



WEETING VILLAGE LIFE

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New School Road Sign

When our School Lollipop Patrol man, Mr Byrne, retired after many years of safely seeing local children and their families across the very busy road that divides Weeting, Norfolk County Council (NCC) decided not to replace him. Knowing the danger that this would create, the Parish Council (PC) and the school lobbied our County Councillor and NCC in an attempt to reverse the decision. However, we were told that we did not meet the County's criteria for a replacement as there were not enough children using the patrol. How or when they came to that conclusion is unknown.



Since then, the PC have tried to keep up the pressure and NCC have at last made a positive move by installing a flashing light system that should be activated electronically during the relevant times of the day when parents and children need to cross the road. However, it will only slow traffic down (we hope) as they approach the area of road near the school and will not stop vehicles, so extreme care must still be taken when wanting to cross over. Any children who walk to school by themselves need to be drilled to use the Green Cross Code in order to optimise their safety. Despite the speed limit changes put in place earlier this year, our speed recorder camera has still registered a significant number of motorists significantly exceeding the speed limit.

Nature Notes

Has anyone noticed the abundance of acorns this year?

This year is what is called a "mast year" for acorns when oak trees produce a significantly larger than usual crop. This typically occurs every few years and is thought to be a strategy by the trees to overwhelm acorn predators in order to ensure that sufficient acorns survive to germinate.



This is a natural phenomenon and occurs in many tree species. It is not a random event, but a large seed production requires a lot of energy and very often the oak will produce fewer acorns in subsequent years as it recovers.

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Let Me Introduce Myself

My name is Rev. Juanita Hawthorne, and I am the **Associate Priest** for the Grimshoe Benefice, which comprises St. Mary's, Feltwell; St. Andrew's, Northwold; St. James, Hockwold; and St. Mary's, Weeting. As a fully ordained priest (vicar), I assisted Mother Joan Horan when she was here.



Now that she has retired, I am in overall charge, assisted by ordained and lay ministers from our sister benefice in Wissey Valley, until a new Rector is appointed. My working days are Tuesday, Wednesday (afternoon), Friday, and Sunday, although this can be flexible in terms of weddings and funerals.

I would like to thank all those who have kindly supported us in fund raising events, such as the Book Sale, completed the survey about how the church is/should be used, and who have attended our recent meetings about the urgently needed building repairs. (With apologies for the poor sound quality, exacerbated by a microphone that wasn't working properly.)

At the meeting on July 25th, after the welcome and introductions, a brief history of St. Mary's was presented, concluding with the urgent repair work needed to the building (see Village Life edition 49, March 2025 for more details). This was followed by a talk about how the church is currently being used, and our vision for the future.

Samuel Pedlar and Holly Robinson, from Ely Diocese then spoke further, outlining the processes for getting grant funding, and how vital it is that people from all over the village help with the skills they have, and that you do not have to be a churchgoer to do so. *More details of Samuel's talk can be found on page 11.*

The meeting concluded with an open questions time which raised many interesting issues such as the possibility of links with the castle; whether we have water or are linked to mains sewerage drains; do we have Wi-Fi facilities; chancel repair liability; having concerts and events in church; having the church open more often; offers of fund-raising activities; and the problem of tackling apathy.

The next step is a **meeting on September 17th at 7.00pm**, at the church, during which we hope to form a **Project Steering Group** to put our plans into action, achieving our vision of a church which is the centre of village life, with improved heating, lighting and audio-visual resources; one which is accessible to all; one with an indoor toilet and a kitchen/servery; one with the majestic history of this ancient building highlighted; a place for our children to be baptised, our young people to marry, and our loved ones to be laid to rest; a place for the school and the community to use; and, of course, a place to be still and to encounter God.

Looking forward to meeting, working, and worshipping with you all,
Rev. Juanita



School Report



As we come to the end of another school year all of the staff would like to say a huge thank you to the children, families and community for supporting us as we continue to build on the great provision we have here at Weeting Primary School.



The end of the school year is always a time of change. We would like to wish all our Year 6 children the very best of luck as they move on to their secondary schools. They have been incredibly responsible members of our school community, and I am sure that they will continue to shine and show their new teachers how amazing they are. We would also like to welcome Miss Laurie Beaumont who will be our Elm Class teacher and Miss Jenny Reeves who will be joining Chestnut Class as a SEN Teaching Assistant.

The end of the Summer Term is always a lovely time of the year, with lots of traditional events and memory making moments. Here are some of our favourite ones.

iRock Assembly

The whole school was treated to an iRock Assembly where our budding musicians and singers demonstrated some very professional performances that they had been practising over the last few months.



Sports Day

The event started with a lovely family picnic lunch, with some delicious looking treats being unpacked. The children quickly got into their house teams for an action-packed afternoon of track and field events. It was fantastic to see the results of all of the term's PE lessons as the children participated in javelin and hammer competitions and bean bag throwing (which involved strategic thinking about do you go for a 'quick win' 1 point or challenging throws which would earn 3 points). The children showed great focus and determination in the track events with some hard-fought battles in the running, egg and spoon, sack and obstacle course races.



This year the Weeting Sports Day trophy was won by the children from Applegate House with a terrific 734 points. Many of them told me that they had been putting in extra practice at breaks and lunch time to stop Cavell winning for the third year in the row! A huge thank you has to go to Mr Jarvis for all his hard work in PE lessons and in the planning and organising of the day. We had a lot of fun!



Leavers' Play

A huge 'well done' to our fabulous Year 6s who performed their end-of-year production 'Prexit' to the whole school and to their parents. Their acting and singing talents were on full display, and thanks to Miss Shaw's brilliant direction, they pulled off a wonderful show that had us all clapping, laughing and – at times – feeling a little bit emotional. It was a perfect way to celebrate the end of their primary school journey, and a moment they will all remember for a long time to come.



Enrichment Day

All of the children had worked so hard this year that we wanted to give them a surprise on the last day of term. Each member of staff led a workshop, based on a special talent that they had and the children signed up for two workshops, working in mixed year group classes.



Mrs Hoggins led an explosive science workshop, Miss Marshall led a puppet making session and Miss Woodison led a creative storytelling and clay character making session. Miss Shaw led a singing session, whilst we welcomed back Miss Hills and Miss Totty for drama and pot making sessions.



