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Welcome to the June issue of your Newsletter

June already! Spring's promise is realised in June with everything in the garden coming into bloom. It is also a time of long days and short nights, with the summer solstice on June 21st. The beginning of summer - when we can



take a rest from those worrying heating bills, and enjoy some more outdoor time.

There are two resident artists holding open days during June - see pages 18 & 19 for details. June dates for the diary are on page 7, and whatever happens don't miss the village Summer Solstice celebration on the 21st (of course!). Enjoy the month, Cally (Editor)

What happened in June

1 st	1946	Television licences were issued in Britain for the first time; they cost £2
2 nd	1953	On a cold and wet day in London, the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place in Westminster Abbey
6 th	1944	D-Day invasion of Normandy by 1 million Allied troops to liberate Western Europe from German occupation
15 th	1215	King John and his barons met on the banks of the River Thames at Runnymede and sign the Magna Carta, thus removing total authority from the monarchy forever
19 th	1917	In the midst of World War 1 the British royal family renounced German names (Saxe-Coburg-Gotha) and titles, and adopted the name of Windsor
29 th	1613	London's Globe Theatre was destroyed by flames as a cannon is fired to announce the king's entrance in Shakespeare's <i>Henry V</i> .

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Dates for the Diary

June

Various dates

Friday 6th

Monday 9th

Sunday 15th

Saturday 21st

Artists' Open Studio—see p. 24 for details

D-Day 81st Anniversary

Whit Monday

Fathers' Day

Village Summer Solstice Celebration



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Middy events this month: -

Sunday 1st

Sunday 8th

Sunday 15th

Sunday 22nd

Sunday 29th

Middy Model Railway Show

Steam Railway Day

Father's Day Steam Railway & Suffolk Vehicle

Enthusiasts visit

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Steam Railway & Vintage Bus Day

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Report of meeting held 7 April 2025

Chair/Vice Chair – Cllr Darrell Howard was re-elected Chair of the Council and Cllr Nigel Ligard re-elected Vice Chair. Members thanked them for continuing in these roles and for their work on behalf of the Council and community.

Community Litter Pick 26 April 2025 – many thanks were recorded to all those who took part in the community litter pick, a very good effort by all involved. A number of waste bags had been filled and these had been collected promptly by MSDC.

Warm Homes Suffolk – Suffolk CC is promoting a no early repayment charge and up to a 7 year repayment term loan scheme (borrow up to £15,000) to support householders live in a warmer and more sustainable home. Working with social enterprise lender, Lendology CIC, the scheme is open to homeowners to spread the cost of a wide range of energy efficient and renewable measures – solar panels, battery storage, heat pumps and insulation. Details available via the Suffolk CC website, search Warm Homes Suffolk.

Telegraph Pole Solar Receptors – Parishioners have probably noticed the three new telegraph poles with solar receptors that have appeared in the village. It was understood the main purpose was to monitor water usage through water meters and transmit the data to central providers. This data collection helps with efficient water resource management and can also assist in identifying potential leaks or drainage issues.

White Elm Solar Farm – Notification has been received of a non-statutory public consultation for a new Solar PV generation station together with Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), access, landscaping and other associated development on land north of Mendlesham, Suffolk. This takes place between 9 May – 30 June 2025. To view go to following link :

www.whiteelmsolarfarm.com - Public Consultation page.

Summer Solstice event 22 June 2025 – the parish council agreed a contribution of £250 toward the event which is being organised by the Village Hall

6,000 Public EV Chargepoints Planned Suffolk CC will be installing around 6,000 public electric vehicle (EV) chargepoints across the county on residential streets following a survey undertaken last year. These will be bollard-style units at the kerbside, suitable for long-stay or overnight charging. The project has been made possible due to a successful £5.3 million bid by SCC to the government's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) fund.

