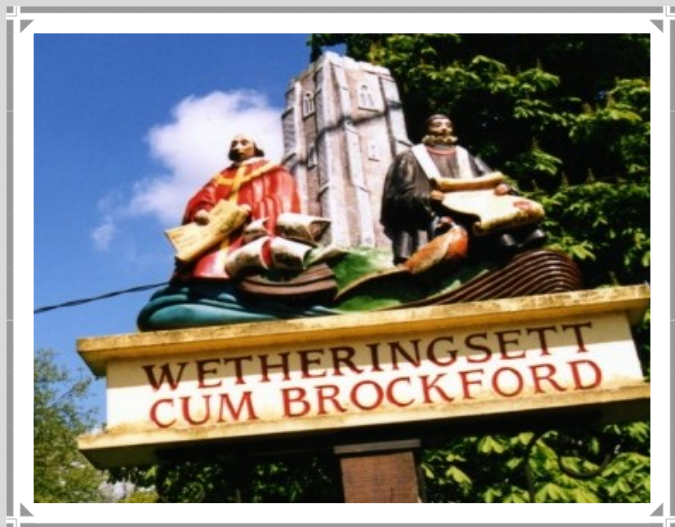




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Welcome to the September 2024 issue of your Newsletter

Expect an equal length of day and night on Sunday 22nd of this month - the Autumn Equinox. Then the nights really do start drawing in! We seem to be whizzing through



the year - September, though has much to offer; the real season of fruitfulness when we find free bounty in the hedgerow. Many of us will be picking blackberries, and the Millenium Wood in Mendlesham is where I go for crab apples (discovered when dog walking!)

September heralds a new beginning for those just starting or moving school, this can be an intimidating experience- best wishes to them. Wetheringsett School starts back on Wednesday 4th September



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There is a Macmillan coffee morning in the village hall on Saturday 29th (see p. 5). Contributions - and most importantly your attendance - are most welcome. See you there! Enjoy your month

Cally (Editor)

Dates for the Diary

September

Saturday 14th

Debenham Shed Open Day

Sunday 22nd

Autumn Equinox

Saturday 29th

Macmillan's Coffee Morning, Village Hall

October

Sunday 6th

Village Harvest Celebration

Sunday 27th

Clocks go back — Daylight Saving Time

December

Friday 6th

'Curtains Up' Christmas Show

Saturday 7th

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Sunday 15th

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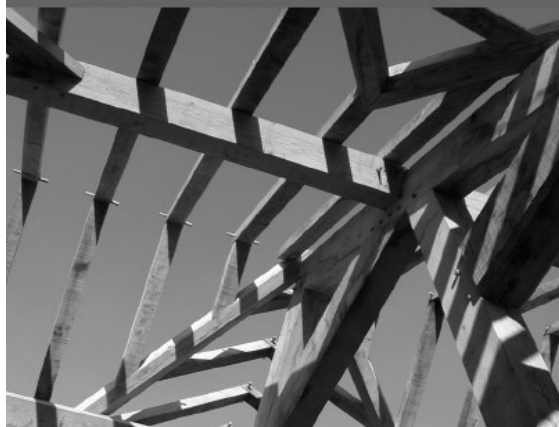
 

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Report of meeting held 5 August 2024

Wetherup Street – residents from Wetherup Street attended the meeting to report their concerns at the increase in the volume of traffic and increase in speed. One resident reported she had nearly been hit by a car while walking along the side of the road and other residents had reported similar experiences. The increase in traffic included delivery vehicles and lorries. Various traffic calming measures were discussed. It was noted that a Community Speed Watch group had been set up and would hopefully be operating soon. Pending this it was agreed local police would be asked to monitor traffic with the use of speed control cameras.

Brockford Street – County Council speed camera. Notification has been received that the ANPR camera located occasionally on Brockford Street will be removed due to safety concerns when erecting the equipment on a busy A road. This will be replaced shortly with the recently purchased speed indicator device to be located just north of Brockford Garage.