Miss Back and Miss Reeves got creative with the children, designing and painting rocks and pots.

Miss Kent and Miss Crawford focused on mindfulness with meditation sessions and colouring sessions. There was a real air of calmness and relaxation in the both the library and group room!



School Report

In Acorn Class the children got to experience a dance session, a yoga session, storytelling and cake decorating.



Leavers' Worship

Leavers' Worship was an emotional time! The beautifully crafted messages about each of our Year 6 leavers, written by their classmates, truly showed what a great group of young people they have become and how much we are all going to miss them.



Congratulations to our end of year award winners. Our Weeting School Values' Award was presented to Summer, who has shown creativity, friendship and perseverance throughout her time at Weeting. Our Leah Blake Creativity Award was presented to Alice who has shown amazing artistic skills in class and at the DEMAT Together Art Exhibitions.



Well, the Garden Party again went well as WI members and their friends joined us in the back garden of Chez Nous. The weather was glorious and my next-door neighbours kindly loaned and more importantly erected two large gazebos that were a god send in the sun.

Being virtual, there are little opportunities for meeting together in person – Zoom and all that. Although some of our members are house-bound or do not live in Norfolk, we had opened it to the traditional Wis and had over twenty-five people here.

Our last meeting held on the 28 July was well "attended" and its reports etc., show the breadth of our "offer" with a Book Club, Social History and Craft and Chat meetings as well as our monthly meetings. Our speaker was very interesting talking about the new Medical Detection Dogs who are trained to recognize diabetic sufferers potentially going into hypoglycaemic shock and other life limiting disease.

Again if you want to attend a taster session for free, please contact our President, Hazel on virtuallynorfolkwi@gmail.com
Ann Morgan

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Weeting Bowls Club

As the outdoor bowls season draws to a close, our bowls club has much to celebrate. The greatly improved condition of the green has brought about a comparable improvement in standard of play amongst the bowlers.



Internal competitions have been very closely contested and we are all looking forward to our presentation evening in October when the trophies will be awarded.

The major bowling achievement this year has been our success in the Ashill league which we won comfortably (Played 10, Won 9, Drawn 1, Lost 1). This result will lead to promotion into Division 2 next year and we look forward to the challenge this will present.

On **Sunday September 14th** we will be hosting a **Fun Day** for all the bowlers, their families and anyone else who might be considering joining the club or bowling next year.

Over the summer months the club has been a wonderful place to meet, sit outside over a drink and watch the action on the bowling green. A huge range of activities have taken place in the club ranging from BBQ's, bingo, live music, pool competitions, darts matches, monthly meat raffles and watching live football matches on TV. The club has also been delighted to welcome back Jerry and Eve, with an improved sound system, for their monthly Karaoke evenings.

Upcoming Events

September	6th	Live music – The Riffugees
	13th	Karaoke
	14th	Fun Day
	21st	Bino and Meat Raffle
	27th	Live music – Marc Jacobs
October	4th	Karaoke
	11th	Live music – David Vincent
	19th	Bingo and Meat Raffle
	29th	Live music – Blue Thunder

The bowls club has continued to be a welcoming place to host your private parties, such as birthdays, weddings, wakes etc.

For enquiries, please contact Elaine Lowe – 07496 263744 or Kerri Hickman – 07483 863230.

Mrs Jo Nordan (Bowls Captain)

Editor's Note:



Mark Your Calendar

The next edition of Weeting Village Life will be published in December 2025.

If anyone would like to submit an advertisement, article, photo, etc for consideration to be included, the deadline for receipt by the Editor will be **Friday 14th November 2025**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Art For Pleasure

In June we attended Feltwell Carnival and sold some of our paintings. It was a lovely day and many people commented on the quality and variety of our artwork. Most members mainly work in acrylics and water-colour, but pencil sketches can produce some lovely results. Some members try new ideas and mix mediums.



We all work individually, assisting each other if we have a problem, or asking how a member has created a certain effect or colour and then try it ourselves. However, we do have a few workshops by professional artists each year, when we always learn something that we can use in our work.

While the weather is being so pleasant, we are planning to sharpen our pencils, pick up our sketch pads, (probably) need to pack a few rubbers and meet up to sketch outdoors. Hopefully to then produce a painting. It is more challenging, but also more rewarding, to work from a real subject rather than pictures or photos.

If you have always wanted to try your hand at drawing/painting, or want to return to a hobby you once enjoyed, we would love to see you any Thursday morning at Weeting Village Hall 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. The cost is £4 a session, which includes tea, coffee and biscuits.

New members are always welcome. The main essence of the group is in the title – the pleasure of painting and socialising with like-minded art lovers.

Further details can be obtained from:-
Beryl Pountney, – Tel: 01842 828750

“Breckland Lace Makers”

Breckland Lace Makers” are enjoying making lace in the beautiful village of Weeting.

We celebrated International Lace Day on the 21st June by making lace in a public space where members of the public enjoyed looking at (and some) had a go at lace making.

At the moment I have two projects on the go - Celtic letters and a beach hut scene - both in the Milanese style. Our picture shows the sand element of the beach scene, which is created by a movement braid in Milanese.



We currently meet fortnightly on a Tuesday afternoon, but are open to looking at different times that would help others make lace with friends. So please do get in touch, suggest a day/time that would suit you and let's see what we can arrange. Beginners welcome - kits can be provided.

Happy lace making.

Emily - 07825 778356"



WEETING VILLAGE HALL FORTH COMING EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT
SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER
£8 A HEAD

BRING & BUY WHITE ELEPHANT
SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER
£12 A TABLE

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY
SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
£4 UNDER 9'S / £5 OVER 9'S
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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
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To book the Village Hall for meetings, parties or other social functions, contact Angie Page on 01842 814147

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WASP's



Hi everybody, very soon the beautiful autumn colours will be on all the trees in and around Weeting. How quickly the spring and summer has passed us by. We, the WASP's, have had a very busy Spring and Summer.



