



WEETING VILLAGE LIFE



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Christmas Afternoon Tea

Saturday 6 December, 2.00pm



Admission by ticket only

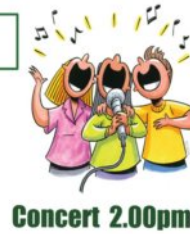
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SAT 13 DEC 2025



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Sun 21 Dec 2:30 - 5:30pm

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Sun 21 Dec 5:30pm
Adult, Child, Business, Organisation

THEME FOR DECORATION

OPEN - Trees may be artificial, real or home made. Any size, with battery or plug in lights acceptable.

CAROL SERVICE

Sun 21 Dec 6:00pm
Mulled wine, mince pies from 5:00pm

MEET SANTA

Saturday & Sunday
3:00pm - 4:00pm



Christmas Tree Festival

St Mary's Church, Weeting
Sunday 21 December 6.00pm

Carol Service

Set amidst the twinkling lights of the Christmas Festival trees

The Christmas Story

In music, song, and verse

With The Breckland Handbell Ringers

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies



Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2026 to all our readers, contributors and advertisers from Weeting Parish Council

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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School Report



Our first term back has been busy and exciting. The school continues to grow in size as we welcome new children and families into classes across the school.

Around the Classes

Here is just a flavour of some of the great learning that has taken place so far!



Acorn

Our Maths learning focused on counting, through number rhymes. The children enjoyed singing, using the microphones, and using the musical instruments to accompany them.

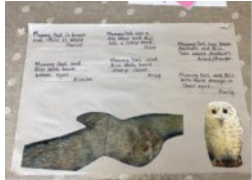


In our Art learning the children did a great job at recalling the primary colours and looked at what happens when we mix the primary colours. The children observed that they could make purple, green and orange and learnt that these are called secondary colours. We painted some more patterns with the new colours we made.



Chestnut

In our Primary Knowledge Curriculum theme 'All About me' we explored our bodies and identified different body parts. We played 'Simon Says' and had to point to the different body parts that Miss Back told us. We were very good at listening to those instructions. We then discussed that there are parts of our bodies that we cannot see and these are our bones. The children said that we have to use an x-ray to In our literacy sessions, the children have listened to and retold their class text 'Owl Babies'. We have also been learning about comparing two different characters within the story. The children used the illustrations from the story and thought about what was the same and what was different about the two chosen characters.



Beech

Beech Class have been perfecting their writing of simple sentences by adding a verb and an object. They have been using their word banks with confidence and really developing their independence. We are continuing to focus on handwriting, looking at the size of individual letters and how they are formed correctly to make their writing more legible and well-presented.



In Science, we learnt about the circulatory system. The children learnt that the blood is given oxygen by the lungs, then pumped by the heart around the body in order

to provide oxygen to all the parts of our body. The children modelled this, with some of them acting out being the organs and some the blood cells.



Elm

In Maths, we practiced our addition and subtraction skills and have become more confident in using pictorial and column methods to solve problems. We also gained confidence in making exchanges both with and without resources.



We have spent a lot of time working on our Design Technology unit, cushions. The children were very patient whilst waiting for support to thread needles and untangle threads, and Miss Beaumont was really proud of their effort and resilience. The final finished pieces look fantastic!

In Art, the children were set the task of painting a still life containing apples and onions, looking at tones and highlighting as well as using underpainting to create layers to our work. The children used the colours yellow ochre, burnt sienna and white to create their paintings.



Oak

In Maths, we went on a journey through place value, focusing on reading, writing, ordering, and comparing numbers all the way up to one million. It was brilliant to see everyone tackling these big numbers with confidence and lots of smiles. We also spent some time working on our explanation skills and it is great to see everyone starting to use their mathematical vocabulary and stem sentences to enhance their understanding and explanation skills.



In Art, the children transferred their stunning sun designs onto larger canvases as part of their final pieces, showing fantastic creativity and care in their work.



Birch Breakfast Club and Apple After School Club

In Book Club we read 'The Precious Pearl' which inspired us to make beautiful necklaces and bracelets. We made these out of painted pasta, beads, pipe cleaners, and washers.