Flooding report on meeting with Suffolk CC Flood Team – following the meeting on 10 July it was reported the Flood Team Officers had been diligent in their investigations, they had walked the village to inspect the areas flooded and this will form the basis of the s.19 report on action to be taken to help alleviate any future flood concerns. It is hoped the s.19 report will be issued shortly. A £5000 grant is available to those households badly affected by the October 2023 floods to help floodproof properties against any future damage, details for applying for the grant are available on the Suffolk County Council website, see **Property Flood Resilience Repair Grant Scheme**.

The meeting also covered an action plan regarding the sewage and drainage problems in Church Street.

A140/Town Lane junction – damaged highway sign – despite numerous requests to Suffolk CC Highways to reinstate the sign on the grounds it was a danger to motorists looking to access Town Lane, Suffolk Highways have declined reinstating it at present. County Cllr Stringer will ask highways to reconsider this under their ‘delegated powers’ or he will make arrangements himself to fund reinstatement from his locality budget.

Dates of next meetings: Monday 2 September 2024, Monday 7 October 2024, Monday 4 November 2024, Monday 2 December 2024. All meetings will be held at 7pm at the Village Hall, Wetheringsett. **ALL WELCOME**

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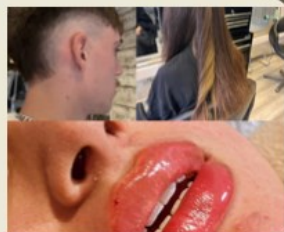
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Amidst changes to Winter Fuel Payments, Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk offers top tips on affording energy bills this winter.

In late July the Chancellor announced changes to the Winter Fuel Payment (WFP).

The WFP is an annual one-off payment to help pensioners pay for heating during the winter. Depending on age and if you live with somebody else who's eligible, it could provide up to £300 towards your bills.

However, the new announcement means only those receiving Pension Credit or other means tested benefits will now be eligible for WFP.

The changes might be confusing and worrying to some people who have already factored WFP into their household budget.

That's why Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk is on hand to offer their top tips on affording energy bills this winter.

There are also steps those still entitled to the Winter Fuel Payment can take to make sure they don't miss out on this much-needed support. We know a third of people entitled to Pension Credit aren't claiming it, and it's more important than ever to apply for this benefit if you can.

Pension Credit is a weekly benefit to boost your income and is based on how much money you have coming in. If you have reached State Pension age, you might be able to apply for it. Check the Citizens Advice website to see if you're eligible and get instructions on how to apply.

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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Our last **Afternoon Tea** at the Library will be on **Sunday 8 September** from 1.30-3.30pm. Come and enjoy cake or scones and hot drinks while you browse the books, read, chat or use the computers—or enjoy the garden outside, if the weather is fine.



Did you know?



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Curtains Up

After a short rest we are back in the rehearsal room planning our

Our first Christmas show



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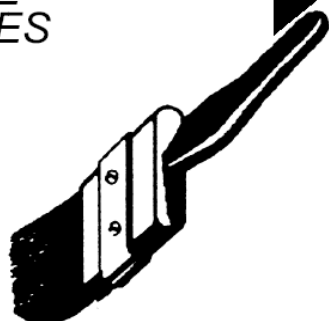
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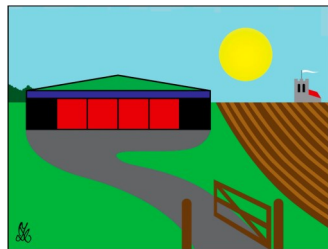
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We are grateful to the following organisations for funding our extension: Mid Suffolk District Council, Suffolk Community Foundation, Debenham Parish Council, Thrive Renewables and Adnams Community Trust.

At the same time a Craft Day will be running for **Tie Dyeing**. Please book in advance at

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15% All Round?

At the time of writing... summer and harvest have arrived! But I am not sure which will

arrive first: your newsletter or Storm Ernesto!



