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A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration for a summer fete. At the top, a string of colorful pennant flags (yellow, red, blue) hangs against a blue sky with white birds. Below the flags is a large white sun-like shape containing the event title. The background features green trees and a grassy field. In the foreground, a young girl with long black hair, wearing a yellow sun hat and a blue and white striped dress, stands on the left. A small brown dog is on the right. A banner at the bottom of the illustration contains the website address.

Wetheringsett Village
SUMMER FETE

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JUNE 2026

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Welcome to the June 2026 issue of your Newsletter



Once again Wetheringsett's answer to Drury Lane—'Curtains Up' provided superb entertainment. See our review of their 'MeddlersTop' performance in next month's issue.

Not to be missed this month

*****The Wetheringsett Village Summer Fête*****

Have you got your entry in for the great 'Wetheringsett Bake Off' at the Fête? There are 5 categories to chose from, so there's sure to be one to suit all bakers and ages. Details and entry form on pages 9—10; or from The Cedars Pantry. Among all the stalls, games and entertainment there's a fun dog show — see page 19.

An exciting new proposal for the village 'Wetheringsett Windfall' Mendlesham have been running a 'Tote' for many years now. Is this something you would welcome for our village? Check page 5 for details and send your thoughts to stephen@wetheringsettvilleagehall.org.uk



Looking forward to the merriment on 27th -

Let's make this a fantastic community event ! Cally (Editor)

Have you noticed our new 'Free Ad' section? (See page 14)
If you have anything you wish to advertise send to -
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Dates for the Diary

June

Saturday 13th	King's Official Birthday & Trooping the Colour
Monday 15th	Village Hall Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Sunday 21st	Summer solstice
Sunday 21st	Fathers' Day
Saturday 27th	Wetheringsett Village Summer Fête

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

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A "Windfall" for Wetheringsett Village Hall?

For many years, our Village Hall has been the heart of the community - hosting everything from Christenings to great Drama Productions. To ensure this historic building remains in top shape for future generations, the Committee is considering an exciting new fundraising initiative: **The Wetheringsett Windfall**.

What is it? It's a monthly "50/50" village lottery. For just £5 a month, participants enter a draw where half of the proceeds go directly toward Village Hall maintenance and improvements, and the other half is returned to the village as cash prizes!

Why now? We want to create a sustainable "Rainy Day" fund. If 100 residents join, we could generate **£3,000 a year** for the Hall, while giving away **£250 in prizes every single month**.

How would it work? To keep things simple and ensure every penny stays in the village, payments would be made via a simple monthly Standing Order. No complicated apps, no admin fees—just a community-led draw.

We want to hear from you! Before we officially register the scheme, we need to know if there is enough interest to make it a success. We are aiming for a **Grand Launch at the Summer Fete on June 27th**, but we'd love to hear your thoughts now.

Would you be happy to support the Hall for £5 a month?

What improvements would you like to see the "Windfall" fund first?

Please let us know your thoughts by emailing

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Two Tony Alstons?

Recently, the Travellers Protection dept at County Hall, received a report saying there were unauthorised Travellers at the Baytree Campsite and would not leave when asked.

The complainant was given as me, with a slightly wrong phone number and email address, and incorrect address . All untrue.

This was followed by a call from the local council saying that I had complained to them about the noise from the campsite. My name and details must have been correct that time.

It is most disappointing that after all I do for the church and the community, offering the parish free use of my pool, etc. that the person pretending to be me does not have the consideration to discuss the matter with me.

Our anonymous complainer may not realise that the campsite is booked through an agency and we cannot choose who arrives, nor can we ban anybody without reasonable cause, without being accused of being racist or sexist. Without living on site, I am not able to tell noisy children to be quieter - but those who find the noise unacceptable can do so.

I will be pleased to meet my namesake signatory.
(Like him/her: Anon)



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In June the very first Railbus ever to operate at the Middy will arrive on loan from the East Anglia Railway Museum at Chappel and Wakes Colne station Essex.

This railbus demonstrates what might have been, as it operated on the branch line of the region in the 1960s."

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Sunday 14th of June from 10.30am-12.00.**

Together we will record all the plants and wildlife we find in the churchyard.

You can record your findings on paper or if you have a smartphone you can download the iNaturalist app.

We have information on identifying plants for adults and children.

Tea, coffee juice and cakes are all available while you count!

There is no need to book, just come along.

