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Welcome to the July issue of your Newsletter

Last month saw the move of a long-standing and much loved

member of the village, Gwen Ives. After living in Brockford for over 70 years and looking after folk as the wife of our village bobby - Ken, Gwen has moved to be closer to her two daughters in Ipswich. We send our best wishes with you Gwen and know that with your cheery outlook it will not take you long to make many new friends.

An important notice for everyone—especially those of you who were unaware that there are two defibrillators in the village. Check out what you need to know on page 5.



So what can we look forward to? July is the warmest month in the Northern Hemisphere on average. and 🛝 it brings Wimbledon and seasonal

strawberries; barbeques and the end of

school until September ... and, for the USA, the celebrations of 4th July.



Have a great month everyone

Cally (Editor)

Last month we had a list of important events in history that happened in June. George Estcourt kindly wrote in with these additional interesting facts. Take note - especially if you are a keen 'quizzer' !

- In 1946 when the TV licence was £2 the average wage was £6:6/9d that's about £6:35p.
- 1953 Coronation chicken was dreamt up by the Queen's cook for the dignitaries at the coronation.
- **1215** There is only one monument at Runnymede celebrating the Magna Carta and that was put there by the Americans.
- 1917 Three days before the Royal family changed their name to Windsor the Battenberg's changed theirs to Mountbatten.
- **1613** London's Globe Theatre was constructed from timbers first used in The Theatre which was built in what is now the London Borough of Hackney.

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Village defibrillators

'A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest'

In the village we have two defibrillators, one at the entrance to the village hall and one on the external wall next to the large gates at Greenacres Park, Mill Lane. They are both easily accessed and in well lit areas.



The machines are monitored regularly, usually once a

week. Checking ensures the pads are in place and in date, also the cabinet is clean and dry, lights all working and the buttons can be easily pressed. Each time the check is carried out a report is submitted online to WEBNOS who are connected to the Community Heart Trust (CHT). They in turn inform the ambulance service if the defibrillator is active, or not if a problem has been reported. The CHT provide the machines, parts and servicing.

In the case of a suspected emergency heart problem call 999, the ambulance service will advise the caller of the nearest defibrillator and **give a code to open the cabinet and access the machine.** The telephone operator will stay on line with the caller and give any advice as necessary until an ambulance arrives. There are also clear instructions on the defibrillator, both visual and audio.

Once the code has been given and the defibrillator has been removed from the cabinet it will be logged by the ambulance service as inactive. The designated monitors will be informed that the defibrillator has been accessed so a full check can be carried out once the machine has been returned to the cabinet and a report sent to WEBNOS, who in turn will notify the ambulance service so it may be reactivated. The monitors have spare pads so the defibrillator should never be out of use for any length of time. Once spare pads are used or out of date replacements are ordered by the monitors.

The one at Greenacres Park has been used on a few occasions. Thankfully no one actually needed to be treated with the machine, hopefully it will stay this way.



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Please note our new telephone number **01728 587102**. All telephone numbers for libraries have recently changed.

The **Reading Quest** returns for this summer with some changes following feedback from last year. We are grateful to our volunteers who help with this. If you can help with registering children and their progress through the scheme, please speak to our library staff.

Two **free** events are planned for families and children later in the year, sponsored by the Friends: -

- 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.

Greetings Cards are for sale in the library at £2.50 each, in aid of Debenham Library. Stock up while they last!

Books, DVDs, WiFi, Computers, Printing/photocopying/scanning, CDs and audiobooks, downloadable films/music/audiobooks/ebooks, free reservations. The room is available for hire outside opening hours.

School Corner, Debenham IP14 6PL (next to the Primary School). Opening hours:

Tuesday: 0930 am –1300 pm Wednesday: 1500 –1930 pm Saturday: 0900 am –1300 pm Sunday: 1200 –1600 pm

Email:<u>debenham.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk</u> Facebook: DebenhamLibraryAndFriends Tel: 01728 587102 www.suffolkcommunitylibraries.co.uk/libraries/debenham/







Gwen Ives

Our longest standing resident in Brockford has moved to Ipswich. Gwen came to Brockford with husband Ken, our village 'bobby' in 1956 and lived at the then Police House—where they raised 3 children. When Ken retired they were able to buy the house, renaming it 'Constable Houser! Gwen has always been actively involved in village life—most notably as the go-to person during the time Ken spent as our local

HOUSE

policeman. She has many interesting, and sometimes hair-raising, stories to tell of that time! She also spent several years working at the local primary school, so was known and loved by all the children in the village. Until recently Gwen was a member of a choir, something she deeply enjoyed and really misses. Perhaps this is something you will be

able to re-start in your new home, Gwen? Here are memories from just two of Gwen's friends in the village: Stephen—a relatively 'new' friend, and Rindy, Gwen's oldest and closest friend: -

"I've known Gwen for 55 years and she became a good friend as well as dear Ken.