First the 'V.E Day' concert in May, followed by our very funny spring show, 'The Kings Garden Party', in June. This was followed with some of the WASP's getting very wet in the middle of July all dressed up in

Jane Austen costumes, trying to read some passages from some of her famous books, as the rain continued to beat down. This was our part for the 'Brandon in Bloom' judging, so, although we got wet, we did have fun doing it. As they got through to the finals we were asked to do our bit again, which was a very nice day, and all went very well, and we ended up having coffee and ice cream in the cafe halfway up the high-street.

Our next venture was on Sunday 10th of August, when we performed all our war time songs at the 'Brandon Festival', again all dressed up, this time in our 'World War Two' outfits.

So, what is next on our busy calendar? Well, we'll start our winter rehearsals on the 8th of September, as we are hosting two events, the first being on Saturday 4th December. We are having a 'Christmas Concert' but with a little extra as Father Christmas will also be attending in his grotto where he will meet and greet any little child under the age of 100. (Well, we all like Father Christmas too.)

The rehearsals will continue throughout January towards Friday 30th, Saturday 31st and Sunday 1st of February when we shall put on our pantomime. It is called 'Hansel and Gretel Return' and is set after 25 years when the two children, now all grown-up, return to the Gingerbread House.

If any of you would like to join us, then don't be shy just give us a ring using the number at end, and we will make you very welcome.

The WASP's are also involved with other events in the village hall, and on Saturday 27th September we will be running our second 'Quiz Night'. This will include a meal, as usual with helpings of soup, as well as a baked potato and all the fillings etc. There will also be a raffle, so please come and join us. Again, just ring the number provided at the end.

November 15th is the date this year for the 'Christmas Bazaar' with lots of beautiful gifts for you to get for friends and relations, so come along and give support to your Village Hall.

Without your support the hall will not be a viable place in this village. A great shame really as this hall has a lot to offer, with lots of clubs offering many different activities. Just to give an example, on Saturday 2nd of August we put on a 'Summer Craft Show' and 'Fun Day' with lots of fun games outside, including the likes of a bouncy castle, skittles, and hook a duck, as well as pin the tail on the donkey and many more old-fashioned fun games. Unfortunately, out of more than 1500 homes in this village, less than 100 people turned up. I guess this is not what you want, so why not let us know what you would like to see in the hall. If it is possible, we would be only too happy to help 'you' put it on.

My thanks to all that helped in the running of the events, we have put on so far this year, we cannot do without you.

Carole - 01842 550919

BRECKLAND CATS PROTECTION

Cats need fresh, clean and cool drinking water to keep them hydrated and healthy. Water is necessary for good circulation, digestion and bowel movements. Although cats don't drink large amounts, hydration is vital for their survival. It's important to remember that milk, cream or any other liquid is no substitute for water in a cat's diet. In fact, many cats are lactose intolerant, which means they have difficulty digesting dairy products. Drinking milk could make them unwell.



Cats drink water in a fascinating way. They extend the tip of their tongue to the water's surface, curling it backwards so only the top touches the liquid. Then, they retract their tongue at speeds of nearly 80cm per second, bringing water with it. The water molecules stick to the tongue and each other forming a column that reaches their mouth. Cats catch the top of this column without getting their chin wet. They can only lap up a small amount of water each time, but as they can lap at an impressive rate of four laps per second, it is an efficient and neat way to quench their thirst.

The amount of water cats need to drink varies depending on their age and weight. Kittens up to 3 months old (weighing 1.4kg), need 70ml a day. Six-month-old kittens (weighing 2.7kg) need 135ml a day. Medium cat weighing 4kg need 200ml a day and large cats weighing 6kg 300ml a day.

Signs of dehydration include – lethargy, panting, refusal to eat, sunken eyes and dry or sticky gums. Excessive drinking (also known as polydipsia) can indicate health problems like diabetes, kidney disease or hyperthyroidism, leading to increased peeing. If your cat drinks more than usual, consult your vet to rule out serious conditions.

Tips to encourage your cat to drink more are refilling their water bowl daily, place bowls throughout the house, try a different water bowl, try a water fountain, keep water and litter trays separate, separate the food bowl too. Switch to wet food and add some flavour such as tuna juice from tuna packed in water, (not oil), or add chicken broth which will make the water more enticing for your cat. Just make sure the flavouring doesn't include too much salt as this is unhealthy for your cat.

For help or advice or if you need assistance with the cost of neutering, please call us on 01842 810018

Rita Thompson.

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Air Rifle Range

Those that have joined us for a bit of plinking good fun have enjoyed a variety of targets at the monthly events we have held. It's fair to say the numbers have been a little less during the summer months than we had hoped for and we have one day left now on Sunday morning 31st August 10am to 1pm. We've tried Saturdays but appreciate many are still working and have been unable to join us or the children have commitments with other sports. As such we thought that by moving the last day to a Sunday we'd get an idea for how best to move forwards for next year.

As always, everyone who has joined us has been pleased with the mix of easy and more stretching targets on offer. The new targets have been well received but the old-fashioned breaking of clays, chalk discs and tin cans at various distances remain very popular. All good fun with a nice bunch of people.



As usual we attended the Weeting Steam Rally with our range set up for a little local competition with something for both young

shots and adults. We were a little worried about the weather forecast for the Saturday and Sunday although the hardy folk that attend this show every year continued to support us with a fabulous turn out and some stiff competition for the prizes on offer. Our winners on both Saturday and Sunday scored an impressive 26 out of 30.



We have two ranges, one out to 25m and the other out to 45m. There's a mix of paper, knockdown, clay, chalk disc, tin cans and some interesting snap cap targets fed into the old primer positions of 12g shot gun cartridges. Not easy to hit when it gets a little windy!



We have publicised dates on our website and Facebook pages and will update these once we know the dates for 2026. We do hope you'll join us for what is a great bit of fun and an excellent entry into the sport.

Annual Memberships for the Air Rifle club are just £10 per person with fees on the day (cash) at £10 per session for adults and £5 per session for under 14's.



Clay Pigeon Shooting

This remains as the cornerstone of our friendly club and the season has seen some great shooting from the various competitions held.

The club continues to grow and we have a regular group of guns turning up each Sunday afternoon for some testing sport. The weather has been the best I can remember and whilst a little hot at times we've had some great sport this year.



Our end of July sporting compact was won by Mark Cobbald with 24/25 with Darren Smith taking AA, Alex Boggis A and John Forbes B classes respectively.



