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Welcome to the February 2025 issue of your Newsletter



As I write this the aconites are out and the snowdrops are breaking through, getting ready to brighten up the February days, along with the early crocus. February is the third month of winter, and in my books that means we're almost through to Spring! Although we still have time to enjoy the longer evenings indoors.

Lots packed into this month's issue - so enjoy the read, and if you have anything interesting you would like to share, please write in. Have a good month and Happy Valentine's Day

Cally (Editor)



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Contributions from the village community for inclusion in the newsletter are welcomed

Deadline for copy 15th of every month

School Newsletter Collective Worship Theme: Generosity

We certainly had a very busy time in school last term. We had our SIAMS inspections as well as our Ofsted inspection both of which had positive outcomes. There were Harvest, Remembrance and a delightful Nativity services at the church with a good turnout from all our families.

Christmas Service:

Our Christmas Service was a great success. It was wonderful to see our collective worship ambassadors leading the service and to watch each of the class' contributions to the service. Lime Class performed the Nativity 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' and Chestnut and Sycamore Class



read the story of the first Christmas from the bible and performed a variety of carols as well as treating us to a brass band performance.

Pantomime Trip

The whole school enjoyed a trip to the Theatre Royal Bury St. Edmunds to see Aladdin.



Christmas Lunch:

Once again Wetheringsett Manor cooked the pupils and staff a delicious Christmas Lunch. The children made their own hats and we also wore Christmas jumpers in aid of Save the Children.



Visitors in School

Greg Fitch who is a guitarist came and took a collective worship with the children and demonstrated playing the electric guitar, the acoustic guitar and the Ukulele.



Hari visited all of KS2 to talk about his Hindu worldview. The children prepared questions to ask him. Sycamore class then had a Bollywood dancing session with a performance from Hari.

As you can see this year has started with an action



packed term and this Spring term will be no less busy. We have a computing trip to Adastral Park planned together with a trip to the zoo to study animal classification. We look forward to updating you on the successes of these new ventures.

With best wishes from all of the staff at Wetheringsett Church of England Primary School.

You can read a review of the schools' OFSTED on page 36

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Report of meeting held 6 January 2025

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The service operates as ‘demand responsive’ with a pre-bookable door-to-door service. Routes are still being developed and at a later stage could be extended subject to demand.

The service covers three geographical areas: Eye and Diss, Eye and Debenham, and Stowmarket - connecting people living in outlying villages with local towns and beyond. It will use a fully electric vehicle as part of the fleet.

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- 8 to 10 miles - £ 6.50
- 11 to 13 miles - £8.00
- 14 to 16 miles - £10.00
- 17 to 20 miles - £ 12.00

Strategic stops at rail stations, colleges, as well as employment and leisure hubs, are designed to support commuting residents of all ages.

The service has been funded by Mid Suffolk District Council and transport can be booked online at **suffolktaxibus.com** or telephone: **01449 866866**.

Flooding – flood remedial work is still being monitored. The Parish Council has completed its revised Emergency Plan, this will come into action in the event of any future emergency and a copy will be supplied to all households via the Parish Magazine as well as a Look Out for Others scheme, please do look out for your neighbours. Many thanks were recorded to Cllr Mrs Kaylee van Zyl for her work on the plan.

Parish Precept – a precept of £13,708 for the coming financial year was agreed. This is a slight increase on last year and has taken into account some inflationary increases to services maintained by the Parish Council, ie grass cutting, waste bin emptying, play area maintenance, a small village hall reserve, insurance and a contingency fund for any unexpected items that could occur over the next year.