I shall never forget the day when Ken and Gwen rushed me to hospital to

give birth to Ben over 50 years ago.- I gave birth 15 minutes after arriving - Poor Ken thought he was going to have to act as midwife and all he could think of was he hadn't had time to wash his hands!

Paul and I have had some good times with them both over the years; days out on the coast and pub meals - barbecues and boat trips.

I miss seeing her every week - sharing our Baileys cappuccinos and putting the world to rights! We haven't lost touch as we still speak regularly on the phone and I hope to visit her soon. "



"My memories of Gwen Ives are those that she shared with me. Her mum died when she was just 5 but she did love her new mum, who taught her the fine art of needlework, embroidery and stitching. Gwen's Dad was an austere, strict, disciplined man, whom she loved.

But we simply cannot talk about Gwen without remembering her beloved husband, Ken. Ken Ives enlisted to early at the age of 17 in the British Army and served in WW2. Captured as a POW, he eventually returned to England and quickly went straight back out to fight again, eventually being awarded several medals of honour, the most prestigious of which was Le Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur. When he returned home, Ken became the village's highly respected police sergeant. They don't build men like Ken Ives any more. 'Old soldiers don't die, they just fade away'

Ken and Gwen Ives moved into the "police station" on the 24th November 1956. Gwen loved her 'informal' role, as Ken's wife as an unofficial policewoman and 'shorthand' expert. Gwen is also an accomplished artist.

I simply do not know where Gwen found the fortitude and strength to bear the deaths, so close together, of both Ken and their beloved son, Matthew. Matthew is survived by this two children Daniel and Mia and "Matt's tree", the Willow which he planted, can still be seen today in the front garden at Constable House.

Gwen recounts stories of the 1950s to 1970s when they pushed the children in their 'silver cross pram' up and down the A140, very different in those days with maybe 3 cars an hour! Gwen had many old, dear friends in the village including Paul and Rindy, Cally, Rosemary and Shirley, John and Euphrasia and many more.

I recall telling Gwen about my love of sailing and was immediately embarrassed by a 94 year old woman, who it turns out has all the sailing qualifications and has sailed all over the world in her time.

Gwen still has her two daughters Jenny and Susan, whom she will be nearer to in Ipswich. Ken and Gwen Ives lived in the parish of Wetheringsett Cum Brockford for 70 years. They were the heart and soul of the local Community and we will always remember them"

We all wish Gwen many happy years in her new home





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Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council Report of meeting held 2 June 2025

Parish Council Vacancy – Councillors were pleased to welcome Mr Stephen Dodgson as a new parish councillor, he having been co-opted to fill the current vacancy. Stephen is fairly new to the village and looking forward to becoming involved in the community. We wish him every success during his time as a Wetheringsett Parish Councillor.

Footpaths – a number of incidences of dog fouling were reported on footpaths, particularly footpaths from the Church towards the Manor, Hall Lane and the area of the Sidings/Wetheringsett Lodge. A number of additional dog bins were purchased by the Parish Council for the disposal of dog mess and MSDC makes a charge to empty them. It would be much appreciated if dog owners would take advantage of this facility so as not to waste the funding spent on the bins and emptying and to maintain a pleasant area for all to walk. Many thanks for your co -operation.

<u>Proposed White Elm Solar Farm, Mendlesham area</u> – notification had been received from White Elm that this planning application had been withdrawn indefinitely.</u>

Devolution and local government reorganisation – District Cllr Stringer reported that Mid Suffolk council had received a response from central Government regarding its proposed plans for council re-organisation – which envisaged there being more than one unitary council for Suffolk.

Suffolk County Council had advised the Government of its preference for a single unitary covering the whole county. In contrast, MSDC – together with the other Suffolk districts and borough – believe that 2 or 3 smaller and more localised unitaries would be more responsive to local communities. Suffolk's District and Borough Councils are working together to research options.

