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Welcome to the May 2024 issue of your Newsletter



I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Easter—it seems a long time ago now.

And now we welcome May, and are welcomed in turn by the glorious May blossom that, living where we do, we are fortunate to see all around us. May Day, or the first Monday in May, only became a bank holiday in 1978 but its origins as a day of celebration go back over two thousand years! It falls roughly between the spring equinox and the summer solstice.



Did you know, as many as 200,000 miles of hawthorn hedge were planted in the Parliamentary Enclosure period, between 1750 and 1850! The name 'Haw' derives from 'hage', the Old English for 'hedge'. May day celebration practices include the gathering of wildflowers and green branches, the weaving of floral garlands, the crowning of a May king and

queen, and the setting up of a decorated May tree, or Maypole, around which people danced.

'Don't cast a clout 'til May is out' Not sure what this means? See p. 17

Next month sees the 80th anniversary of D-Day To commemorate this, Tommy Downing from



Brockford will be crossing the channel to complete the

Overlord Challenge. Read more on p.5 Do you know of anyone from the village who was involved in the D-Day landings? If so, please let Tommy know, details on p.13

Enjoy your May

Cally (Editor)

Dates for the Diary

May

Wednesday 1st

Tuesday 7th

Friday 17th

Saturday 18th

June

Thursday 6th

May Day

Annual Parish Meeting. All welcome to attend

'Curtains Up' Murder Mystery evening (Village Hall)

'Curtains Up' Murder Mystery evening (Village Hall)

80th Anniversary of D-Day

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

Deadline for copy 15th of every month

Charity Fund Raising Overlord Challenge 24



VETERANS HUB

About Us

We are a small group of regular people taking on a big challenge!

The Overlord Challenge is a 60-mile walk along the D-Day landing beaches in June 2024, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

We will walk from Utah Beach to Pegasus Bridge carrying weighted (50lb) backpacks with the aim to raise money for 'The Royal British Legion' and 'The Veterans Hub' charities.



The Team

Alex, Barney & George Holmes, Steve & Jacob Bailey, Tommy Downing, Steve Windsor, Josh Grant, Steve Evans, Mark Gilly, Rich Smith, Steve Heap, Geoff Heywood

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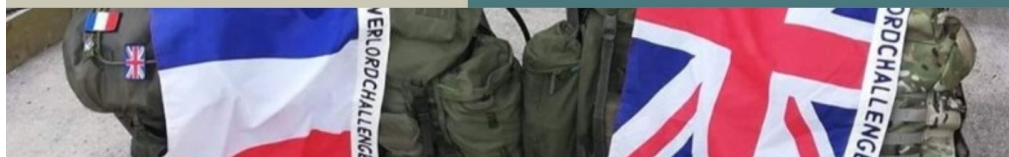


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The 80th Anniversary of D-Day - 6th June 1944



"So much of the progress that would define the 20th century, on both sides of the Atlantic, came down to the battle for a slice of beach only six miles long and two miles wide." - President Barack Obama, 65th anniversary of D-Day

2024 marks the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings, also known as D-Day, which is acknowledged as a pivotal event in progressing the success of the Allies in the Second World War.

'Operation Overlord' was the code name for the Allied invasion of north-western Europe, which operationally commenced on D-Day. It was a huge endeavour; a largely sea-borne invasion of Nazi-occupied France, with considerable air support, and co-operation across all international Allied nations. Allied airborne forces were parachuted in across Northern France and ground troops landed across five assault beaches - Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword. Over 5000 boats landed more than 150,000 troops on these five beaches on 6th June 1944.

'Overlord' did not bring an end to the war in Europe but started the liberation of Western Europe from the Nazi regime and marked the start of a hard-fought campaign across north-western Europe, that ultimately brought victory to the Allied nations on the Western Front. Though victory was won, we must not forget the sacrifice of the many who bravely fought throughout this war (and many other conflicts). There are many charities who work tirelessly to support veterans and current service personnel and, it is for them, that we appeal to you today.

To mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day, in June 2024, Tommy Downing (who lives in Brockford), along with a small group of others, will be completing 'The Overlord Challenge'. This is a 60-mile walk along the Normandy D-Day landing beaches, carrying 50lbs (22.7kg) in a backpack, to raise money for the Royal British Legion and the Veteran's Hub.

Tommy has been training hard in preparation for completing the challenge and some of you may have seen him around the village with his backpack on one of his many walks. We would be grateful for any donations, no matter how small, to help the Royal British Legion and Veteran's Hub continue their vital work supporting members of our Armed Forces community and their families. You can use the QR codes opposite to find out more and make a donation. Thankyou so much for your interest.