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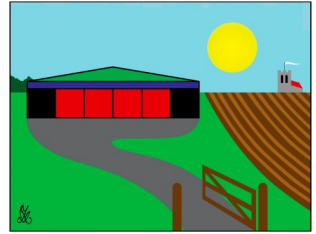
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Debenham Shed



On Saturday 2nd August from 9-11am we will be collaborating with the Debenham Green Team on their stall outside the Lion pub to promote Repair and Reuse, giving advice on repairs of all sorts and maybe undertaking repairs if feasible. This may be a more regular thing in the future. There are many Repair Cafés in UK, including Stowmarket and Hollesley. There are no plans to set up a Repair Café in Debenham, but do come along on 2nd August (with your item for repair if you can, or photos if you can't) and we'll chat about the possibilities.

We also partner with a Mobile Shed, which takes equipment and projects to care homes and village halls in Suffolk.

We now have a small shed for painting and spray painting, away from the dust in other areas. We hope soon to have a separate area for welding and other hot work, e.g. angle grinding, which will require some additional funding, and a concrete pad outside for some repairs on cars and motorbikes

Our next Workshops (10am-2pm) are:-

- Friday 13 June: Decoupage with John Ellam
- Saturday 12 July Sewing (provisionally)

If you are interested in attending please email

crafts@debenhamshed.org.uk or one of the telephone numbers below.

Debenham Shed is at 2 Fields Farm, Low Road (IP14 6BJ). We are open on Monday mornings 9am-12pm, Fridays 10am-5pm and normally the second Saturday morning of each month. Membership by the year, half-year or PAYG. Chairman: Rob Davies 07952 556152 Treasurer: Tony Hutt 07906 614328. Visit our website at

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*What is Debenham Shed? A place to make things by yourself, with guidance or with others. It could be in metal, cloth, wood or plastic. We have lots of tools and materials. You may want to repair or make new—the limit is your imagination. It is also for social connecting and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge, and of course a lot of laughter. **Debenham shed is open to all adults.***

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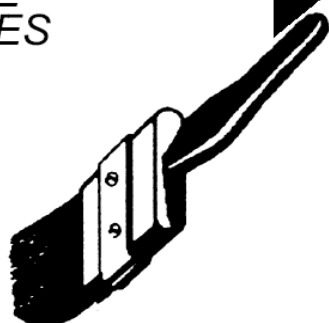
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Two events are planned for families and children later in the year, both free:

Saturday 30 August: a talk on marine biology for children, by local resident Andrew Donnelly. Adults may enjoy it too!

Saturday 13 September: a storytelling event with Gerry Donlan (Bards Aloud). Tea and cakes will be available, and certificates for the Reading Quest will be given out to children.

The **Dungeons and Dragons** adult group continue to meet monthly (Saturday evenings) to enjoy an evening of role play story telling. While this is an activity that can and is played online, the group was set up because folk wanted to play in person rather than virtually. The junior group is currently looking for a new Dungeon Master.

Sip and Stitch social group meets on Thursday evenings 7-9pm, every two weeks. It was borne out of the Festive Yarn Bombing group where a need for an evening session was highlighted for those who work. The social aspect is the most important part of the evening, with the stitching being secondary. The evening is provided free of charge as not everyone is able to afford even a minimum fee to attend such events. In addition to the conversation there is often cake! It is an opportunity to share ideas and try something new if one wishes to, and share progress on a project (or receive encouragement to finish one). It has also recently become an informal “book club” as being in a library the conversation often turns to books with author recommendations being shared and books discussed. Everyone is welcome.

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Sam's Super Sunday Charity Football Match

The Wetheringsett Manor and Bramfield House teams came together for a charity football match, in memory of their much-loved colleague, Instructor, Sam Hogg, who passed away last weekend.

Wetheringsett Manor Headteacher, Mark Jeffries, shared *"The crowd was filled with Sam's family and friends, serving as a huge celebration*

of the love and compassion everyone feels for Sam and her family.