Although this will be a Government-level decision, the views of our residents are important to Mid Suffolk and will inform the final submission to Government. Accordingly, a MSDC survey is now available, asking residents for their views and priorities. This survey can be completed on paper or online:

The online version can be found here: <u>https://midsuffolk.govocal.com/en-gb/</u> projects/have-your-say-suffolk

Paper copies can be requested by ringing 0300 1234000.

The closing date for completing the survey is July 25th: Please do have your say

Date of next meeting – Monday 7 July 2025, 7pm at Wetheringsett Village Hall – All Welcome



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Our Church Townland Trust

Can some historian inform us about the word Town - apart from a conglomeration of heritaments bigger than a village and smaller than a city.

We have Town Lane at Wetherup Street and our Charity is called the Townland Trust. Also, driving to Stowmarket, one passes a Town Farm.

And whilst you are looking into the Town question, please let us know of what is the 100 a measure? We live in the Hartismere Hundred. 100 what? Not Parishes; not 100 men to serve the king in time of need...?

Townland Pasture:

the Trust has a 2acre paddock to rent from October. Anybody wishing to rent this, please apply to Tony Alston. <u>Tonyalston@hotmail.com</u>

Eating Out: I am not sure what facilities will be uncovered at the Garage, but the Cedars Pantry seems to have got off to a good start, and the cafe at the Railway gives a steady offering on a Friday evening, delivered to your table near the carriage, as well as Sundays when the trains are In Steam, and possibly at other times when the Railway Children (helpers) are there!

And keep swimming! We have put in a new liner and a new cover and with the warm weather and the log boiler, we keep the water at 82*F - just right for the swimming classes and perhaps those keen to keep the joints flexible!

AJA June '25.

Did you know? These things actually have a name The space between your eyebrows is actually called a glabella The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoe laces is called an aglet The your eyebrows is actually called a glabella The rumbling of stomach is actually

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(<u>www.thebankeye.org</u>) and will be making some enclosures for outside signs.

Come to our stall on **Saturday 2nd August** from 9-11am with the Debenham Green Team outside the Lion pub, and talk to us about anything which needs a repair.



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

- Saturday 12 July Sewing (provisionally)
- Friday 12 September tbc

• Saturday 8 November Christmas crafts and cards

Our shed is unusual in having a good contingent of women members, many of whom specialise in crafts. If you are interested in attending please email <u>crafts@debenhamshed.org.uk</u> 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 <u>www.debenhamshed.org.uk</u> (sign up to newsletters on the Contact page) Email <u>info@debenhamshed.org.uk</u> . Like our Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/DebenhamShed</u>. Registered Charity 1212367 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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Dates for the Diary

July Tuesday 15th **December** Wednesday 10th

St Swithin's Day

Wreath making workshop (details tbc)



St Swithin's Day

St. Swithin's Day, (July 15), a day on which, according to folklore, if it rains on St. Swithin's Day, it will rain for 40 days, but if it is fair, 40 days of fair weather will follow.



St. Swithin was bishop of Winchester from 852 to 862. At his request he was buried in the churchyard, where rain and the steps of passersby might fall on his grave. According to legend, after his body was moved inside the cathedral on July 15, 971, a great storm ensued. People said that the saint in heaven was weeping because his bones had been moved. The first textual evidence for the weather prophecy appears to have come from a 13th- or 14th-century entry in a manuscript at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

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Saturday 21 Jung Celebrating The Summer Solstice Wetheringsett Village Hall

Midsummer's day : the sun was shining, the school field mown, the tents erected – a perfect setting for the Summer Solstice Celebration. It was a fun afternoon with live music, beer and Pimm's, stalls and games, and a delicious tea.

What a great opportunity for people to meet and chat. Thanks to everyone who organised the event.....hopefully it will return next year.

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citizens advice

Mid Suffolk

My son and I are both struggling to find work at the moment. He's just finished university and looking for his first job, and I'm retired but need to top up my income. We've both been sending out applications for a while now, could unpaid work help us find something?

Whether you're trying to get into work for the first time or after time off, finding a job can be really challenging.

It's always a good idea to think about what skills or experience you could be missing for the kind of work you want, especially when feeling stuck after weeks or months of sending out job applications.

If you can afford to take unpaid work, it can be a good way to plug gaps in your CV and get a taste for different types of jobs. These sorts of roles usually come in the form of volunteering, work experience, or internships.

If you receive welfare benefits, you should check the Citizens Advice website or speak to an adviser before taking unpaid work.

And because the rules around unpaid internships are complicated, you should get advice on being paid less than the minimum wage before applying to this type of role.