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Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council

Report of meeting held 8 April 2024

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 13 May 2024, 7pm at Wetheringsett Village Hall – ALL WELCOME - this is the Wetheringsett village meeting for parishioners, please do come along to hear reports from community groups or to raise any concerns you may have regarding the village.

Solar operated speed sign for Brockford Street – grant funding of £1700 has been received from County Cllr Andrew Stringer plus a contribution of £1000 from the Parish Council for the purchase of a solar operated speed indicator sign (SID) to be located on the A140 at Brockford Street. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Stringer for the grant funding. It is hoped this will act as a reminder to motorists in reducing speed levels on this stretch of road.

Wetheringsett Emergency Plan – Following a meeting with a representative from the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit, Cllr Mrs van Zyl reported on further progress made with the new Emergency Plan for the village. This included the possibility of Suffolk Highways training on a ‘Community Self Help Scheme’ whereby the parish can purchase road signs that can be appropriately placed in times of flood or any other risk. Training on action that can be taken by the community during an emergency before the emergency services are on site and arrangements required to use the Village Hall as a ‘Rest Centre’ during an emergency.

A working group will need to be set up to maintain the Emergency Plan, this will be made up of some parish councillors and 3 – 4 parishioners. We would therefore really appreciate hearing from any parishioners willing to join the group. Following the floods of last October it is really important to have an up to date working plan prepared and ready to put into action should it be necessary. Please do let a councillor or the clerk know if you would be willing to join the group we would be pleased to hear from you. Thanks were recorded to Kaylee for her work on the plan to date.

Community Litter Pick – Sunday 7 April 2024 - councillors reported on a successful morning of litter picking, several waste bags were filled. As litter is a constant problem it was suggested these could be carried out at other times of the year.

Mid Suffolk Light Railway – Cllr Mrs Leech reported on a very interesting and welcoming presentation she had recently attended at the Middy regarding plans for running trains on the new extension track. Members thanked Rachel for attending on behalf of the council.

Date of next meetings: Wetheringsett cum Brockford Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 13 May 2024, 7pm at Wetheringsett Village Hall followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm – ALL WELCOME

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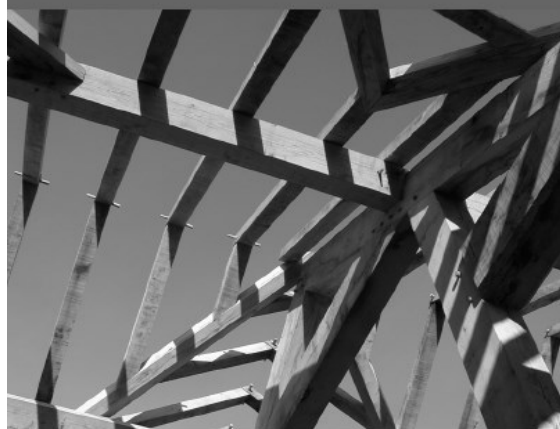
 

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The duties are not very onerous with monthly meetings held in the village hall and the usual things associated with looking after a bank account and paying bills etc

If you think you might be interested in becoming involved with an enthusiastic group of people and supporting your village, then please get in touch with Charles Harvey, the Chairman, at charles@the-harveys.org

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If one wants to find if there are any claimants, then one needs to ask the adjacent owners.

Aside from 2 people claiming ownership of small parcels of land, one also has occasions when the disputed land is a liability (like ditches) and neither person wants ownership. In these cases the Council has power to do remedial works and send the bill to the riparian owners. In the case of roadside ditches, the Council is quite adamant: it is not theirs, and the road sweepings that are in the ditch thus belong to the owner. Pipes under the road pre-2000 are not mapped which makes flood alleviation difficult.

The Water Companies are saying that in spite of the rain, we are chronically short of (clean) water. We know part of the answer to that.

And potholes: watch that space...

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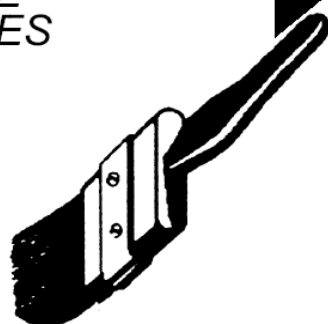
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Mendlesham Airfield Exhibition at the Middy

The Easter opening of the MSL Railway was a great success- not only for the Middy (and its carriage bar which ran out of draught ale). In the Old Ticket Office there was an exhibition of the wartime Airfield, mainly of photographs, but giving a comprehensive picture of life 80 years ago. The small group, mainly from Mendlesham, were much enthused by the 100+ signatures in the visitors' book and hope that future visitors will find photos and memorabilia in the attic. There was also a communication from an American airman aged over 90 who had flown over 35 missions from here. The casualty rate was so high that they were allowed home after 25 missions, as was shown in the recent tv documentary and film series by Spielberg and Tom Hanks, about 'The 100th', the base at nearby Thorpe Abbots.