Sundays (10 August) Best All Round 50 bird competition shooting 10 of each skeet, teal, DTL, ABT and Sporting was great fun with our class winners putting in some impressive scores. Ian Childerhouse (40) just pipped Robert Steele (38) for the Top Gun slot with Alex Boggis A class and Malory Smith B class winners.



Our next shoots will be on the 7th September and 21st September. All our meetings start at 2pm.

As we have said on many occasions, we are a really friendly little club with the emphasis on enjoyment for all. We have skeet, DTL, ABT, Teal and sporting set ups along with our newest trap here we can set up 25/50 or 75 bird flushes at the single push of a button.

This year's shooting calendar is on our website and social media and we look forward to seeing both old and new faces at the club again this year.



It's been a busy few months for us here at Shoestring! As our members unwind over the summer holidays, the committee are still hard at work wrapping up our most recent

show and preparing for our return to rehearsals in September.

While the stage takes a well-earned rest, we thought it would be nice to have a look at what we've been up to, and what we have in store over the coming months.

Way back in June we performed our summer show, an original musical called "Opening Night!", written by our very own chairperson Leah! Over two nights our cast and crew worked extremely hard to put on a fantastic show of singing and dancing, as well as a special effect or two. The show was a smashing success, with positive feedback from our audience.

At the time of writing, we are about to undergo our junior's summer workshop, a two-day crash course of all things am-dram held at St. Peter's Centre for 7-11-year-olds. This is the first time we've run a workshop like this, and we're hopeful to offer more in the future.

In September we'll also be debuting something we've never attempted before; Brandon's Bonkers Bingo! Our first ever 18+ event with crazy prizes and even crazier bingo dames, it's sure to be a night full of laughs, outrageous costumes sponsored by Tesco and the Royal British Legion.

It wouldn't be an an-dram club without mentioning panto (oh no, it wouldn't) of course! We recently held auditions for our upcoming February pantomime; Puss In Boots. After a long deliberation, we selected our cast and offered roles. Over the summer the committee will prepare various behind the scenes jobs then, from September, rehearsals will begin! We still have some backstage roles available.

If you or anyone you know may be interested you can message us on Facebook, or email us at: shoestringsecretary@hotmail.com.



So, overall, we've been very busy here at Shoestring and show no signs of slowing down any time soon!

Shoestring Theatre Company committee.

Weeting Parish Council Archives

August 1970 - November 1971

There is no doubt that Rosemarie's typed minutes are an improvement on the written ones in the past. We are now in August 1970 with the new Chair, Mr N Parrott. There was a bill of £1,195 from Moorfits for approval (*that is £23,623 now*) and an application approved to arrange a precept to cover the expense. There was a number of expenses that the Council agreed to postpone considering and they also felt it was unnecessary to join the Association of Parish Councils.

There was considerable discussion regarding the Playing Field with agreement that an application should be made for grant funding for the chain-link fence and clearance of the site. However, it would appear that Morfitts when they levelled the stumps, had failed to do so in the entrance. Mr Parrott offered his tractor and trailer and this was hoped to be completed for £20. Under AOB the problem of litter was again brought up as was the continued repair and respraying of cars in the road at All Saints.

In November 1970, the meeting had six members of the Council attending with one apology. At this meeting, the councillors agreed that they would join the Association of Parish Councils but at their own expense and not the public. Good News, it was reported that the matter of car repairs on the public highway had been dealt with. *The imagination boggles!* However, it was agreed that Mr Parrott would enquire whether advice from the Planning Authorities could be given for any future developments in the village. As a result of a letter from the Atmere Trust, it was agreed that Mr Parrott would represent the Parish Council at their meetings – (*I believe Richard together with two other colleagues, is still involved with this Charity to this day – some 55 odd years later.*) The Norfolk Education Committee offered £358.00 towards the cost of the playing fields.

Regarding the playing field, it was noted that not much progress had been made with the fencing but that the grass was growing a lot thicker and thought needed to be given to cutting the field next year. A proposal to explore the possibility of eight Alms Houses built in the village was adopted unanimously. There was still concern over the behaviour of some American residents, calling for another meeting with the Relations Officer at the base. Further concern was expressed over the danger of lorries on the bends in the village and it was agreed to take this to the County Council.

Christmas being a thing of the past, the Council next meets in February 1971 and Mr Parrott reported on the Atmere Meeting that he said was held to discuss the sale of land owned by the Trust at Old Buckenham. Continuing on the question of Alms Houses, there was considerable discussion as it would appear that these would not be available and it was decided to find out how many people would be prepared to move into them. It was reported that successful remedial action had been taken over the behaviour of the American residents. (*the mind boggles*). Road sweeping would be done in the village every two weeks (*I wish*) but there were problems with lorries negotiating the bends at Gays Corner (? *Anyone know where this is*). Fencing had now been erected on the north side of the playing field and sufficient birch trees had been donated to be planted close to the fencing. It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to the donor on behalf of the Parish Council and Norfolk County Council would be cutting the grass.

Consternation was expressed regarding the butchers and Mr Parrott agreed to try and sort the problem. It was anticipated that to meet expenditure a rate of 6d would be required for the next year. It was reported that rubbish was being tipped in the pit by Peppers Hill and that a letter be sent to the Forestry Commission requesting them to fill the pit in. (*All meetings appear to open at 8.00 pm but there is no note to show how long they lasted, only that there was no other business and the meeting closed*)

Come March 1971 the Annual Parish Meeting was well attended – regarding the Butcher's shop, a petition from the village had been taken to the County Council – Mrs Drewry noted on behalf of the Parish Council, the building was a monstrosity and had been a concern of the Parish Council for a long time. However, the Parish Council options were limited and the whole matter was the result of bad planning decisions made by the authorities.

As a result of an enquiry as to whether there could be two Parish Meetings per year, it was decided to form a Rate Payers Association in the village to support the villagers and also contribute to the Parish Council as well. The eternal question of grass cutting was raised, it was confirmed that Swaffham RDC did this twice a year and it was suggested that the public could help to keep the village tidy. A complaint was also made about the condition of the South Park Wall and it was established this was the responsibility of the owners, Mr Childerhouse (*there is no initial!*) but the Parish Council would try and progress the situation.