Volunteer roles are often well-defined and can expose you to specific types of work, whether you're looking for experience in an office or something more practical, like supporting people in your local community. Charities, including Citizens Advice, usually have a range of opportunities available.

Being a volunteer doesn't just give you a chance to learn and improve skills that are transferable to paid work, it can also help you gain confidence and self-esteem in a professional setting and provide structure to your day or week.

This can set you up well for job applications and interviews by showing employers you've got transferable skills, relevant experience, and are ready to enter paid work. Just like any job advert, you can find plenty of volunteering opportunities online, so it's well worth seeing what's out there if you're interested.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide in depth advice on this issue and much more, including debt, finances, employment, benefits and family/ relationships. You can contact them by phone on 01449 676060, visit in person at Milton House, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. Opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.



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Curtains Up

Wow! what a great time we all had at The Blue Parrot Club we hope you all did too. It was great to see so many of you dressed for the 1930's—you all looked great.

As always, we are so grateful for your continued support. We worked hard to put on a different evening with a band and singers to add to the club atmosphere and of course there was Murder at the Blue Parrot which hopefully got you thinking 'Who Dunnit' and 'Why'. It was a great challenge and we thoroughly enjoyed it all.

Of course, there are many people who worked so hard to help bring this all together. I would like to thank: -

Sound and Lighting for lighting us up and the stage throughout the evening and all the extras added - whatever we needed - it was there and in place Thank you **Catering** For providing a great Supper as always Thank you

<u>Finances/Box office</u> For guiding us through Budgets Ticket Sales and keeping us in check!! Thank you

<u>Prompt/comfort Blanket to cast</u> Our Prop for both evenings Thank you <u>Our Director</u> who pushed us through every rehearsal and told us many times "It will be Fine" and it was. Thank you

Scenery Back Stage Crew Anne for our lovely Silhouettes they looked great and are still in place. And for sorting everything needed on and off stage. Thank you

<u>Meet and greet Team</u> Who welcomed everyone in and served them Cocktails on arrival Thank you

<u>Nat</u> For all your help guiding us through Cell Block Tango a challenge but we did it Thank you

For help making our 1930'S Style microphones to set the scene Thank you

Our House Band for the evening Gary Mike and Graham Thank you

Our Singers for the evening Sarah and Emily Thank you

Decorating hall and Tables Thank you

Programmes For designing Programmes Thank you

It takes all these great people to put on the show - we are lucky to have them Finally, our great Audience a huge <u>THANK YOU</u> Thank you all. We are rested up and plans are already taking place for our next show so watch this space !!!! 26



The local drama group took on an ambitious challenge staging **"Blue Murder at The Blue Parrot"** by Cheryl Barnett on 23rd and 24th May.

This production surpassed all expectations. Members of the audience entered through a lobby, where a couple in period costume checked tickets and took photos, before ushering guests through to the Hall, where blue cocktails awaited.

The cast had to cope with a last minute challenge when a key actor was ill. The stand in gave an entertaining performance (script

in hand) as Alex Butler.

From beginning to end the action moved swiftly along, plenty of laughs, dancing, music, and murder! Detective Inspector Mayday bumbled through the suspects, who did a good job of fooling him, and the audience, before he finally got his man....and woman.

The music was outstanding, especially the jazz band and the Blue Parrot Singers. The song "He had it coming" was a show highlight.

As well as the cast, the skills of those managing, scenery, sound, lighting, props, costume, makeup created a true night club atmosphere.

In addition to all this, there was a delicious supper with pudding served up by Michelle and enjoyed by all.

This was not so much a "who dunnit", but how on earth do they do it !

Thank you, CURTAINS UP

Sue Payne

Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards? He was just going through a stage.

> Why do actors always carry a pencil? In case they need to draw the curtain

Why did the actor go to jail? He got caught stealing the show!





Wetheringsett Church of England Primary School office@wvcpschool.com 01449 766215

Collective Worship Theme: Respect

It's been another busy month at Wetheringsett Primary School

Whole School Ensemble Teaching Festival

KS2 had a wonderful time at their

WCET festival at the Apex in Bury St Edmunds. It was a wonderful musical day and an excellent opportunity for the children to play in an ensemble with over 300



children from other local primary schools. A great time was had by everyone.