The exhibition is well worth a visit; it is half way between the cafe and carriage bar - a good place to pause!

Tony Alston. April 2024

A Poem for Those Over 50

A computer was something on TV
From a science fiction show of note
A window was something you hated to clean
And ram was the cousin of a goat.

Meg was the name of my girlfriend
And gig was a job for the nights
Now they all mean different things
And that really mega bites.

An application was for employment
A program was a TV show
A curser used profanity
A keyboard was a piano.

Memory was something that you lost with age
A CD was a bank account
And if you had a 3 inch floppy
You hoped nobody found out.

Compress was something you did to the garbage
Not something you did to a file.
And if you unzipped anything in public
You'd be in jail for a while.

Log on was adding wood to the fire
Hard drive was a long trip on the road
A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
And a backup happened to your commode.

Cut you did with a pocket knife.
Paste you did with glue
A web was a spider's home
And a virus was the flu.

I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper
And the memory in my head
I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash
But when it happens, they'll wish they were dead.

Author unknown

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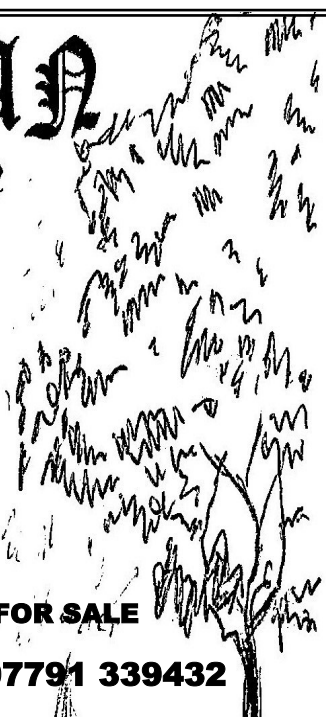
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'Ne're cast a clout 'til May be out'

Something we have often heard said— but are we sure about what it means?

Clout is an old word for cloth. So, 'ne'er cast a clout...' simply means 'never discard your [warm winter] clothing...'

The 'till May be out' part is where the doubt lies. On the face of it this means 'until the month of May is ended'. The Hawthorn tree gives its beautiful display of flowers in late April/early May. It is known as the May Tree and the blossom itself is called 'May'. So, 'till May be out' could mean, 'until the hawthorn is out [in bloom]'





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Agenda:

Apologies and consent to absence

Election of Chairman

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The answer is that there are 30 cottages, some are double dwellers, as they mostly were a century ago. If you are Cottage 31 and I missed you, let me know!

Tony Alston. April 24.



Wetheringsett Manor

Wetheringsett Manor School News

We have now returned from the Easter holidays. We hope everyone had a restful break! It is the last term before Summer and we have had some

new staff and pupils join us at Wetheringsett Manor so we'd like to wish them a warm welcome.

We would also like to wish our pupils sitting exams luck, as well as everyone else who is sitting these



Do you have anything 'to say'? Any thoughts you would like to share with the rest of us— or just something you would like to 'get off your chest'

Please send your thoughts about any of the articles in the newsletter - or any other matter, to wetheringsettnews@gmail.com

(Please refer to Disclaimer on page 2)



South Hartismere Benefice

MAY 2024

Saturday 4th May	Wetheringsett	10.30 – 12noon	CONNECT
Sunday 5th May <i>The 6th Sunday of Easter</i>	Gislingham Thorndon	10.30am 10.30am	Worship for All Holy Communion
Thursday 9th May <i>Ascension Day</i>	Thornham Parva	7.00pm	Ascension Day Service
Sunday 12th May <i>The 7th Sunday of Easter</i>	Stoke Ash	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 19th May <i>Day of Pentecost Whit Sunday</i>	Thornham Parva Gislingham Thorndon Thorndon	10.30am 10.30am 10.30am 4.00pm	Worship for All Holy Communion Worship for All CONNECT
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By the time you are reading these words (if you are kind enough to do so) we shall be approaching what the Church calls 'Ascension Day'. This year it falls on 9th May. It signals the end of the period from Easter Sunday - when we have been remembering the appearances of Jesus after his Resurrection - and marks Jesus's return to his Father in Heaven. As St Luke described it:

'As they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.'