For further information contact Emma emmamorrishillfarm@yahoo.co.uk



The Great Wetheringsett Bake-off 2026

The Great Wetheringsett Bake-off will take place on **Saturday 27 June 2026** from **2pm** at the Wetheringsett Village Summer Fete on the meadow adjacent to Wetheringsett Village Hall.

Entries must be delivered to the Village Hall by 2:30pm that day and will be judged that afternoon. Our 'Bake-off' sponsors Cedars Pantry and Wetheringsett Manor School are offering some great prizes for the winners of six different categories – with rosettes for runners up and high commended entries.

Entrants should be agreeable to their entry being sampled as part of the judging process and shared as part of the fete buffet. Winners will be announced during the afternoon at the fete and prizes and rosettes awarded. Photographs of winners and entries may feature on social media or in print e.g. in the village newsletter.

COMPETITION CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

SHOWSTOPPER – entries should be on the theme of 'Wetheringsett Village'.

They should be visually striking and immediately eye-catching. They may demonstrate complex techniques or multiple elements that work together as a cohesive whole. They should show creativity and originality in concept and execution. They may use decorative techniques such as piping, sugar work, chocolate work, or detailed fondant modelling.

SWEET BAKER - entries may include cakes, cupcakes, traybakes, cookies, biscuits, bars, pastries with sweet fillings, tarts, pies, and sweet breads, confectionery-inspired bakes (e.g., fudge, marshmallow, caramel elements) or desserts with baked components (e.g., meringue, choux, sponge).

SAVOURY BAKER - entries may include savoury pies and tarts, quiches and flans, savoury pastries (e.g., sausage rolls, pasties, empanadas), bread with savoury additions (e.g., cheese, herbs, olives), scones, muffins, or biscuits with savoury flavours, savoury traybakes or baked appetisers.

SPECIAL DIET BAKER – this category celebrates bakers who create delicious, well-crafted bakes tailored to specific dietary needs without compromising flavour, texture, or presentation. Entries may be designed for (but are not limited to) gluten-free, dairy-free, egg-free, vegan, low-sugar or sugar-free, diabetic-friendly, allergy-friendly bakes or other medically or ethically motivated dietary adaptations.

JUNIOR BAKER AND MINI BAKER – those entering these categories must be between 11-17 years old (Junior Baker) or under 11 years old (Mini Baker). The entry can be any baked item either sweet or savoury. Entries must be made with minimal assistance and the ages of entrant will be taken into account by judges.

Criteria for all 'Bake-off' Competition Entries:

Entries must be accompanied by a completed competition entry form – this includes a list of ingredients

Entries must be entirely homemade including any decorations. Any structural supports must be declared.

Entries should be presented ready for judging — no assembly on site.

Judging Criteria

As part of the judging process all entries will be sampled. Judges will be looking for entries in every category that they consider to be flavourful, well balanced, and baked to a high standard.

Judges will also consider texture and bake quality, presentation, creativity, consistency and cohesion

To help us keep track of entries, you are encouraged to let us know that you intend to enter in advance by emailing us at

villagefete@wetheringsettvillehall.org.uk



Great Wetheringsett Bake-off Entry Form



Name:

Age (if under 18):

Contact Number:

Name of Bake:

Category Entered:

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Our **Monthly Book Group** got off to a very good start last month.

The book for this month is ***Brooklyn*** by Colm Tóibín (Wednesday 1st June, 10.30am at Debenham Library). To register your interest in joining, please contact Maureen on 07507 802360 or ask at the library.

The mobile petting zoo **Our Animal World** returns to Debenham on **Wednesday 19th August** in the afternoon. This free event, funded by the Friends of Debenham Library, has proved very popular with families and children in the past, so put the date in your diaries/gadgets/calendars now! Booking arrangements will follow. We aim to have more free activities this summer.

If you can help with the Reading Quest or would like to join the Friends in supporting your local library, speaking to the library staff.

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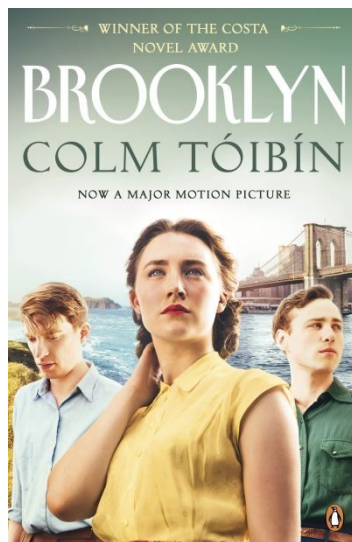
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This term's value: Service

We are sad to report that school property was stolen and the school site vandalised last month. We have reported the matter to the police and are pleased to report that our Friends group of parents are helping us to raise money through a crowdfunding scheme to purchase a new securer shed. We are working with our estates team and wider school community to make the area more secure and looking into CTV and new stronger padlocks for all the areas accessed.