Kagera Workshop

The whole school enjoyed leaning about Kagera in Africa from Richard and Christine. They learnt all about the location, farming, housing and education in Kagera. The children even learnt how to say some key

phrases and sing some part of the workshop,



songs in Swahili. As the children got to try many different fruits that are grown in Kagera and were able to try tying a teddy to their backs using traditional African material.

KS1 Southwold Trip

Lime Class had a wonderful time when they visited Southwold for their school trip. They visited the lighthouse, the pier, all the way to the end and the promenade and had lunch on the beach. The



children's activities linked to their English text 'The lighthouse Keepers Lunch' and their history topic 'Holidays in the past.' A fabulous day was had by all.

Microbits Club

We have started a Microbit after school club this term. So far we have programmed door alarms using 2 Microbits. To keep brothers and sisters out

of bedrooms!



Fathers' Day Lunch

The children all enjoyed our Father's Day lunch. It was wonderful to welcome fathers, uncles and grandfathers to have lunch with the children. The food was eaten and then was quickly worked off again during a competitive game of football on the school field. Thank you to all who attended and to all the staff for setting up the hall and serving the food.









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July 2025 Newsletter



Four years ago, on the 7th July I moved from my home in Bedford to Suffolk. A lot has happened since then. I arrived to be a curate and finished my training while we were in vacancy. My personal journey over those four years involved several moves, surgery, a son marrying, another moving out of home for the first time. When seeking my next steps, God clearly called me to stay here and I now stand alongside you all as Rector, at the beginning of a new chapter for the benefice.

In early June I prayer-walked, and at times prayer-cycled the benefice. I visited each church, praying at noon, the Lord's prayer. As I did this, God reminded me of a bible character -Nehemiah. Nehemiah was called by God to return to Jerusalem from his place of exile in Babylon, and to rebuild the city. When he first arrived, he walked the city walls, noting what work needed to be done. A very practical beginning, mapping the ground.

I felt that I too was mapping the ground, travelling the lanes, several I had not explored before. We have a beautiful and large benefice, with villages, farms, and small pockets of just a few cottages. Each person within its boundaries is known and loved by God and the church is called to show God's love and share this good news.

Nehemiah called the people of the city to start to rebuild. To work together, sharing the load. They lived in dangerous times and worked with hammers in one hand and sword in the other.

As God's people we want to see the kingdom of God built not with bricks and mortar but with love, joy, peace, generosity, kindness and goodness.

Like the people in Nehemiah's times, we need to work together. However, our tools are different from theirs. I wonder what the equivalent of their hammers would be today, and what of the sword. I wonder if our swords are the spiritual tools of studying God's word and prayer. These help us to discern the will of God for our lives and for the wider church. Our prayers cry out to God for the world in crisis, when we do not know humanly what can be done.

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JULY 2025

Sunday 6 th July	Thorndon	10.00am	Together @ 10
The 3 rd Sunday after Trinity	Gislingham	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th July	Stoke Ash	10.30am	Worship for All
The 4 th Sunday after Trinity	Thornham Parva	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 th July The 5 th Sunday after Trinity	Mellis Thorndon Gislingham Thorndon	10.30am 10.30am 10.30am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Worship for All CONNECT
Sunday 27 th July The 6 th Sunday after Trinity	Wetheringsett Yaxley Thornham Magna	10.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Worship for All Worship for All Holy Communion

Telephone Church BCP Holy Communion is on Thursdays at 11.00am



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We gather on Sundays to worship and listen to God's word. Over the next months there will be new opportunities to meet to pray and to study God's word. Look out for details in our newsletters and in the local magazines.

Like the people in Nehemiah time, the early church stood together. We are told they met together often, shared everything, devoted themselves to prayer and the teachings of Jesus, and many were added to their number, daily.

As we gather, may we too see God's kingdom grow, both in our lives and the lives of others.

Lord, let your kingdom come, let your will be done.

Rev. Debbie

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AUGUST 2025



Sunday 3 rd August	Thorndon	10.30am	Worship for All
The 7 th Sunday after Trinity	Gislingham	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 th August	Stoke Ash	10.30am	Worship for All
The 8 th Sunday after Trinity	Thornham Parva	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 th August	Mellis	10.30am	Worship for All
The 9 th Sunday after Trinity	Thorndon	10.30am	Holy Communion
80	Gislingham	10.30am	Worship for All
VJ DAY	to include commen	moration of the 80 th a	anniversary of VJ Day
Sunday 24 th August The 10 th Sunday after Trinity	Yaxley	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 31st August	Wetheringsett	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion

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The 11th Sunday after Trinity

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