However, the good weather has brought the village to the swimming pool and Essex to our campsite, a large number of people to the Middy bar and cafe on a Friday eve ... and a huge increase of traffic on the A140 - probably nothing to do with the weather.

Because we are involved with the hospitality trade, we ask around. Generally bookings are not as good as hoped, and many bookings are 'last minute'.

We feel the nation is being cautious, after big price rises since covid, and incomes not following suit, yet.

15% to the railmen may lead to a spiral, so caution is well advised to continue.

So what have we got to look forward to? Hopefully a drier winter than the last one; potholes being filled? Sadly no peace in the east and the government not immediately solving all its problems.

Aah well !!

A.J.A.

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South Hartismere Benefice

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday 1st September <i>The 14th Sunday after Trinity</i>	Gislingham Thorndon	10.30am 10.30am	Worship for All Holy Communion
Sunday 8th September <i>The 15th Sunday after Trinity</i>	Mellis Stoke Ash	10.30am 10.30am	Worship for All Holy Communion
Sunday 15th September <i>The 16th Sunday after Trinity</i>	Thorndon Thornham Parva Gislingham Thorndon	10.00am 10.30am 10.30am 4.00pm	Together at 10 Harvest Worship for All Holy Communion CONNECT
Sunday 22nd September <i>The 17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	Thornham Magna Wetheringsett Yaxley	10.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Harvest Holy Communion Worship for All Harvest Festival
Sunday 29th September <i>The 18th Sunday after Trinity</i>	Gislingham	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion

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South Hartismere Benefice

September 2024 Newsletter



'Connected to the Universe' - Chiharu Shiota, thread on canvas 2024

I am writing this in late July, when the summer holidays seem to stretch forward for weeks and weeks to come. By the time these words are being eagerly read (!) we shall be into September, and the autumn will have started to beckon. What might we be feeling at that stage, I wonder? Rested and invigorated, cheered by happenings in the wider world - or anxious, worried for ourselves in the coming months, concerned for a world still

divided and fractious and cruel? Will there be a prospect for peace in Gaza and Ukraine? Will there be hope for frightened children in conflicts across the world? Optimism can be a tough call, as the prophet Jeremiah found:

'The harvest is passed. The summer is ended. And we are not saved.'

These gloomy thoughts set me seeking out sources of hope - shafts of light in a dark world. I should like to share three that I have noted down in the last few months. The first was a short couplet, written in the form of a prayer. I don't know who wrote it, but it speaks of a yearning for care and compassion for the most vulnerable:

*'Lord, give to men who are old and tougher
The things that little children suffer.'*

The other two are, as it happens, both by Israelis conscious of their common humanity with Palestinians. One is by Sharone Lifschitz, whom you may have heard in interviews over the months since the Hamas attacks. Her parents were both taken hostage; her mother has been released, but (at the time of writing) the fate of her father is unknown. She wrote:

'I demand of myself to feel the pain of others.'

This is not to deny our own pain, or the rightness of feeling it; it is a disciplined resolve not just to recognise that others feel pain, but actually to suffer with them. Imagine a world in which everyone committed to that.

The other is by an Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai (1924-2000), who had fought in the Israeli war of independence, but who became an advocate for peace and reconciliation. He wrote this short poem on the asphyxiating effect of believing that you alone possess the truth:

From the place where we are right
Flowers will never grow
In the spring

But doubts and loves
Dig up the world
Like a mole, a plough

The place where we are right
Is hard and trampled
Like a yard.

And a whisper will be heard in the place
Where the ruined
House still stands.

Christianity teaches that we should live in the knowledge that God is present in every person that we meet; that our willingness - or our refusal - to cherish and nourish others, is service or rejection of Christ. What a world it would be if we all, believers and non-believers alike, treated and respected everybody else like that. As Jeremiah might then have written:

'The harvest is passed. The summer is ended. But we can still be saved.'

Alan Harding

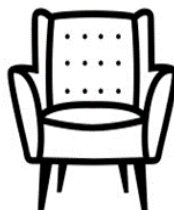
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