Date of next meeting: Monday 3 February 2025, 7pm at the Village Hall, Wetheringsett – ALL WELCOME

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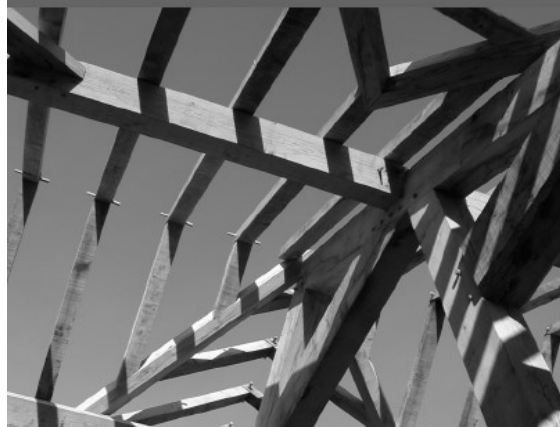
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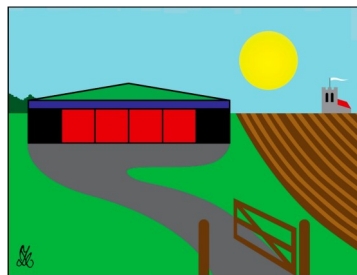
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We'll be using our woodworking area which is now set up, and we are grateful to Sealey Tools of Bury St Edmunds who have donated PPE (above) and other equipment.

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 www.debenhamshed.org.uk (sign up to newsletters on the Contact page) Email info@debenhamshed.org.uk . Like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DebenhamShed.

*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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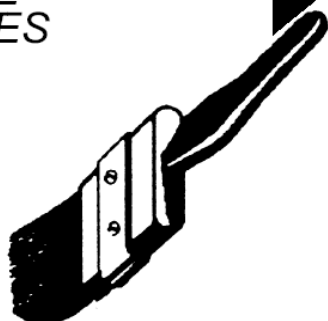
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Curtains Up

Happy New Year To You
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Well, what a great time we all had in our First ever Christmas Show - we had great fun. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us.

We truly value our audience.

All the hard work paid off, we battled through lots of coughs and colds, always a worry!!! And as they say - it was 'alright on the night'! As always it is the tremendous team behind us that makes it all possible so we say a

BIG THANKYOU TO YOU ALL

After a short rest we are already planning our 2025 Productions. We are about to read our next Script, and hope to be performing in JUNE and again in DECEMBER. So, we had better get a move on!

Look out for more details very soon

Can't believe what a staggering amount of work your group must have done to put on last night's entertainment - 4 plays, the costumes, the lighting, the music and singing not to mention decorating the hall and providing food, a raffle and a quiz for everyone. So well done. It was a great evening and everyone seemed to be really enjoying themselves. I hope you are all proud of what you achieved.

Barbara



Hi Susan, we both loved all of the 4 short sketches, a very good twist, and you got the whole story told. My compliments to all your volunteer actors and catering, the food was lovely. Many thanks and a Merry Christmas.
Pete and Chris.



Curtains Up

An evening of Christmas Comedy and Chaos

On Friday 6th December 2024, in a packed Village Hall, Wetheringsett was treated to an evening of fun and laughter when "Curtains Up" presented their Christmas show.



The relatively small cast performed four short plays featuring Ebenezer Scrooge, the 12 Days of Christmas, Gifts and finally, Cinderella. The costumes were a delight, the players engaging and the lighting and sound effects really enhanced the performance. How



Curtains Up manage to put on such great entertainment from the small rooms behind the stage remains a mystery.

During the evening there were intervals for a Christmas Supper, a tasty spread soon demolished, and a credit to Michelle and her helpers, a Christmas jumper competition and a raffle. Some stage entrances were planned, some unplanned, but that all added to the comedy. In the final play the audience clapped and sang while the two ugly sisters danced in the aisle. Memorable! The evening ended with balloons and ticker tape showering the audience.....and many smiling faces.



Thank you Curtains Up for a brilliant evening. The village awaits your next performance.

Please thank everyone involved in the Christmas Production - you had all made a huge effort and we really appreciated it all. Fun from start to finish!!
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Wetheringsett Church Matters

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and I, may we wish you a belated Happy New Year.