Designated Safeguarding Lead, Carly Hind also did an incredible job of running an auction to raise funds. So far these events have raised £20,000 for Sam's three-year-old son, Raphael. Thank you to everyone who was involved and who donated."

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Suffolk Open Studios 2025

Two Local Artists Taking Part!



Each June, artists across Suffolk open their doors to welcome visitors into their working studios. Some of you may have enjoyed visiting in past years - but this year, we're especially pleased to share that two artists from our own village will be taking part.



Laura Beardsell-Moore

has previously opened her studio independently, but this year she's joining the official Suffolk Open Studios event. On three of the four weekends in June, Laura will be welcoming visitors to see her oil paintings of flowers, still life and animals. You'll also be able to browse examples of her pet portrait commissions, as well as prints, greetings cards and a selection of gift items featuring her artwork.

James Collier, another local artist, will also be opening his studio. James is a traditional pargetter who creates beautiful relief sculptures in limestone plaster. His work often features wildlife and floral motifs, and while much of it is designed for the exterior of traditional lime-plastered buildings, he also creates unique indoor wall pieces. James's studio will be open for two weekends in June.



Both studios are based in **Brockford Green**, and we'd be delighted to see you. You'll find a full Suffolk Open Studios directory - listing all 188 participating artists - available to pick up at Cedar's Pantry.

Please don't feel shy about popping in - open studios are relaxed, informal events, and artists genuinely enjoy meeting visitors. It's a great chance to see art being made, chat about the creative process, and discover the creativity on your doorstep. You might even find the perfect piece to take home or commission something special



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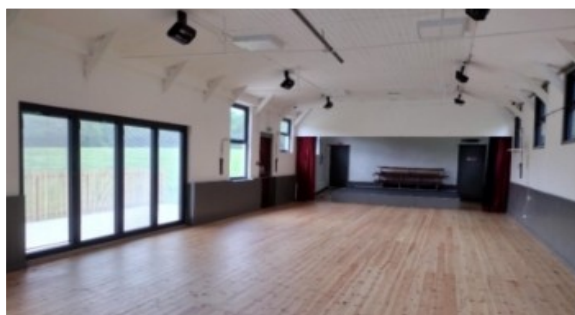
- *7th & 8th June* – Laura Beardsell-Moore and James Collier
- *14th & 15th June* – Laura Beardsell-Moore and James Collier
- *21st & 22nd June* – Closed
- *28th & 29th June* – Laura Beardsell-Moore only

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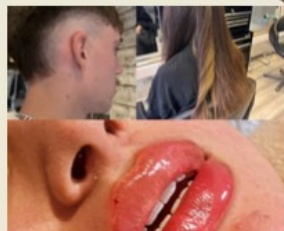
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Coach no.13 is also a Great Eastern vehicle which started life in 1876 with 5 third class compartments. At the Middy it has been converted to a first class saloon with three third class compartments to mirror the vehicle that the line's superintendent had made for himself in the early part of the last century.

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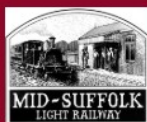
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Newsletter Summer Term (1) Collective Worship Theme: Friendship

Here are some of the wonderful activities the children have been doing here at Wetheringsett...

Chestnut visit to Abbey Gardens

On the 6th of May years 5 and 6 enjoyed a school trip to Bury St. Edmunds. They learnt lots of information about Saint Edmund and enjoyed finding



evidence of him in both the Cathedral and the Abbey Gardens. We had an amazing set of tour guides who were able to bring the story of Edmund to life as well as answer any questions that we had. A wonderful, educational day was had by all.



VE Day Celebrations

On the 8th of May the school remembered the 80th anniversary of VE day. In the morning, the whole school made newspaper hats, paper chains and bunting to decorate the village hall for a wonderful street party-style lunch



In the afternoon, KS2 had lots of fun playing WW2 games like marbles and four square and learning a WW2 dance. A big thank you to our wonderful Friends group who provided red, white and blue ice creams for the after-school tuck shop. What a wonderful way to celebrate the 80th anniversary.