There was considerable concern raised about dog fouling in the village, especially in the children's playground and the Parish Council agreed to remedy this. The Annual Meeting was then followed by the Parish Council Meeting with all councillors attending.

Much of what had been discussed at the Parish Meeting was revisited in the Parish Council meeting but it was noted that the construction of the sewage plant had begun. The Church had requested financial help towards the upkeep of the churchyard and it was agreed to give £50 at the end of the financial year, dependent on the amount available. The official date for the opening of the Village Hall and work to complete the clearance of the site was agreed. It was also confirmed that six cars had been removed from All Saints and the Police had been advised.

The 1971 Annual General meeting was held on the 1st June and there was unanimous approval of Mr N Parrott as Chairman, with Mr Holledge as Vice-Chair. It was reported that the Parochial CC had purchased a new grass cutter and again the question of the provision of Alms Houses was raised. Mr Burlingham raised the matter of the wall along South Park and the potential dangers of children going to school. It was agreed that the Chair would speak to Messrs Childerhouse after taking advice on the matter. Grant Aid of £122 had been received towards the cost of the fencing. Improvements to the street lighting was agreed including the light at the Pump House in Rectory Lane (?). An additional special meeting was held on the 22nd July to consider the request by the football club for a pitch on the playing field. It was unanimously agreed that the club be asked to accept the pitch as already marked out by the County Council, that £40 be offered for the goal posts and nylon nets be purchased with the possibility of grant aid being sought. Charges were agreed both for use of the field and also the changing room with the provision of a "roadworks" type toilet (*a direct quote from the minutes*)

Well into summer, the Parish CC met on the 2nd August where it was reported that there was little interest in the tenancy of potential Alms Houses in the village, but that Messrs Childerhouse had repaired their part of the wall along South Park and Swaffham RDC were taking measures to make the remaining part of the wall safe.

The dumping of rubbish was again raised with the proposal that the Police be involved and it was noted that the Butcher's Shop was up for sale. There was also a note that councillors were proposing an annual precept of £1000 (*£18060 now*). Repairs to equipment in the playground was approved, alterations to lighting approved as was the installation of the light in Pilgrims Way.

It was noted that cars were driving across the playing field and it was agreed that posts should be put in place to prevent this happening. At this point it was unanimously agreed that a caretaker should be employed to look after the playing field at the (*princely sum of £1 per week*) and Mr I Grass, (*what a very aptly named gentleman*), be invited to fill the post.

The final meeting of the year was held on the 1st November 1971 with councillors standing in remembrance of Mr I Grass. Only four councillors attended this meeting. It was agreed that more posts were needed to stop cars driving across the playing field and these would have notices on them. Rubbish including old cars, was still being dumped in the Cromwell Road Tip if this continued after warning notices had been set up, the offenders would be prosecuted.

It was decided to postpone any replacement for Mr Grass as caretaker at that time and a payment of £5 be sent to Mrs Grass in respect of Mr Grass's salary. Quotations would be sought for trees to be planted on the site of the playing field near the bungalows and also for more ornamental trees and a seat to be placed in the Old Churchyard. At a subsequent special meeting, Mr Holledge and Mr L Burlingham were appointed School Managers.

Ann E Morgan.

WEETING SPEED RECORDER UPDATE

Time Period FROM	Time Period TO	Position (Direction facing)	Total Count of vehicles	Speed Limit mph	Vehicles within the speed limit	Speeding Violations
2025						
3 rd May	31 st May	South Park (S)	119175	30	103781	15394
31 st May	28 th June	Peppers Close (E)	5855	30	4913	942
28 th June	26 th July	Park View (E)	44470	30	39722	4748

Quarterly Summary

Total Vehicle Count for the recorded period	169500
Vehicle Count within the speed limit	148416
Speeding Violations within the village	21084
Violators as a percentage of the total vehicle count	12.4 %
1 vehicle was recorded at South Park (N) at the following speed	60 mph
1 vehicle was recorded at Peppers Close (E) at the following speed	95 mph
1 vehicle was recorded at Park View (E) at the following speed	50 mph



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LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

CLUB	CONTACT	LOCATION	DAY AND TIME
Adult's & Children's Street Dancing	Micha 07841 474400	Village Hall	Wednesday 3:45 - 8:45
Art For Pleasure	Beryl Pountney 01842 828750	Village Hall	Thursday 10:30am – 12:30pm 3rd Thursday 10:30 - 3:30pm
Bingo	Angie Page 01842 814147	Village Hall	Tuesday Open at 6:30pm Eyes down at 7pm - 9pm
Brandon & District Classic Vehicle Club	John Maxim 07876 656070	The Ram, Brandon	2nd Monday 7.30pm
Brandon & District Camera Club	Denise Whiting 01842 862079	Baptist Church Brandon	2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:30pm
Brandon & District Society of Model Engineering	Dave Moore 01842 811996	Brandon Council Offices	1st Wednesday 7:30pm
Brandon Day Centre	Michelle Jarrett 01842 819777	Warren Close, Brandon, IP27 0EE	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 10am - 3.30pm
Brandon Speaker's Club	Gary Sander 01842 814679	The Ram, Brandon	2nd & 4th Wednesday 7:00-9:30pm
Breckland Lace Makers	Emily 07825 778356	Angerstein Close	Every other Tuesday 1.30 - 3.30pm
Carpet Bowls	Heather Woodhams 01842 815406	Village Hall	Friday 10 – 12 midday
Crafty Natter	Diane 07498283150	Village Hall	Monthly on Tuesday 2pm - 4pm (dates listed at the Village Hall)
Friends of Brandon Station	John Maxim 07876 656070		
Green Bowls	Jo Nordan 01842 815638 Elaine Lowe 07496263744	Bowls Club	Tuesday 7pm-10pm, Friday 5pm–10pm Saturday 8pm-Late, Sunday 12pm-12am
Gun Club	Ian Childerhouse 07747794867	Weeting Gun Club	Alternate Sunday January to October
HATS	Gary Sander 07754 727130	Hockwold Village Hall	Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 - 9:30pm (during rehearsal periods)
History Group	Julianne Young 01842 813581	Various - call to check location	Last Thursday 7:30pm
Hockwold Cricket Club	John Ruddick 07902 231235		
Outdoor Archery	Mike 07894 904090	Euston Park	Friday 6:00 – 10pm Sunday 12 midday – 4:00pm
Keep Fit	Dorothy Kent 01842 810378	Village Hall	Monday 10:00– 11am (except Bank Holidays)
Light Lunch Club	Carole Wilkins 07870 564182	Village Hall	Alternate Tuesdays 11am - 2pm
Line Dance	Rita Thompson 01842 815550	Village Hall	Friday 2:00 - 4:pm
Methwold Badminton Club	Jeff Millard 01842 827428	St George's Hall, Methwold	Every Thursday between September & April 7.00pm
Methwold Theatre Club	01366 727526	The 21 Room St George's Complex Methwold	Tuesday 7:30pm
Model Car	Colin. 07876 330687	Village Hall	Alt. Wednesday 7pm - 9pm
Pool	Carol Newman 01842 815089	Bowls Club	Tuesday 7:00pm
St Mary's Church	Tommy Saward (Churchwarden) 01842 813601	St Mary's Church	See list of Service times
Shoestring Theatre Company	Jill Hopper, 07985 376465	IES Breckland School Crown Street, Brandon	Tuesday 7:00 - 10:00pm
Thetford Singers	Sue Nairn 01842 810212	Methodist Rooms Tanner Street Thetford	Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm
W.A.S.P.s	Carole Wilkins 01842 550919	Village Hall	Monday and Friday 6:00 - 8pm (during rehearsal periods)
Weeting Saxon FC	James Langley. 01842 811627		
Weeting Steam Rally	Kate Plant Rally Co-ordinator 07907 720312		Monday 7pm to 9pm Friday 9:30am - 2:30pm
Weeting Weenies	Marie Stebbins mariestebbins@hotmail.com	Village Hall	Wednesday 10:00 – 12 midday (school term time only)
West Norfolk Aviation Society	07706 030307	Mundford Bowls Club	1st Tuesday