Another year has rolled round, and we all will become another year older. The parish church too continues to show its age, having been built between the 13th to 15th Century's and fully restored in the 1870's. To raise funds for the upkeep of the building (for which we receive no government or central funding), 2025 is the year where we start, in earnest, the tasks to improve the facilities that the Church offers. The volunteer Project Team is looking at re-ordering the West End to create a community space and by adding a kitchen servery and toilet facilities. This will allow greater use by the school and community groups, as well as opening up the

church to other opportunities. The funds needed will come entirely from a local benefactor and also grant funding from grant making charitable institutions. It is hoped that if we can improve the facilities within the church, we can also start to hold funding raising events to raise money your church needs. The Fabric of the church is in a very poor condition and by generating additional income, we hope to meet some of the £200,000 repair costs that are needed.



Church income to maintain your parish church is generated from charity donations and voluntary donations from the few but committed worshippers, whether we welcome them each week or only occasionally. This income goes

entirely towards running costs, paying the heat and electricity bills, plus a contribution towards the pension and salary of the incumbent (known as the Parish Share). If you wish to make a regular donation to help towards the running costs and upkeep of your local church, there are ways that this can be done easily through the Parish Giving Scheme.



Wetheringsett Church Matters cont.

Flooding

Some in the village suffered because of Storm Babet in Oct 2023, and unfortunately the effects are still being felt by some today, which also included members of the worshipping congregation. Along with members of the Parish Council, I have (as a resident of the parish who also flooded) attended meetings with Suffolk County Council to look at the causes of the flooding (and preventative measures) which ultimately resulted from a prolonged period of almost unprecedented levels of rainfall. There is little that could have been done to prevent this, but the PCC have been in touch with Suffolk County Council (SCC) to discuss how they can look at SCC fencing along the road and pavement which runs parallel with The Street. Unfortunately, SCC have advised that the repair and improvement to the fencing is not a priority so will remain in the same state. I have also asked SCC about the clearance of the stream and have yet to receive their response, other than to say that dredging the stream alone would not have prevented the unfortunate flooding. We continue to be grateful to residents who have paid for maintenance that otherwise would have been prohibitively expensive and the PCC will continue to seek financial support and assistance to do the best we possibly can to manage the church on behalf of everyone who lives in the parish.

Tim Rowe, Church Warden



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worry, there's lots of information on the steps to take when buying a car and what you can do afterwards if something goes wrong on the Citizens Advice.

First, where are you going to buy the car? If buying from a trader, choose a trustworthy one with an established name with a good reputation. Ideally, they will be part of a trade association or follow the industry's code of practice.

If buying via an auction, this is much riskier as you'll have fewer legal protections like the right to returns or refunds so carefully read the terms and conditions before you bid.

If buying from a private seller, there's a few extra steps to take. For instance, try to inspect the car at their home address so if something goes wrong later, you have a record of that.

Make sure the car's details are correct by using the DVLA's free online vehicle information checker. You'll need the registration number, MOT test number, mileage and make/model of the car to do this check. Also, check the car's MOT history.

Keep a copy of both these results (take a screenshot or download the information) as well as the original advert or description of the car. You might also consider getting a private history check to see if the car's been reported stolen, still has money owing on it, or has been in a serious crash.

Inspecting the car is crucial before buying. Ideally, do this during the day when it's not raining (scratches are harder to see on a wet car) and take it for a test drive for at least 15 minutes and on different types of roads if possible. Check you have the appropriate insurance for a test drive (either your own or the seller's policy might cover you).

Once you've decided on a car, don't be afraid to negotiate on the price. If you take out a loan or finance to buy it, make sure you can afford the repayments over the lifetime of the contract. If you pay with cash, you will have fewer protections than other options like debit.

Often, despite doing all these checks, you might find something wrong with the car after you've bought it. You may have a legal right to a repair, the cost of a repair or some money back but it's on a case-by-case basis.