At Cooking Club, the children learnt how to make cheese twists, with some of them deciding to make alternative shapes such as sticks and wheels. They smelt and tasted delicious!





School Report



As well as all our exciting curriculum plans, we pride ourselves on the exciting enrichment experiences that we offer in, and out of school. Here's a flavour of some of the things the children have experienced during the Autumn term.

Mr Jarvis and Dr Hardie were delighted to take a team from The Norman and Weeting to participate in the DEMAT Together football tournament. The team worked really well together and showed great spirit as they battled against teams from other DEMAT schools. I am so proud of the children's attitudes, showing great perseverance and friendship throughout.



We welcomed returning and new gardeners to our club and were very busy tidying and preparing the gardens for Autumn. There was a great deal of excitement as we explored the vegetable patch and discovered tomatoes and peppers ready to pick. The highlight had to be the crop of beetroots that we dug up, including the largest one that anyone in school has ever seen. Two of the children decided that if this had been a turnip we could have used it as a prop to retell the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'!



Elm and Oak classes were able to explore our Christian theme of Generosity, with a visit from EVERFI. The 'Ready to Recycle' workshop reinforced responsible citizenship of our world by encouraging the children to think sustainably and make real-world decisions to promote change. The children learnt all about the importance of recycling, and why items must be cleaned before they are recycled. The children then watched a series of online videos and completed quizzes about their new recycling knowledge.



We said a big 'thank you' to everyone for supporting our hugely successful Harvest Festival worship. The generous donations help us to reach out to families in the community who need a helping hand in the form of our weekend food bags.



Oak Class received the first part of their play leader training, led by Mr Hipwell from 'Beyond The Physical'. The day started with the children working in groups to create a poster that illustrated the qualities of a good leader.



After that, the children took part in three different games - Follow The Leader, in groups; Cone Battle, in pairs and a Blindfold Game, in pairs, giving instructions where to walk and collect bean bags. Throughout each of these, the children were encouraged to use clear communication and praise their partner.

The children then worked in their groups to design a game that they could teach Beech Class. The children were asked to assign roles and think about the equipment they may need and how they may have to adapt their games. After lunch, the children went outside and used their plans to build their games and set up their equipment. The groups then tried out each other's games with 'The Explainer' telling each group how the game worked and what the rules were and 'The Demonstrator' walked through the games, following the explainer's instructions. Beech Class then came out and enjoyed the games and it was impressive to see how well Oak Class explained and demonstrated the games. They were also very helpful to the younger children and continued to praise and offer encouragement to them during the whole session.



Our first performances of the year were very impressive. The children had put a huge amount of time to perfect lines and create some beautiful art work. Children from Chestnut Class performed their very own Harvest poem. For the first ever school performance we were all very impressed with their levels of confidence and loud voices that could be heard across the hall!



Beech Class gave us a unique action rhyme television cooking programme based on fruit and vegetable salad. I'm not sure if we were persuaded to sample this, particularly with the secret ingredient 'fish', but the acting and artwork made everyone smile.



The poem written by Elm Class reflected the importance of Harvest and the need to support others when they need help. Not only did think about how a lack of food could affect children and families in other countries but also reflected that this is a local issue for families in our communities.



Oak Class shared their amazing art skills with some vibrant and detailed pumpkin inspired pastel work. They displayed these to great effect as they shared their Harvest acrostic poem.



All the children would like to say a huge thank you to the Weeting Gun Club who very kindly donated funds to the school at the end of last term. School Council did a great job in finding out how the children would like to use the donation and were very excited to unveil the new giant Connect 4 game this week. We have also taken delivery of a giant Jenga set as well!

Tesco Tokens

We are currently participating in the Tesco Blue Tokens in the Brandon store. Funds will be used to help further develop Acorn's outdoor area. Please do think of us if you are in Tesco, token collecting finishes at the end of January.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Art For Pleasure

Most of the year we all work individually in whatever medium or subject we enjoy. We do have a suggested program but not everyone follows it. Generally we all just help each other with encouragement, advice and friendly criticism.