Extract from Samuel Pedlar's presentation on July 25th

My name is Samuel Pedlar, and I work with the Diocese of Ely Church Buildings Department. My role is to support churches as they care for their historic buildings and work with their communities.

St. Mary's has stood in Weeting for over 700 years. It's where we've come together for weddings, funerals, harvest festivals, carol services and quiet reflection. It is one of just 133 round tower churches in Norfolk, a rare architectural gem with medieval roots, later Victorian restorations and deep ties to the life of Weeting. But now the church needs your help if it is to continue serving the village for the next 700 years.

The Project Group

To achieve this vision, we're creating a Project Group - a team of local volunteers who will work alongside the PCC. (Parochial Church Council) You do not need to be a regular churchgoer. You just need to care about the future of this historic space.

A Project Group is a community group consisting of local people who volunteer their time and talents to develop and deliver a project to repair and improve the church building....

Project Groups are often **sub-committees** of the Church PCC, and unlike PCCs, they are not involved with the governance, ministry, or mission of the church...

All are invited, welcomed, and encouraged to get involved. Project groups are all about harnessing the power of the local community to preserve and maintain their village church. So, whatever your skillset or prior relationship to the church, we want you to get involved.

How can the Project Group support the church?

The Project Group would be a partnership between the church and its village, ...giving everyone involved a stake in the life of their parish church and its building.

- **Planning** The group would work with the PCC, local community, church architect, and the Diocese to form an appropriate plan for the repair and reordering of the church.
- **Communicating** Work with the PCC to communicate with the village about the project. Making sure local views are taken into account, and that all involved understand the goals and aims of the project is crucial - your links with other village organisations will help here.
- **Fundraising** through applying for grants and local fundraising, [including sponsorship]. The very existence of a project group means that external funders would be more willing to give grants to St. Mary's, because it would show that the church is being looked after, cared for, and cared about by its community.

Your skills will make the difference

St. Mary's needs people from different background with passion, skills, and experience to reinvigorate the building and bring fresh perspectives and new use to our old church. We need people like you to:

- help with **practical tasks** (volunteering time and labour)
- help secure **grant funding** (accessing types of funding not available to church; engaging with the community)
- help with **local fundraising** (reaching more local people)
- bring new **energy and thinking**
- start and run **events** in the church
- provide a **link** between village and church building
- celebrate the **history** of the church building and showcase it

This approach has helped many churches just like St. Mary's, elsewhere across the Church of England.

Why it matters

It's not just about stone and plaster!

It's also about:

- Mental wellbeing
- Protecting the church for future generations
- Increasing the church role in the community
- Improving the experience for visitors
- Tourism and education
- Local identity
- Community Life

Let's work together to make St. Mary's a space for everyone, now and for generations to come. I look forward to working with you all.

St Mary's Church



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Churchwarden:

Tommy Saward Tel: 01842 813601 tommysaward@hotmail.com

Regular services are as follows:

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Autumn Gardening



I'm writing this article in heat wave no4. This summer has really taken a toll on our gardens! Heatwaves used to be a rarity but temperatures over 30 degrees seem to be increasingly common. England just had its warmest June since records began in 1884, according to the Met Office. Extended periods of very hot dry weather pose two big problems for gardeners: the impact of heat on temperate plants and the lack of rain.

A lack of water can severely limit a plant's growth. But even after it starts to rain regularly again, plants can still suffer from problems related to prolonged drought. In general, if perennials manage to survive, they tend to fare better than woody plants. Short-term damage includes wilting, leaf scorch, and some defoliation. Long-term damage from drought includes stunted growth, branch die-back, and possible death of the plant.

One common long-term effect of drought is stem dieback, which is a result of the loss of fine feeder roots. As soils become dry the fine roots in the upper soil surface may be stimulated to increase in number to get what little water is available. However, if the soil remains dry they will begin to die, thus putting the root system out of balance with the amount of foliage. When rain does return, the plant may not be able to take full advantage of this much-needed water because of its reduced root mass. The result is a resizing of the canopy through branch die-back.