Over the centuries, illustrators have depicted the Ascension in ways that sometimes make it difficult to keep a straight face. You may have seen stained glass windows with the feet of Jesus disappearing into a cloud at the top of the frame. The above picture of the Ascension is from an illuminated manuscript in Cambridge: a reproduction of it was once sent me by a very devout friend who wrote on the back, "Is the Lord leaping for joy, or has he just scored a goal?"

Luke's account of the Ascension reflects the ancient world's understanding of the universe: Heaven up above us, and Hell somewhere beneath our feet. Part of the problem of depicting such an Ascension is that such ideas don't readily fit with our understanding of the cosmos, or our place within it. (At the most basic level, the very direction of such an ascension would, in a spinning world, be changing every second.)

The Bible does, however, contain another account of the Ascension, that by St Matthew. According to Matthew, Jesus blesses his followers, commissions them to preach to the whole world, and ends:

'Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This may be nearer to the point. It implies that the Ascension is not so much about Jesus going away from us, but of taking us with him. It suggests that the humanity that he assumed at his birth in Bethlehem is not something to be discarded, but something he retains for ever, as he returns to the embrace of his Father.

We live in a world of appalling pain and existential threat. Just when we think things can't get any worse, the news channels prove us wrong. I don't want to imagine what may have happened - in Gaza, in Ukraine, or anywhere else - between my writing these words and you reading them. The Christian message does not deny those horrors, but affirms that the sorrow of it all is felt most keenly in the heart of God. When Jesus ascended to his Father, he took that pain with him, and he takes us also - in all our failures, and frailty, and glory. As the priest-poet Malcolm Guite put it:

*We saw him go, and yet we were not parted,
He took us with him to the heart of things,
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and heaven-centred now ...*

That is what I shall be celebrating on 9th May. We really are all in it together.

Alan



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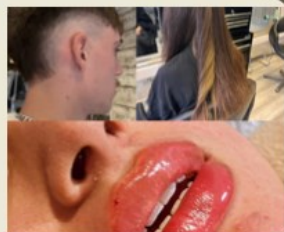
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I recently started a new job where my boss has told me I'll have to work on bank holidays. This was never the case in my old job. Can my employer really make me work on a public holiday, and should I get paid extra if I do?

Unfortunately, when it comes to bank holidays, whether staff have to work is up to their employer, and you don't have to be paid more if you do. The situation will vary from job to job and may depend on several factors such as whether your place of work is open on bank holidays, your hours of work and crucially, what your contract says.

Look at your contract, if you have one, to find out what your personal situation is. Your contract might say you will always get bank holidays off, but it might say you may sometimes be required to work them or will always be required to work. But if your contract says you get bank holidays off you shouldn't be asked to work.

Your contract might say something like: "In addition to bank and public holidays, your annual entitlement to holidays is X days". This means you get public holidays off in addition to your annual leave entitlement, but it might not mean you're entitled to take the specific days off. You may be required to work a bank holiday, in which case you should get another day off instead.

Alternatively, it might say something like: "Your annual holiday entitlement (inclusive of bank and public holidays) is X days" - this means you have to take bank holidays off as part of your annual leave entitlement. Bank holidays will either be deducted from your annual leave allowance (so you'll have to book all bank holidays as paid time off) or counted as additional holiday days.

A common misunderstanding around bank holidays is that employers have to pay you extra for working them. This is not the case. Unless your contract says you'll be paid extra you will just be paid your normal amount. If your contract says you are entitled to bank holidays but you're asked to work, you should be able to take a different day off in lieu. Your employer must follow what's set out in your contract. If they don't, you should raise this with them.

If you don't have a contract, the legal default position is that your employer can tell you when you can or can't take time off. If you'd like to request a bank holiday off, use the normal method for requesting time off.

If you find you need to resolve an issue with your employer, first ask for an informal chat, where you can raise your concerns. If this doesn't get you anywhere, you may need to raise a formal grievance. If you need advice on this, contact Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk.

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Cyril



Unless, of course, you want to include that ridiculous business of doing forty five in a thirty mph built up area. Not my fault really, but you can't argue with a radar trap can you? And, yes, all right, there was the incident in the car park with the silly woman crossing behind me with a piled up trolley. Then, if you're going to go that far, I suppose we should consider that bloke who was driving too closely behind me. See? I can explain it all. Minor! Nothing to write home about. At least, I don't think so.

As I said, I stick to the rules, mind my own business, and generally just get on with my life and expect others to do the same. That's not asking too much, is it? Well, you might think so, but for some, that's not the way it works at all.