We also have a couple of workshops a year with professional artists who add that bit of polish to our work assisting us to try a different medium or style. They will show us how they approach the subject; what colours they use; or mix to achieve the colours they want to work with. They demonstrate in stages and after each stage we then try to copy the artist's painting. While we work the artist will move around the room looking at our work and giving each of us individual help. The picture is of Stephen Martyn conducting a most enjoyable workshop recently. We all went home having learnt something and had our own watercolour painting to show for it.

At our usual Thursday meetings we are not so studious and although we sketch or paint in our own favourite medium we also socialise over a cup of coffee and a biscuit. Coming up to the Christmas season we are looking forward to going again to Thetford Golf Course for Christmas lunch.

Looking back over the year we have finally put covid behind us. Having been a thriving club for many years we returned after covid with just 5 members. It has taken time but our membership has gradually increased and we are again enjoying workshops, Christmas dinners and hopefully we will again have a stall at Feltwell Summer fete exhibiting and maybe selling some of our art work.

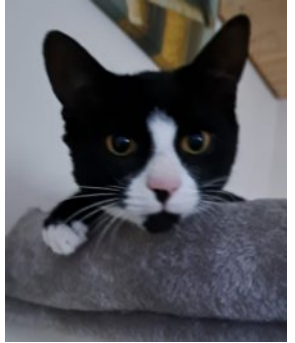
We are proud of the standard of work our group produces but as our name suggests we all meet to enjoy the pleasure of painting. Some of the members had never painted before they joined and some are relearning old hobbies but by helping and encouraging each other we have all improved this year.

If you have always wanted to paint or would like to try a new hobby, we meet at Weeting Village Hall every Thursday 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.

Details from: Beryl Pountney
Phone No. 01842 828750

BRECKLAND CATS PROTECTION

I recently had a telephone call from a lady who adopted a kitten from us just over a year ago. The kitten now 16 months old and was critically ill. Her owner had noticed her become lethargic and off her food so took her to the vet. She was immediately referred to Dick White Referrals, a specialist vet just outside Newmarket. When they saw her, they described her as 'not compatible with life'. The cat was grossly anaemic. The anaemia is measured by the PCV, which stands for Packed Cell Volume. The red cells should take up about a third of the



blood volume in cats, other animals and humans. The other 2 thirds are taken up by the white cells, platelets and serum that the cells float around in. In this poorly cat the red cells took up just 4 per cent of the cat's blood, rather than 30 per cent. The cat was suffering from Auto Immune Haemolytic Anaemia, which means her immune system had gone into overdrive and was destroying her red cells and also any red blood cells from donors that were transfused into her.

The cat was immediately transfused with blood from a donor dog, probably because the vet had to get some red cells into her before her heart gave out, as it wouldn't have anything to pump. Dog blood can be used once, but not again, as the cat's body is likely to make antibodies to the dog's blood, which could cause severe problems if the transfusion is repeated. She then had blood donated from the owner's other cat, so 2 transfusions altogether, and started on a strong regime of cortico steroids to stop her immune system from destroying her red blood cells.

Thankfully the drugs kicked in quite quickly and after a few days, the cat was well enough to go home. When any cat is adopted from us, the new owners get 4 weeks free pet insurance with Pet Plan. We always recommend that this is continued as vet fees can be very expensive. Fortunately, the owner did keep up with the insurance, and the bill so far is £6000. The owner will only have to pay the excess, which for a young cat is £80. It just goes to show the importance of insurance for animals. You think the insurance won't be needed until the cat is older, which is usually the case, but this cat was a young adult and you never know what's around the corner.

Cats can be blood donors for other cats, providing they meet the criteria needed. They must be younger than 8 years old, and weigh 4kg. They should also be fully vaccinated and be up today with boosters, and flea and worm treatment and they can't have left the UK at any time. The cat must be easy to handle as he would have to lie still while the blood is taken from him. They usually take around 55mls of blood from an adult cat and immediately give the donor cat the same amount of fluids to make up the blood volume. As with humans they can donate blood every 4 months. If you think your cat could be a blood donor, tell your vet and they will take your details in case there is a cat in need of a transfusion at some stage, and then they will be in touch with you. The blood of the donor cat must be the same blood group as the recipient. Cats have 3 blood groups, A, B and AB. The cat in question was Group A.

However, the continuing drugs don't come cheap, and it will cost the owner around £300 a month unless she can find a cheaper option than the vet's. There are companies that you can buy animal drugs from, but you must have a prescription from your vet.