During a drought our lawns are never going to look at their best and will soon turn dormant and start to go brown. To determine if a lawn is dormant or dead, inspect it down at the soil level. Lawns that have gone dormant will have brown leaves, but the crown at the base of the leaves will still be green, and the roots will have a healthy off-white colour. If a lawn is completely dead, the entire plant—leaves, crowns, and roots—will be brown and brittle. If the lawn is in fact dead, your only options are to either reseed or lay turf. You can help your dormant lawn by implementing a recovery plan of scarifying, aeration and over-seeding. Early Autumn is a great time to get on with this even whilst it is dry because recovery will be rapid once rain arrives.

Mediterranean-style gardens are becoming more popular in the UK as many areas become more susceptible to drought. Planting with species that have naturally evolved to live in hot, dry conditions means your garden will be more resilient in dry periods and more sustainable in its use of water – an extremely precious resource during our increasingly hot summers. However, issues can arise in winter as the combination of prolonged wet and cold can kill them. Protecting their crowns from the worst of the winter wet really makes a difference. As can ensuring adequate drainage to pots, make sure you lift them off the ground. I don't feel that changing your garden to entirely mediterranean planting is currently the right answer, neither is sub-tropical gardens as these plants generally will not survive any cold weather.

Knowing your plants exact requirements and caring for them properly are the best ways to lessen a drought's long-term impact. Incorporating organic matter into your soil, weeding regularly, watering infrequently (a couple of times a week is ideal) but deeply with soaker hoses or drip irrigation, and applying mulch over the soil around your plants are the best ways to help them weather a drought. Trimming back shrubs, or overly lush perennials can also help, as mentioned previously regarding root systems. Strategic feeding and nutrient management is essential. A single application of balanced slow-release NPK feed in early summer supports flowering and fruiting through heatwaves without burning roots. Topped up with a fortnightly application of a liquid seaweed fertiliser that contains micronutrients and trace elements will help plants cope with stress. Avoid High Nitrogen Feeds: In extreme heat, nitrogen encourages soft, succulent growth that wilts easily.

Top tips for Autumn:

- Clip conifer hedges. If you leave this too late any new growth will be damaged by frost.
- Sow seeds of mizuna, mustard, rocket and winter hardy lettuce.
- Plant evergreen shrubs whilst the soil is still warm.
- Plant winter flowering pansies & violas in tubs & baskets.
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Weeting Village Hall

Well here we are, writing this in August ready for the September issue of the Weeting Village News. And what a great little magazine this is !!! All the groups and clubs can send in reports about their activities. Most of us look at it like a lifeline to let you all know what we are all doing, especially in the Village Hall, when some of the groups and clubs have stopped for the summer.

We are still investigating getting new heaters for the hall, but it's very difficult to decide whether to go for all electric right around all four walls. I am glad to report that the water leak we had in the ladies' toilets has now been mended and the cistern in the gents had to be replaced since it had a lovely crack in it!

So far this season we have had an Easter Fayre and a summer Fun Day with a Craft Fayre. The summer Fun Day saw at least 6 or 7 different games outside, from 'hoopla' to 'pin the tail on the donkey', as well as a bouncy castle and an ice cream van. Inside we had around 20 twenty tables displaying all sorts of crafts and things for everyone to enjoy. The WASPS's have put on two shows, show casing their very talented performers with more to come in the near future, including a quiz in September, a Bring & Buy in October, a children's Halloween Party in November, another craft fayre, also in November and a Christmas concert in December.

Karen Scott



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THE HOOVER DAM

This is a follow up of our Grand Canyon trip. Whilst we were on holiday in the USA we visited the Hoover Dam. This is situated at the east end of Lake Mead; a huge stretch of water about 180 miles long by 10 miles wide and it supplies most of the water to Las Vegas as well as the surrounding areas. You can also go on guided tours over, under, and inside it. That is where the fun starts...



You are required to wear high viz jackets and hard hats, although, can you believe that they couldn't find a hat made to fit my big head? They tried the largest one by modifying the straps, but to no avail. Their only course of action was to stick some tape over the hat and around my head! The guide fell about laughing whilst calling me "Big Head". Really? Me?

Our group was then invited to walk across the top of the dam, which we did. I could feel my heart beating as I looked over the edge, for it is 800ft from the surface to the water on the 'exit' or the 'low side'. Four huge outlet pipes shoot the exit water from the electric generator turbines across the Colorado River, making a loud roar whilst also causing a great cloud of water vapours.

We were then taken down to one of the overflow pipes. As we walked along, I observed that it was 6ft deep and lit by lamps all the way to the outlet that overlooks the exit side. I placed my hand on the edge of the pipe and was very surprised to feel it was moving. I said to our guide "The dam is moving?!"

"Yes." she replied, "It moves all the time."

These words did not inspire my confidence, so I kept my hands on the tunnel sides all the way through; apparently tunnels can also be used to relieve flood water pressure. As we went further down to the lower levels we came to the turbine halls, where the electricity is generated. They are huge buildings 1000 yards long by 250 wide and the noise carried by these halls is quite something else. During maintenance the turbines can be serviced by turning one off and the replacement parts can be brought to the exact spot via a train.

A new road bridge has recently been constructed over the canyon. It is a lot higher up, so you have to look up at it from the top of the dam. It is very impressive. However, they now have a problem with a lack of water and the two inlet towers are uncovered to a serious extent. Water is being pumped in from the surrounding areas, but as its location is in the Mohave Desert, water is hard to find.

If you have ever complained about summer heat in this country, try the Mohave Desert. As it was 45 degrees that day, we had decided to put the top down on our car. It was only supposed to be for a few seconds as the sun had burnt my bald head. However, at that moment a big truck pulled up alongside our car. The driver shouted at us,

"Are you British?!"

I responded "Yes. Does it show?"

"Shore does." He replied. "Put your top back up or you'll be in trouble with sun stroke. Have you got plenty of water?"

Luckily, we had, as the heat really was unbearable. We drove back to Las Vegas where it was much cooler, then we went to a show, as well as sorting out something to eat.

We really must thank the efforts of our son Nicholas, who arranged it all, he himself doing all the driving. We had a fantastic time.

John Holledge

Weeting Steam Rally 2025

A few pictures from this year's rally.



Little and Large



Sometimes a bit of pipe cleaning is required



Put that light out Mrs!



The beautiful Silver Ghost



Is this Bonzer Tom or Saucy Sue?