History Visit

Chestnut Class had an absolutely fantastic trip to the aviation museum



where they learnt all about WW2. Some wonderful volunteers and staff shared real stories from WW2 as well as their in-depth knowledge about topics ranging from planes, to shelters, to weapons and survival. The children all had many WOW moments and enjoyed activities such as a flight simulation, saving a baby during a gas explosion, sounding the gas alarm and surviving an air raid inside of an Anderson shelter. We all learnt many new bits of information that we can apply to our WW2 topic within the classroom



School Farm Fair

Sycamore Class really enjoyed a day out at the Farm Fair on the 16th of April. They found out where our food comes from, the process of getting food from farm to table. They met lots of animals, tasted a variety of things and had a go at new skills. They all said they felt inspired and had a newfound respect for all those involved in food production and taking care of the land.



Poetry in Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have been exploring poetry from the book 'The Language of Cat' by Rachel Rooney. To begin our topic, we went on to the playground to take inspiration from our outside environment, creating poetic phrases and gathering descriptive words. The children found

a quiet spot to reflect on what they could see and hear and jotted their ideas down. Afterwards, the children spoke about how calm it made them feel and that they enjoyed the freedom to write for pleasure.

Some of the poetic phrases the children were inspired to write:

'Bluebells are the kings and queens of the garden'

'Under the scorching sun, the trees are saying the winter is done'

*'You look up at the garden with plants small and others reaching high,
Some very pretty bluebells that are as diamond blue as the sky'*

'Bluey-purple, white hyacinths bloom'

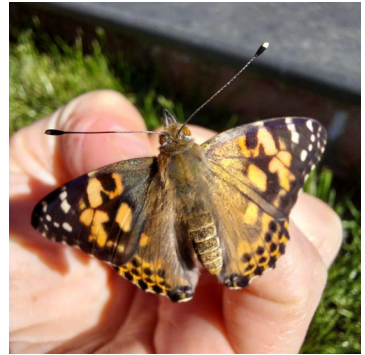
'Blossoming trees filled with colour'

'The little ant travelling on his way'

The Life Cycle of a Butterfly in Lime Class



Lime class has been learning about life cycles in Science and English. The children were captivated by our tiny caterpillar friends. We watched them closely, changing very quickly throughout the days and weeks. When all our butterflies were ready we released them outside to continue the life cycle. Watching the metamorphosis process brought their learning to life quite literally!



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SUMMER FETE

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websites, convincing branding and attractive prices, only to receive products that are poor quality and completely different from what was advertised.

In cases like yours, companies often present themselves as UK-based businesses by using British-sounding brand names, UK web addresses or even fake postal information. Some go further by using AI-generated product photos or fabricated stories about the company's background to appear more trustworthy. However, the products are frequently shipped directly from overseas manufacturers and can bear little resemblance to the images shown online.

A major warning sign is exactly what you experienced: being told that returns must be sent to China or another overseas location at your own expense. International return shipping can be extremely costly, sometimes costing almost as much as the item itself. Many customers decide it simply is not worth paying the fee, which is exactly what these companies rely on. By making refunds difficult and expensive, they can keep customers' money while avoiding accountability.

Another issue is that when sellers operate from outside the UK, enforcing UK consumer protection laws becomes far more complicated. Although companies may market directly to British consumers, recovering money or taking legal action can be difficult if the business is based overseas.

To avoid falling victim to similar scams in future, it is important to do some research before buying from unfamiliar retailers. Check independent review websites and search engines rather than relying solely on testimonials displayed on the company's own website. Be cautious of heavily discounted prices, "closing down sales" or deals that seem far cheaper than those offered by established retailers. If something looks too good to be true, it often is.

You should also be wary of social media adverts, as many scam retailers rely heavily on targeted advertising to attract customers quickly. Take a close look at product images as well. AI-generated images can sometimes appear overly polished or contain unusual distortions, inconsistent textures or unrealistic details. Delivery information can also reveal a lot. A company claiming to be UK-based should not usually have unusually long delivery times that suggest products are being shipped internationally.

If you paid by debit or with a credit card, you may still be able to recover your money. Debit card users can ask their bank to initiate a chargeback claim. 20

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Credit card customers may also be able to use chargeback for purchases under £100. If the item cost between £100 and £30,000 and was purchased using a credit card, you can request a Section 75 claim, which offers stronger legal protection.