Year 6 SATS

From the 12th -15th of May the Year 6 children worked incredibly hard to complete their Key Stage 2 SAT tests. All of the children put in 100%



effort and the whole school community is incredibly proud of them regardless of their results. The children enjoyed a tasty SATS breakfast before each test day and were given time to discuss each test with a biscuit at the end of each morning.

Early Adopters Breakfast Club

Wetheringsett Primary School is one of 750 schools across the country picked to take part in a new scheme. From the 22nd of April we have been able to offer a free breakfast club to all children at the school.



South Hartismere Benefice

June 2025 Newsletter



When I was driving recently, my attention turned to the on-coming cars, as I momentarily glanced at the passengers in the front seats. As they passed, I noticed that some of the passengers were sleeping. I certainly have a cat nap when someone else is driving. I guess to do so is to subconsciously have complete trust and faith, believing we are in safe hands, and that we will arrive at our correct destination.

I was turning thoughts about faith whilst sitting in church on Easter morning, as a friend of mine told me about his recent trip to Canada for his daughter's wedding, a wedding which took place on the ice of a frozen lake near Banff. I would never condone walking on a frozen lake or river, but to do so would require complete faith that ice would support me, and an unquestionable trust in those that gave that assurance. My friend told me that as they stood in the middle of the lake, they were informed that someone had in fact fallen through the ice only a matter of days before. I guess trust in humankind sometimes requires an act of blind faith, you make your choice and accept the outcome and decide whether to trust in the advice which you are given.

With Easter only a matter of 6 weeks behind us, the most poignant part of the Easter story that remains for me is the part about 'Doubting Thomas'. Whilst many of Jesus's disciples who heard of the resurrection needed no persuasion that Jesus had risen from the dead, Thomas needed proof, he wanted to initially put his faith in only what he could see and touch. I suspect there may have been arguments amongst them about who was right and who was wrong, I guess an early form of PCC, where disagreements can occur, but over much smaller and seemingly irrelevant things. At that same service on Easter morning, I was talking to a fellow Church-Elder who re-told me his journey of how a single prayer took him from being an atheist to a Christian in a matter of moments. He describes the moment he decided to say the Lord's prayer. His faith that day in something that he did not believe in, resulted in something that, to this day, is even harder to describe.

Modern day life is becoming ever more complex, the world that we may have become comfortable with can change in a moment's notice. Every now and then someone will come along and revolutionise it or make it ten times worse? We have decisions to make, who to trust and who (or what) to believe in. What is truth and what is fake, especially now we have to contend with CGI, AI and fake news. Are we metaphorical passengers in a car with our eyes shut, trusting that all will work out fine in the end or are we perhaps heading to an unknown destination? Do we have a blind faith that the metaphorical ice on which we all stand will continue to sustain us by placing an unwavering trust in humankind to always tell us the right things? There is a line in a song that I have always struggled with, that is until this last Easter Sunday, the line says, "*just prayed to a God I don't believe in*". If that is true for any of us, be warned that doing so may give you the answer that you may not expect but something which will make an indescribable and life changing difference.

Tim Rowe
Lay Elder



South Hartismere Benefice

JUNE 2025

Sunday 1st June <i>The 7th Sunday of Easter</i>	Thorndon Gislingham	10.30am 10.30am	Worship for All Holy Communion
Sunday 8th June <i>Pentecost</i>	Thornham Parva	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 15th June <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	Mellis Thorndon Gislingham Thorndon	10.30am 10.30am 10.30am 4.00pm	Worship for All Holy Communion Worship for All CONNECT
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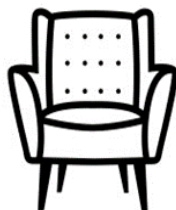
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