Rita Thompson.
Breckland Branch.



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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Weeting Bowls Club

On 14th September 2025, Weeting Bowls Club hosted a hugely successful Fun Day, where many of our bowlers, their families, friends and potential new bowlers spent the afternoon on the green enjoying fun bowls related activities, winning prizes and also partaking of delicious food and drink in the club house. This event was the culmination of a very successful season of bowls.

As the weather deteriorated, our 2025 Awards Presentation Evening reminded us of those long summer days and balmy nights; sipping a cool drink whilst enjoying a game of bowls and banter on the green.



At our presentation evening twenty-three trophies were awarded for club competitions ranging from a New Bowler award, Most improved, Triples, Pairs, Singles, and Peter Hunt Memorial Cup and Plate, to a trophy for outstanding contribution to the club. So, it was with great pride the recipients received their trophies and enjoyed a wonderful evening of celebration of their achievements. (see above)

We are now looking forward to April 2026 as we prepare to face new challenges following promotion to Division 2, after taking first place in Division 3 of the Ashill league this year.

Social events continue throughout the winter months and you do not need to be a member to join us. Why not come along to enjoy a drink and chat amongst friends, or join us at an event?

For private parties and wakes please contact:

Elaine Lowe - 07496 263744 or Kerri Hickman - 07483 863230



Well, it's that time again, rehearsals have begun for our annual panto! (oh yes they have). As with every year, September saw the beginning of the long and complicated process of putting on our yearly pantomime, and now we're 2 months in things are in full swing and progressing well.

This panto marks something of a special occasion for Shoestring, however, as this will be our 40th annual panto! Since 1986 we've been putting on shows on the same stage in the same school in the same town (although the school has changed names a few times during that period!). The committee decided we ought to do something to celebrate this milestone, and we thought a colouring competition could prove quite fun! We wrote to the local primary schools and before we knew it, we had 700 colouring sheets to print off and deliver. In the early part of next year, one winner from each school will be selected and a special prize delivered to them.

We'll also be performing a Christmas concert this year, on 19th December. Our wonderful cast will be performing a selection of Christmas carols and songs, with plenty of audience participation to get you well into the spirit. Tickets will be available to purchase on the door.

So, all in all, while this edition is smaller than usual, rest assured that the cast and crew of Shoestring Theatre Company are working hard to bring you seasonal fun and festivities, and I hope to be writing to you all again soon to tell you how much we enjoyed panto!

Take care, have a wonderful festive season, and we'll see you in the audience of Puss in Boots in February half term!



Shoestring Theatre Company committee.



Upcoming events for December

Sat 6 Dec 8pm - Karaoke with Jerry & Eve
Sun 14 Dec 8pm - Bingo / Meat Raffle (Turkey)
Sat 20 Dec 8pm - Christmas Party with Bondi
Wed 31 Dec New Year's Eve Party (Tickets only)

Christmas Opening

Christmas Eve - 4pm onwards
Christmas Day - 11am - 2.30pm



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CLUB SPOTLIGHT



Air Rifle range

We held our last day of the air rifles on 31st August and as always enjoyed some fun shooting at a variety of targets. As we mentioned in the last column 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 are working on next year's diary at present and expect to hold the events on a Sunday morning between 10 and 1pm. We will tie these into some of our usual clay pigeon day events so those that may want to try both styles of shooting can.

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 will publicise dates on our website and Facebook pages for 2026 events when confirmed so keep an eye out for updates. 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 continues to be the cornerstone of our friendly club and the season has seen some great shooting from the various competitions held. Our last shoot held on the 19th October was in aid of The British Heart Foundation and we were pleased to be able to send this charity a £200 donation following a well-attended event. The winners shot well and there were some particularly testing clays that caught out many.



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 kind to us for the majority of the year with only a couple events held where we had to contend with rain and windy conditions. All good practice for those that enjoy winter sports as well.

Our final shoot of the year will be held on the morning of 14th December starting at 10am along with a "bring and win" raffle. We'll be handing out the prizes for our best shots of the year in the various classes and no doubt be enjoying a warm cup of tea or coffee and mince pie to boot!

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.