Finally, reporting these businesses is important. Complaints to organisations such as the Competition and Markets Authority, Citizens Advice Consumer Service and the Advertising Standards Authority can help authorities investigate misleading traders and potentially prevent others from being caught out in the same way.

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.

The Ghostly and Macabre Walk

Bury St Edmunds 7.03.26



<https://www.burystedmundstourguides.org/>

Was Maria Marten buried in the Red Barn.....or did she elope with William Corder?

What tricks did self styled witchfinder, General Matthew Hopkins use to identify his victims?

These were just some of the questions posed on our evening tour, beginning outside Moyes Hall and ending at the Charnel House within the Great Churchyard.

Our guide, Lynn, alias the Grey Lady, led us through the streets and didn't spare the details of the ghostly and ghastly events that took place there.

This tour, organised by West Suffolk Council, runs between October and April and is suitable for anyone over 14. It was informative, atmospheric and enjoyable, if a little scary at times! Other tours of Bury St Edmunds run throughout the year.

Do you have a local site or event that you have enjoyed visiting? If so, we would love to hear about it, hopefully for inclusion in a future newsletter.

Cally, Bernie and Sue.

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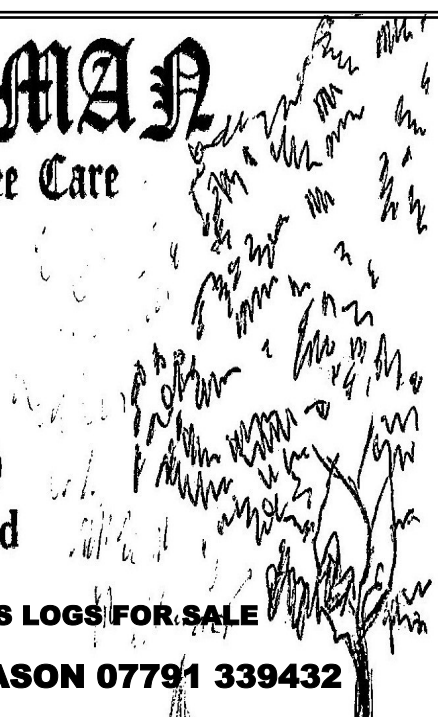
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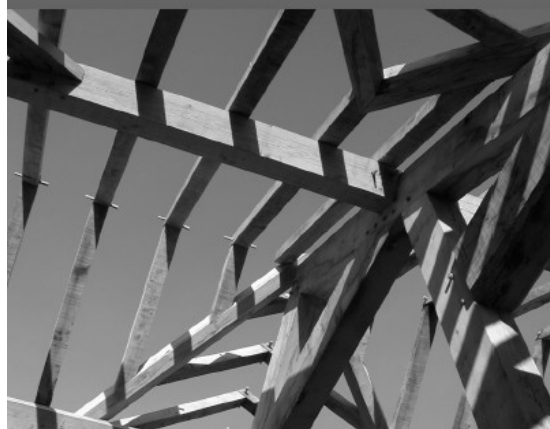
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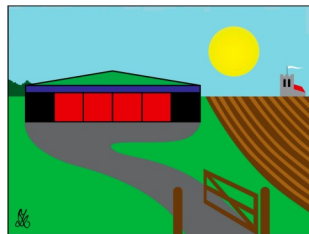
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Our AGM is on Friday 5th June at 4pm. Visitors are welcome but only members can vote. Membership costs £1 per week, or we have a Pay As You Go option (£10 p.a. plus £1.50 per session).

We have vacancies for a Chairman and Trustee member, also an additional member of our Steering Group (i.e. committee). Now eight years old, we continue to serve about 40 members aged between 18 and 92 from Debenham and nearby villages and towns.

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Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council

Report of meeting held 11 May 2026

Cllr Darrell Howard was re-elected Chair and Cllr Stephen Alderton was elected Vice Chair – both for the forthcoming year. Thanks were recorded to them both for taking on the role. The following parish council representatives were agreed:

Footpaths and Trees:	Cllr Mrs Rachel Leech
Village Hall:	Cllr Stephen Dodgson
Play Area:	Cllrs Stephen Alderton and Barry Lacey
Emergency Planning:	Cllrs Mrs Kaleen van Zyl and Tony Alston
Neighbourhood Plan:	Cllr Nigel Lingard
Solar Speed Equipment:	Cllr Mrs June Weir
Grass cutting:	Cllr Stephen Alderton
Website:	Cllr Stephen Dodgson
Finance and Planning:	All Councillors

Wetherup Street Flood Remedial work – this has now been completed by the contractors. Thanks were recorded to Cllrs Stuart Wyse and Barry Lacey for overseeing the work.