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South Hartismere Benefice

February 2025 Newsletter



*Cloister of St Andrew's Abbey,
Zevenkerken-Brugge*

Last autumn I got lost in a monastery (as one does). The monastery in question is on the outskirts of Bruges in Belgium, and I was there with a small group of priests from this diocese. The monastery is immense. It was once home to over a hundred monks, but the community is now down to less than a dozen. The thing about traditional monasteries is that they were often built round a square cloister - turn the wrong way, on entering the cloister, and it's easy to get lost, because every door looks the same. There was no one around, and I didn't want to risk going where I shouldn't. Eventually, through a glazed door, I spotted one of the domestic staff. "I'm lost", I said to this lady. She gave me a sweet smile, and said: "You're not lost, because you've been found."

You're not lost, because you've been found. Those words stayed with me. Being lost - and being found - are experiences that strike deep chords in the human psyche. Maybe this is so from our very beginning. The new-born baby, expelled from the security of the womb, is lost until it's found again in its mother's arms. I don't know whether my rescuer had ever sung *Amazing Grace*, whether in Flemish or English, but she was certainly near the heart of it: 'I once was lost, but now I'm found'.

Some people experience this when falling in love: the sense that the days of searching and confusion are over; the sense of self-discovery; the sense of being found. I certainly resonate with that. At other times it might be discovering a skill, a career path, a sport, a new interest. For some, it might be coming, as an outsider, to live in Suffolk. I resonate with that too!

We have to be honest, of course: sometimes events challenge the source of the security and identity we thought we had found. 'I once was found, but now I'm lost.' Bereavement, is a case in point, as I can also testify. I was fortunate in a wise counsellor who persuaded me that nothing could take away the experience and impact of being found, or the love that had found me.

If the sense of being lost and found is so central to human life, it's no surprise to find it at the heart of Christianity also. Jesus said of himself that he had come "to seek and to save the lost". Down the centuries, men and women have discovered that in following Jesus they have been received a new identity, a new sense of direction and purpose. A moral dimension has been given to lives that might otherwise have drifted or focused on self-satisfaction alone. They have found that *what they are in Christ* is somehow truer and more authentic than they would ever have been without him. We are no longer lost, because we have been found. As a modern hymn puts it:

*"For the wonders that surround us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God!"*

Alan Harding

From the Parishes:

In Loving Memory of: Brian Atkinson, Thorndon



South Hartismere Benefice

FEBRUARY 2025

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10.30am

Worship for All
Holy Communion

Sunday 9th February
The 4th Sunday before Lent

Stoke Ash
Thornham Parva

10.30am
10.30am

Worship for All
Holy Communion

Sunday 16th February
The 3rd Sunday before Lent

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Lil Evans – Chair of Trustees 07545 322087 Elizabethhevens81@hotmail.co.uk

Martyn Bryant – Group Lead Volunteer 07900 147912 Martyn_bryant@hotmail.com

Fundraising Team

Purpose: To co-ordinate our fundraising activities throughout the year.

Plan and oversee a variety of fundraising events throughout the year, which includes tasks such as:

- booking venues
- promoting events locally
- ensuring sufficient volunteer support at events
- purchase/hire of equipment for events
- ensuring events are run within budget and make a profit



Scout Hut Team

Purpose: Co-ordinate our new scout hut build project

This team will focus on the scout hut build project, driving it forward to completion

This will include:

- Contacting trades for quotes and liaising with contractors
- Monitoring progress of build plan through various phases
- Monitoring build budget
- Identifying suitable funding/grant opportunities and supporting funding applications
- Liaising with Trustee Board and Fundraising team regularly



Trustee Board

Purpose: Ensure our scout group is well run, make sure young people have the best experience at Scouts, and check things are being done safely and legally.

Trustees do the following:

- Make sure local Scout groups follow the rules
- Make sure Scouts has enough money for activities
- Complete any necessary admin
- Check that equipment and buildings are looked after
- Check we're aligning with our [Scout values](#)
- Influence the future of Scouts
- Help Scouts run activities with young people in the safest way possible



In particular we are keen to recruit a Treasurer for our scout group, who oversees our financial records and accounts, and deals with payments in and out of our bank accounts.