For example, there I was, driving home from my visit to the doctor's surgery, well within the speed limit. And you need that on the pot-hole filled country lanes that serve as roads around here. I indicated, and gently tuned left into the road not far from my home. It's a little hamlet really, with no more than a dozen or so houses, each with good sized gardens, most of which have trees in them, front and back. There are no pavements, of course – if there were, they would be wider than the road!- and the trees and bushes, marking the borders of most peoples' properties, come right out to the edge of the lane. A bit dodgy for the motorist, but very pretty during spring and summer.

Anyway, I was minding my own, admiring a particularly fine specimen of hazel, when I first spotted him. A squirrel? This was too good to miss. I veered in towards the verge and screeched to a halt.

He just sat there, slowly chewing his way through breakfast, lunch, whatever. All smug and superior. King of all he surveyed. And that, apparently, included me! 'Cheeky little beggar,' I thought to myself. As if he'd heard, he slowly turned his head towards me, and I got the treatment!

He was Cyril. And he was giving me The Stare! I couldn't believe my eyes. It was the first time I'd seen him, though obviously I'd seen others before. But none of them had ever behaved like this one. Even when I stopped, no more than ten feet away from him, he didn't move. He just looked. Malevolent. Evil. It was a stare that contained a message: 'Yeah? You and who's army, mate? Come any closer and I'll chuck me 'azelnut at you! There's plenty more here too.'

Then he turned away, and slowly made his way up the tree trunk, never even giving me a backward glance. It was as if I hardly existed as far as Cyril was concerned. Bit of a shaker, I can tell you, and I drove off hardly able to believe what I'd just seen. My mood wasn't helped when, on arriving home, the other half gently enquired, "Is everything all right dear? Not bad news from the doctor was it?"

"No, it was just a blood test. Whatever makes you think that?" I replied.

"Oh nothing. It's just that you don't usually mutter and scowl that way after you've been to the doctor's," she said jauntily.

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“Well, there was. . .” I began, then thought better of it. I wasn’t up for being mocked as well! “Oh, never mind, I’ll tell you later.”

I tried to put the whole incident behind me. It was just one of those silly moments, I thought. My imagination playing tricks on me. The stress of being at the doctor’s. And so on. The excuses came and went in a long procession, but still I could not quite forget Cyril.

As it happened, it was only a few days later the denouement occurred. Now I’m not saying that rodents, or any other member of the animal kingdom (barring humans) have the capacity to plan and carry out what you might describe as ‘strategic operations’. But Cyril was different, and I’m sure he had it in for me from the first moment he saw me.

My partner and I were returning from a shopping trip. Me driving with my usual care and consideration, and she happily monopolising my left ear as we turned once more into the lane leading home.

I just had time to notice the same tree, admiring its shape and majesty, when. . . ZZZZZZAPPP! A small, grey ghost flowed swiftly across the road right in front of me! I literally stood on the brakes, bringing the car to an immediate halt, interrupting the one sided conversation happening on my left, and very nearly introducing my nose to the windscreen. Needless to add, the car stalled – something I haven’t done for many a year. On top of that, I heard the shopping spill all over the inside of the boot. What a mess!

A moment or two later, when I had recovered enough of my senses to put two thoughts together, I looked across to the other side of the lane – and there was Cyril! Sitting there, giving me the stare again. This time, the message was much shorter and much simpler: ‘Up yours mate!’. And I finally realised – war had been declared.

It was Pearl Harbour all over again!

I swear the little blighter had planned the ambush, waiting for his opportunity to perform a kamikaze dash in front of me, calculated to cause the maximum chaos and destruction. It worked too! He turned and dived into the bush behind him, wiggling his tail cheekily as he disappeared, just before the missus turned to me and began blowing my head off with accusations, ranging from driving without due care and attention, to the certainty that I was somehow trying to kill her! It was no good explaining that Cyril caused all this, because he was no longer there!

I just sat and sighed. Accepted my fate. Tried to think of ways in which I could sooth my ear, which was taking a right bashing at that moment, I can tell you. And all the while, I could hear the cheeky, squeaky laughter coming from the leaf laden boughs above me. I’ve been planning my revenge ever since. But somehow, I can’t quite bring myself to carry out any of the fiendish plans I’ve developed.

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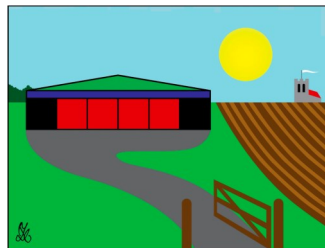
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