Solar Speed Sign – Wetherup Street – the siting of the sign has still to be agreed. This should be finalised at the next meeting.

Parish Council Vacancy – the vacancy has been advertised and following the close of the statutory time for requesting an election the Parish Council has been informed by MSDC it can now fill the vacancy via co-option. Please let us know if you think you may be interested in joining the council.

Cil Funding – following receipt of £9,000 of Cil funding from development in the village some 5 years ago, Councillors are now considering infrastructure items that could be funded from this money.

Cemetery Grass cutting – the grass cutting season has begun and a first cut of the cemetery taken place leaving certain areas for wild flowers to continue flowering until June. Depending on the weather over the coming summer months there will be a further five cemetery grass cutting sessions.

Wetheringsett Annual Parish Meeting – the meeting held on 11 May 2026 received a number of reports from community groups and was attended by some representatives including Mr Ian Meigh from the Middy, Mr Colin Green from the Village Hall and a number of parishioners. The reports giving an update on community activities and events were well received and the Chair thanked all those that participated.

Date of next meeting: Monday 1 June 2026, 7pm at Wetheringsett Village Hall. Meetings are Open to the Public.

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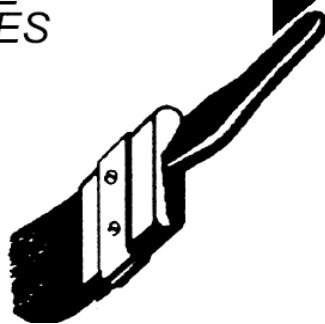
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Sunday 14th June
The 2nd Sunday after Trinity

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10.30am Worship for All
10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st June
The 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Thorndon
Thornham Parva
Gislingham **Village Hall**

10.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
4.00pm God and Play

Sunday 28th June
The 4th Sunday after Trinity

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10.30am Welcome to Worship for All
10.30am Holy Communion

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Quote of the month ~

*Spring being a tough act to follow, God created
June.*

Al Bernstein



God and Play



After asking his followers if they understood his teaching and them saying yes, Jesus went on to say how teachers are like those who lead a household, with treasures both old and new.

I thought of our Benefice with the different traditions of worship and the way we live out our faith. Within the Church of England but also the other local denominations, Stoke Ash and Rishangles Baptist, Mickfield evangelical to

name but a few, we have our outward differences in the songs sung and prayers said, with ideas about faith both old and new but we have one Lord Jesus.

You may have seen in the notices or messenger 'God and Play', you may have thought – what is this all about! So, I thought I'd share a little of what we do at God and Play. We are creating a space for a different expression of worship, something new. We welcome each other and then gather in a small semicircle to hear a bible story. One afternoon we looked at Moses leading the people out of the land of Egypt.

The place of the story is in the wilderness and so a small part of the desert is brought into the circle. The swirling of the sand reminds us of the barrenness and danger of a desert and how easily a person can get lost. It makes the importance of God's presence to guide and protect the people and Moses very real. We see the waters of the sea part and the people freed from slavery and the joy seen as they dance.

It is time to wonder at the story, which parts did we like best, which bits could be left out, which part do we feel we would play in the story. God's stories are to be explored and also to enter into and after our wondering we can choose what to do next.

There are creative prayer spaces, a craft table and a place to read books to help us find out more and to enjoy. There are the desert and items from the storytelling so anyone can explore and re-tell the story.

Duplo is there to create a bible scene or to play with, as well as play items for young ones to choose from. It is OK to go from one activity to another, or to sit and draw at the table and chat.

As we work and play, we fellowship, sharing with one another, refreshments are served and enjoyed.

Time goes quickly and soon we have gathered again, to share what we have been doing. It is then time to sing and to pray before we end with a blessing.

We are all ages, a granny and granddaughter, families with young children, others come by themselves, and some to serve as well as join in.

The hope is to be a safe and relaxed place to be and explore the stories of God, to fellowship, to worship and find out more about Jesus.

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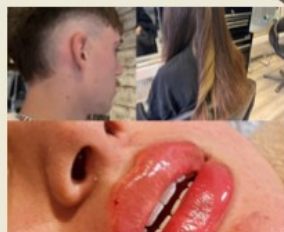
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This was a community event full of joy and excitement. We can't wait for 2027!!



Michael's moved inside (see inside cover) — for one month only!