Next year's shooting calendar will be publicised on our website and social media once agreed and we look forward to seeing both old and new faces at the club again next year. Wishing all our readers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

WGC Committee

Breckland Lace Makers

It has been a bit slow at Breckland Lace Makers, fitting in lacing whenever there is a quiet half hour. With the approach of Christmas, our lives become a bit more hectic - hence the informal meet ups in each other's homes. We are finding this is working well and so we plan to continue this format in the New Year.

Our picture shows a finished practice piece - to the left is the pricking and on the right is the "L" created.

Our group is open to beginners, intermediates and advanced makers. Starter kits are available and we are really friendly.

Do think about joining us. We met at various times - evenings, weekdays and weekends.

Lace making is an ancient tradition and is very relaxing and great for switching off our busy brains for a while.



St. Mary's Church Update By Peter Nordan

Following the report published in the last Weeting Village Life edition 51, a further meeting on September 17th took place to identify volunteers with a view to forming a Renovation Project Team (RPT). All members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) attended along with 8 parishioners. Representation from the Diocese of Ely Church Buildings Support Officers Sam Pedlar & Holly Robinson were scheduled to lead the meeting and pave the way forward for the new committee. Unfortunately, Sam was unable to attend but we were delighted to welcome Holly.

The new committee was formed as follows

NAME	OFFICE	RPT	PCC
Peter Nordan	Chairman	Y	Y
Emily Webb	Vice Chairperson	Y	N
Julianne Young	Secretary	Y	Y
Peter Saward	Treasurer	Y	Y
Ann Morgan	Communication & Grants	Y	N
Sue Windget	Fund Raising	Y	Y
Tommy Saward	Churchwarden	Y	Y
Sue Nairn	Weeting Village Life Editor	Y	N
Tom Childerhouse	Committee Member	Y	N
Jo Whalley	Committee Member	Y	N
Vesna Hudson	Committee Member	Y	N
Alison Surridge	Committee Member	Y	Y
Joanna Nordan	Committee Member	Y	Y

The PCC have jurisdiction on the decisions and recommendations made by the RPT and not required attend all the meetings of the new committee but will be kept informed of the progress made. Holly ran through the Lottery Fund application process at great length and suggested our first task would be to advertise for a Church architect with a view to receiving at least 5 tenders. Holly suggested that we delay until early January as it would not be in our best interests to apply in the run up to Christmas. The Lottery Fund application process is likely to take up to 5 years and there are many hurdles to jump on our journey forward. Whilst the whole process seems very daunting, we have now placed a flag in the sand and our journey has begun. The next meeting of the new committee will take place in early January when we will draft adverts inviting tenders from architects.



Winners of the Pumpkin Competition 2025

The Childerhouse Family

Well Done, Matilda, Charlotte & Eleanor

Editor's Note:

The next edition of Weeting Village Life will be published in March 2026.

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 13th February 2026**.

I look forward to hearing from you.



Weeting Village Hall

Here we are again, at the end of another year – where has this one gone?? Way too fast for some of us who have been busy organising all sorts of things in the Village Hall – we started off with the launching of the Lite Lunch Club back in February, after a lot of sorting and getting the Council to issue us a 5 star hygiene certificate.

Then there was the Easter Fayre, followed by the summer funday and Craft Fayre in August, in between which the WASPS put on their Comedy show, The Royal Garden Party. They also ran a couple of quizzes and by the time this magazine comes out the 10th Annual Christmas Craft Fayre and Bazaar will have taken place (15th November), and do hope you all got to come and buy some lovely gifts for your friends and family.

In between times, we have had our fair share of running repairs being done, like the repairs to the Ladies & Gents toilets, repairs to the big sliding doors as one of the wheels had broken off the top – there is now a door stop at the top of the front sliding door as this only comes across half way and DOES NOT go right over to the outside wall !!!

Whilst we have a full compliment of groups and clubs using the hall on a regular basis, including the revamped Knit & Natter which is on a Tuesday every other week – the other Tuesdays being taken up by the Lunch Club which (if you'd like to come along just contact Carole or Sue – see their numbers on the club list), but we had to say goodbye to the Weeting Weenies. Unfortunately, Marie who had run it for quite a few years has moved on to pastures new.