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Would you like to join Methwold Theatre Club?

Have you ever thought about having a go at acting? Would you like to be part of our enthusiastic and friendly group? If so, come and join us. We meet most Tuesday evenings in Methwold.

We are currently planning our activities and performances for the year. These include a Murder Mystery evening in March, and a play in November. You don't have to have to be Judi Dench or Colin Firth, but just want to have some fun! We can find parts for all ages [18+] and abilities. If you don't want to tread the boards, there are always backstage jobs to be done.

To find out more about us, find us on Facebook and send us a message or email methwoldtheatre@gmail.com

Calling All Clubs!

If your club would like to submit a report, advertise an event and / or include photographs in the next edition, please contact the editor (details on front page).

Similarly, if you wish to add your club to the list in the centre page, or change contact details, days, times, etc. please let the editor know.

Editor's note:

A list of the clubs and organisations in the village can be found in the centre pages of Weeting Village Life along with details of who to contact if you would like to make enquiries. Most of the clubs have room for more of you to come along, so have a look and see if anything takes your fancy!

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The equipment we use has been here for several years, it is all functional, it would be nice to add something different to our routine, if you have any unwanted gym equipment and would you like to donate, please get in touch.

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History Within The Brecks

Lynford Water

The area we now know as Lynford Water looked very different 60,000 years ago when it was an open landscape inhabited by Neanderthal humans and very different wildlife. During excavation in 2002 a variety of animal bones and flint tools, including hand axes, were unearthed and it is now believed that the area was used as a butchering site. Remains of at least nine woolly mammoths, a woolly rhino, a bear and reindeer were found here and it is therefore one of the most important Neanderthal sites ever found in Britain.



When gravel extraction ceased completely, the site was restored with the creation of a variety of habitats, including dry acid grassland, floodplain grazing marsh, reed swamp mosaic and reed beds that attract a wide variety of bird life. However, it is said that there is a mechanical digging machine somewhere still under the water!

Open to the public, it is a popular area for dog walkers, bird watchers, open water swimmers, paddle boarders and

anyone wanting some pleasant exercise. A small beach with plenty of sand and shallow water is popular with families during the warm weather without the long drive to the coast.

Weeting Orchards

During the late Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, she wanted the country to plant trees and our Parish Council decided, (with Norfolk County Council's agreement), to use the piece of grass land in front of the Bowls Club as an orchard by planting a variety of fruit trees.

It usually takes a year or two for a fruit tree to establish itself sufficiently to produce fruit, but this year the little trees are doing well. Most of the apples are quite small as yet, so please leave them alone for a bit longer!

The trees along the Village Hall drive are growing well, but were planted later and therefore not likely to bear fruit this year.



Highway Maintenance in Weeting

After reporting the speed limit changes within the village in the June edition of Weeting Village Life, the Parish Council have been making notes about a few other highway issues.

First, we reported the lack of de-restriction signage when leaving the 30mph limit on the way to Brandon and the missing signs have now been installed.

Second, it was noticed that one of the streetlights on the Weeting Bends was damaged and hanging precariously over the footpath. Not sure how this happened but it was reported and the lamp removed the same evening. A new head was installed within a few days.



Third, following no less than three accidents when vehicles crashed through the fence of the bungalow on the corner of Saxon Place and Methwold Road, two of these accidents on the same day, we asked the Breckland Highways Officer to meet us in the village in order to point out some of the signage defects. We had noticed that the painted "Give Way" lines across both ends of Saxon Place, Hereward Way and Cromwell Road were almost invisible, as well as the white triangles, due to wear and tear and partial obliteration when the main road was re-surfaced some years ago. However, we discovered that whereas Hereward Way and Cromwell Road come under the jurisdiction of Norfolk County Council Highways, Saxon Place is the responsibility of Breckland. This meant having to approach two authorities.



Thankfully, our District Councillor, Robert Kybird, backed up our request and the white lines magically appeared within a few days. We would have liked some "Give Way" signposts too but guess that would have been asking too much!

When photographing the new white lines, it became very obvious that these junctions are covered with a lot of tyre marks where vehicles approach the garage and a clear turning area can be seen at the far end of Hereward Way made by HGV's. These photos will enable us to report our findings to the relevant authorities.



Fourth, we are still waiting to find out why the road through Weeting was downgraded from a B category (B1106) to a C category (C837) some years ago, especially since the volume of traffic has significantly increased. Highways have only recently stuck masking tape over the road numbers on the signpost at the Brandon Road and Peppers High Hill junction. No one seems to be able to give us an answer as yet!

Fifth, we are still waiting for a replacement bracket for our Sam 2 after it was removed during the work on moving the speed limit earlier this year. We will keep asking!

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Although this may seem rather an inconvenience, it really is very straight forward and will prevent having to queue at busy times. There are 16 bookable slots for every 15 minute period during their working hours and staff will be available to assist you if you need help. You can also book up to a week in advance. You can either book on-line if you have a computer or call a designated number to make your booking as follows:

Booking on-line:

- Type in Norfolk County Council
- Choose Rubbish, recycling & planning
- Choose Rubbish & recycling – this will take you to a list of where all the recycling centres are and, also, how you can dispose of various types of waste, including hazardous, DIY and large items such as freestanding, fixed and fitted furniture.
- Click on the recycling centre of your choice and whether you are bringing household or business / trade waste.
- Click on the day of your choice within the next seven days on the calendar on screen. This will then show you how many free time slots there are available every 15 minutes throughout that chosen day.
- Choose the time slot you want, add your car registration number and select "BOOK"
- An email will be sent back to you confirming your booking.

Booking by telephone:

Call 0344 800 8020

Weeting Parish Council urges everyone to comply with this new regime and please remember that fly-tipping is an offence and fines can be very hefty if you are caught in the act, or the rubbish can be traced back to you.

A word of caution – if someone knocks on your door and offers to take away your DIY rubbish for a fee, make sure they are a bona fide company with a permit to take it away and dispose of it correctly. Not so long ago, a Weeting resident paid someone a significant fee, when they offered to take away his DIY rubbish, only to see, to his profound embarrassment, that this material had been found dumped in the forest off fire ride 23, photographed by dog walkers and the photos placed on the Weeting Facebook page!

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