Section Teams (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts)

Purpose: To plan and deliver a range of activities for a section, supporting young people to develop skills for life.

Our section teams work together to plan and deliver weekly meetings for young people that enable them to achieve different badges and develop a range of skills.

Main tasks will include:

- Planning and delivering a programme of activities to your section
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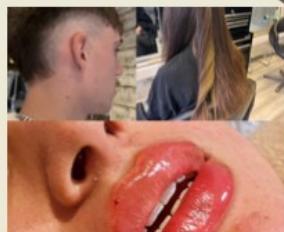
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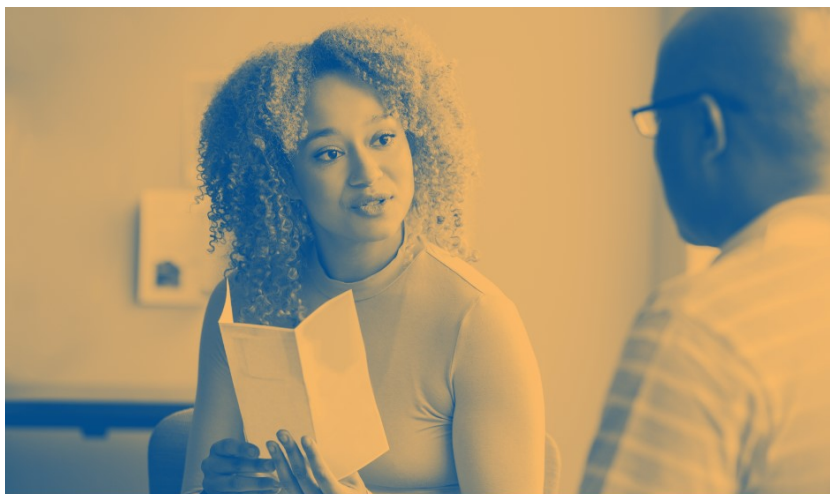
Wetheringsett Manor School News

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year! We welcomed some new pupils to Wetheringsett Manor School in January. Since September we also have Key Stage 2 children who have joined us.

We have recently had a trainer from a company called Basecamp on site where they provide tuition relating to bushcraft and similar activities, such as lighting fires and cooking which the children are enjoying thoroughly.

At the end of the month we have a football trip planned with Sir Bobby Robson School. This is the second for this academic year. Hopefully we can continue with this winning streak – Good Luck Wetheringsett Manor!

Unfortunately, due to weather the planned parachute jump on 18.01.2025 has been postponed. We will keep you updated when we know the new date and our fundraising total



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New tenants in the smaller units - well, I encourage them to advertise in the Newsletter so that all know what facilities are available in the parish. We hope our Swift Taximan has success with the taxibus service which is getting off to a slow start. One would like to see more impetus to promote the service from the Council, as it is 'use it or lose it'. Do we know it is there?!

Our Dogpark is being used increasingly but we did have one dissatisfied customer whose huskies twice opened the gate and roamed the farm! He failed to notice and use the gate's bolt clip!

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In praise for the school, the inspector described us as a 'caring and nurturing community' and commended our outdoor learning and forest school activities as well as our 'interesting and well-thought-out curriculum'. The report also recognised 'the full benefits of school life for our pupils being back on track' following a 'significant' flood that caused disruption. In further praise for the school, the inspector noted children behave 'exceptionally well' and 'live up to the school's values and high expectations.'

The report said: "Pupils love being part of this small, welcoming school.' As one pupil accurately noted, this is a 'small school that does big things.' The report said leaders ensured the small nature of the school was 'an asset and not a barrier' to pupils receiving a high-quality curriculum. 'Pupils access a range of exciting trips, clubs and sporting activities," the report added. "Pupils' faces light up when they talk about their outdoor learning in the forest school. "Whether baking bread on the fire, exploring nature or weaving traditional fences, pupils build on their classroom learning or do something different."

Ofsted said the school's support for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) was a further strength, adding that these pupils are 'fully included in school life'.

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