There are some special events coming up – there is a Christmas Afternoon Tea on the 6th December, a Carol Concert with a visit to Santa's Grotto on the 13th December – both ticket only events, so do hope you all have been able to book your tickets and come along to both events – especially the Santa's Grotto – gifts for everyone, followed by lots of familiar Christmas carols with refreshments and a raffle again see phone numbers for Carole and Sue on the club page under WASPS and Lunch Club.

We do try to come up with new fresh ideas for things to be done in the hall. So, if anyone has any ideas or want help to organise anything please let us know and we will see what we can do to help. With that in mind, there will be a dance on the 14th February that is being run in conjunction with St Mary's Church in order to help raise funds for both the church and the village hall. A live band has been booked and tickets will be on sale in the New Year along with tickets for the WASPS Panto which is on the 6th, 7th & 8th February – posters and adverts will be out shortly as well as here in the Weeting Village Life magazine.

Anyway I do hope everyone enjoyed their summer holidays and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Karen Scott
Treasurer
Weeting Village Hall

St Mary's Church



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Churchwarden:

Tommy Saward Tel: 01842 813601 tommysaward@hotmail.com

Regular services are as follows:

1st Sunday each month: - Holy Communion 11am

3rd Sunday each month: - Holy Communion or Service of the Word 11am

Upcoming:

December 24th - 'Midnight' Mass at 7pm

Christmas Lights / Thunder and Lightning

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat, and I am putting up the outside lights and decorations once again in the rain and cold. What a performance! The coloured lights are a menace as they get themselves into the most unholy of tangles and, when you've got lengths of one thousand lights, that is a big tangle! Still, we will win. We have to start early so that they can be switched on December 1st. When the outside is done, my wife does the whole of the inside of the house. I don't help with that much because I would put everything in the wrong place. However, I do put the railway track (for the American Christmas Train) around the Christmas tree, as this is man's work!! I wonder how many Santas there will be this year? Last year there were 24 in the lounge!

Something I have long wondered about is why we do not have thunderstorms in our village anymore! When I was a kiddywid we used to have some real crackers in the summer – really big bolts of lightning with deafening claps of thunder. If it was nighttime, we would sit playing snakes and ladders by candlelight as the electricity had gone off. My grandfather's house was joined to the old post office in the village and had a cast iron foot scraper outside the kitchen door. It started to rain hard and Grandfather came in, but just as he was about to close the door, there was a blinding flash of lightning and a tremendous bang. Grandfather was knocked off his feet and the door slammed shut. When he got back onto his feet, he opened the door to find his boot scraper had been blown to bits and pieces of molten metal were all over the yard. Windows were cracked, the water pump in the garden had been knocked over and the wooden panel was burning. There was a strange smell in the air – I don't know whether it was ozone or Grandfather! The neighbours came out, looked up in the sky and said, "did you hear that bang Dick?" "Hear it," said Grandfather, "it nearly blew my b----y door off!" Then he saw his foot scraper and said, "good God, that could have been me." His poor dog, Peter, would not come out of his kennel because he was so frightened and Grandma jumped out of her chair and dropped her cup of tea.

When the first house along Rectory Lane, (the home of Dick Kent and family) got struck by lightning, it blew off the chimney and all the bricks around it. Lots of the bricks went into my parent's garden and onto their roof. It must have been frightening for the Kent family as they had young children. I wonder why all we seem to get now is a slight rumbling in the distance and, if it is nighttime, you might see a faint flash of lightning, but nothing like the storms we used to get? My grandfather used to say that storms followed the paths of the rivers. I wonder if this is true?

