggling to keep up with their regular expenses.

We are now going towards Christmas, and our desire is to make this season extra special for those who are, at the moment, struggling financially. For this reason, every Christmas we like to give an extra bag of Christmas treats along with the regular food parcel. If you would like to be part of this, you can do it through a donation towards our foodbank, just write an email to foodparcels@theharvestcentre.com, or you can call us **01842 814007**

Speaking about Christmas, we would love to invite you all to our Christmas Fayre taking place on Saturday 9 December from 10:00am to 2:30pm at The Harvest Centre, Fengate Drove, IP27 0PW. There will be plenty of stalls selling all kinds of crafts and original gift ideas; the perfect place for you to start buying your Christmas presents.

Last but not least, you are all invited to join us at our Christmas Carol Service taking place on Sunday 17th December at 5:30pm at The Harvest Centre. Come along for an evening that celebrates Christmas, with an exciting festive program followed by refreshments, mince pies, and other Christmas treats. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a blessed New Year!



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- 2 - Mobile phone camera.
- 3 - Kleenex tissue box.
- 4 - Nail file.
- 5 - Velcro fastener.
- 6 - Notebook.
- 7 - Wicker basket.
- 8 - Yew Tree Farm entrance
- 9 - Daily Telegraph heading. 10 - Garlic press.

Answers to Picture Puzzle on page 13

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!

WEETING VILLAGE HALL

Hi everybody, well we are fast approaching Christmas already, where has this year gone? Well by the time you have read this report, we will have had lots of events held in the hall and run by various different groups – including the Quiz at the end of September where we had a record 14 TEAMS, all of whom enjoyed the food we supplied – we had baked potatoes, chilli, baked beans, chicken curry, cheese and soup with a roll and butter – not a scrap was left at the end !!!

Following on from then, again by the time you see this report there will have been another quiz, this one run by the Church for much needed repairs to the church at the beginning of November followed by the Winter Craft Fayre which was run on the 11th November, again with a record number of tables being booked, and refreshments being supplied Angie and her usual helpers all day – here are a few photos of some of the stalls that attended.



So please do not forget we have a Christmas Bazaar on the 9th December, doors open at 10am and open all day until 3pm, refreshments will be on sale all day as usual plus a tombola and a raffle. That is then followed by the WASP's Christmas Panto = Santa's Lost Hat on the 15th & 16th December.

The hall has been very busy with all the usual clubs and groups using it every day and evening of the week – so don't forget, if you want to join any of them, please see the list in this issue, new members are always welcome, so if you want to join Carpet Bowls, Art Group, Bingo, Street Dance, WASPS, Line Dancing or any of the other groups please go along and see the people in charge and they will be only too delighted to see you.

If you have something you want to start up in the hall, be aware that most nights during the week are taken by regular users, but there are times available on a Monday and Tuesday during the day, or there is always a Saturday and Sunday at various different times – when there is not a party or an event being run.

Not much else to report at this time, except there are a few projects in the process of being looked into for upgrading the Hall, such as further interest in upgrading the heating and possible solar panels. If there is anything you think we should do to improve the Hall in anyway, please contact one of the committee members and they will bring it up at the next meeting.

Karen Scott - Treasurer

Big 'Arry Moor

When T.H.Nice closed, we were all made redundant, so it was time to look further afield. I saw an advert in the local paper for Ready Mixed Concrete drivers at their Theftord plant and went to see if I would be suitable as I did not have any experience driving mixer trucks. I did not fancy my chances, but they gave me a job straight away saying they would teach me all about the mixer trucks, but the job was at Lackford near Bury St Edmunds, not Theftord.

The place was an old sand & ballast quarry on the Bury to Mildenhall road and it was there that I first met Big 'Arry, (Harry Moor). He was quite a character, big and tall with a loud voice and could be rather aggressive. We used to take our tea breaks in a little wooden hut close to the batching plant where there were 2 armchairs and 5 wooden ones. 'Arry would always sit in the armchair nearest the door so he could get out quickly when we were called to load up. We would sit around listening to an old radio that would have fits of loud crackling due to poor reception and 'Arry would get fed up with the racket and clout it with a broom to shut it up. On one occasion, it would not stop, so he jumped out of his chair, grabbed the radio, pulled out the plug and went outside. He whirled the radio round and round like a hammer thrower and smashed it into the trunk of an oak tree hat was just outside the hut, totally breaking the radio into bits until he only had the lead and plug left, which he promptly threw into the lake saying, "now crackle you b----d!"

One day, 'Arry was sprawled in his chair with his feet on the table reading the Bury Free Press. Newspapers were a lot larger than they are today and he was holding it out in front of him so that it covered most of his body. In came Stonewall Jackson for his breakfast., made his tea and lit a fag, looked at 'Arry, then at me and with his lighter still burning and grinning, he set fire to the middle of 'Arry's paper and disappeared out of the door. 'Arry followed in hot pursuit, but couldn't catch him, whilst threatening to skin him alive, although he never did. The reason we called Jeffrey Jackson, "Stonewall Jackson" was because once when he drove into a builder's yard he demolished a large brick wall!

Shortly after this, we were all set to work on the A14 Bury bypass. As many as 15 mixer trucks would be used to fill abridge foundation because once it was started it had to be finished so that the concrete could blend together by drying and curing. We all did about 10 loads each until it was finished and if any concrete was left over we used to get rid of it elsewhere. One job 'Arry and I got was concrete for a swimming pool in Newmarket at a very nice large house. Unfortunately, access was not good and we had to back up over a beautiful lawn and the mixer lorries left huge wheel marks, much to the gardener's dismay. He told us what he thought about it and where we should go, but calmed down somewhat when 'Arry had a word with him! Our mixer trucks weighed 26 tonnes when loaded, so you can imagine the state of the lawn. Later I was told that the property belonged to Frankie Dettori, the famous jockey.

I hope you enjoy my memories of things that have happened to me and I have met some great people through my work.

It's that time of year once again, so Merry Christmas everybody!

John Holledge

Does Anyone Know.....??

The Weeting History Group was contacted recently by Maureen Kurfust (née Simmons), the great granddaughter of William Mann Simmons. Maureen is keen to get in touch with any of William's descendants.

William Mann Simmons was born on 29th August 1842 in Great Ellingham. He joined the Eastern Counties Railway at the age of fifteen. In 1871 he was the station master at Eccles Road for the Great Eastern Railway, and by 1874 he had been promoted to the position of station master for Brandon. The 1881 census shows him living in the station house with his wife Sofia (née Rushmore) and six of their children. William died in 1899 and his funeral took place in Weeting on November 11th.

William and Sophia had nine children:

Sophia Elizabeth (born 1863)

Emma Rebecca (1865 – 1890) She married Robert Henry Smith in 1885

William Robert (1867 – 1893)

Herbert Charles (born 1869). He married Ruth Burg in 1885

Elizabeth Mann (born 1871)

Kate Louisa (born 1872)

Philip James (1874 – 1911) He married Clarissa Golden James in 1894)

Hilda May (born 1877)

Marmaduke Marsham (born 1882) He married Minnie Dyer in 1905 and then Elizabeth Dennis in 1916.

Initial research by the Weeting History Group seems to show that after William's death some of his surviving children moved away from Weeting. Herbert became station master at Hythe near Colchester; Philip an assistant at the Stock Exchange and Marmaduke a bank clerk in Haringay. It may be that one or more of the sisters stayed in the area and have descendants still living in Weeting or Brandon.

If your ancestor was William Mann Simmons, or you can shed any more light on the family, please let us know, either through the editor or by email to enquiries@weeting-history.org.uk

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