Merry Christmas
John Holledge

MOBILE LIBRARY



22nd January 2026
19th February 2026
19th March 2026



Angerstein Close	10.25 - 10.40 am
St Edmund Close	10.45 - 11.00 am
Saxon Place	11.05 - 11.15 am
Glebe Road	11.20 - 11.45 am
Rectory Lane	11.50 - 12.10 pm

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						
26 th July	16 th August	Lynn Road (S)	56847	30	30169	26678
13 th September	11 th October	Park View (W)	33263	30	31185	2078
11 th October	8 th November	Lynn Road (N)	55503	40	40054	15449
16 th August	13 th September	South Park (N)	The recorder had a battery malfunction and data was lost			

Quarterly Summary

Total Vehicle Count for the recorded period	145613
Vehicle Count within the speed limit	101408
Speeding Violations within the village	44205
Violators as a percentage of the total vehicle count	30.35 %

Breakdown of speeding vehicles for the above periods: -

	Lynn Road South	Park View West	Lynn Road North
Speed Limit	30	30	40
Violators			
35	20546	2026	
40	5024	50	
45	911	2	8853
50	161		4050
55	30		1743
60	5		579
65	1		148
70			54
75			11
80			9
85			2



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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 Thursday 10:30 - 3:30pm
Bingo	Angie Page 07902 553759	Village Hall	Tuesday Open at 6:30pm Eyes down at 7pm - 9pm
Brandon & District Classic Vehicle Club	John Maxim 07876 656070	The Ram, Brandon	Every Thursday between A1:D6 & April 7:00pm
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	
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	Gary Hall 01842 814187		
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		
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	Sue Jones 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	Dylan Watkins shoestringsecretary @hotmail.com	IES Breckland School Crown Street, Brandon	Tuesday 7:00 - 9.30pm 7:00 - 8:30
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. 9:30am - 2:30pm
West Norfolk Aviation Society	07706 030307	Mundford Bowls Club	1st Tuesday

Weeting Parish Council Archives ... continued!

It seems that time really does go faster as you get older – yesterday I said goodbye to the chap who helps me with my garden and we realised with some shock, that he had been coming for the last eight years! Think then that the records we are now examining were written some 55 years ago. In fact, we have arrived at January 1972 ... Eastern Electricity were tasked with alterations and additions to the lighting for the sum of £269 (£4800+ now) and the Government's proposals to change county boundaries were passed to councillors (*nothing changes there then*). Complaints had been registered concerning how dark it was in Castle Close, the danger of turning into Cromwell Road and the need for double white lines on the main road.

Good news, the Sewage Works were scheduled for completion in April and South Park had been started. It was also agreed that further trees would be purchased for the playing field adjacent to All Saints. Further, councillors decided to purchase some portable goal posts (? Football) and the possible purchase of netball posts from the Netball Club.

All Saints Churchyard was then discussed with the possibility of the Parish Council taking over the land which would allow it to be cut and maintained. After further discussion on the need to make a safe path to The Saxon, the surprise of some members of the meeting that planning permission had been granted for a store and workshop to be built behind the garage in view of the previous debacle over the butchers shop and Mr Parrott assuring councillors he was anxious to see a very untidy piece of ground cleared, the meeting drew to a close.

The Annual Parish Meeting preceded the next meeting of the Parish Council on the 27th March 1972. As ever, many of the concerns related to the condition of the pathways, cutting of grass and repair to walls. Perhaps more unusually, the question of the water pressure was raised from the floor. It was explained the Weeting was scheduled to have a new supply via Mundford but that would be in about two years' time.

A strong protest was raised about the condition of Cromwell – it was claimed residents had "not seen a road sweeper" and there were potholes and weeds growing on the road and pathways and an open stench pipe adjacent to the pump house. *Uum not quite so bad now!* Mr Parrott said he would see that the matters were rectified.

Reporting on the financial situation, Mr Parrott confirmed the Parochial Church Council would be paid for the upkeep of the graveyard and the 3p Parish Rate would be kept this year. He also advised the PCC were anxious to compete in the Best Kept Village competition with a circular letter being sent to all households.

Moving on to the Council Meeting it was reported that the Netball Club had still to pay their 1971 contribution but would do so before the end of the financial year. It is sometimes interesting to compare cost then with now and the Electricity Cost of £60.26 is worth £1016.11 today, but it cost more to cut the grass, NCC receiving £75 which is now worth £1264.75. The Saxon had had a new landlord and confirmation of the Council's entry into the Best Kept Village competition had been received. Outline planning permission had been sought to build some 40 properties on land at the back of Glebe Road.

The All Saints Churchyard was then discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would take this over from Swaffham RDC at the Parish Council's expense. Arrangements were made for a groundsman to be appointed at a cost of £2 per week. (£33.72 now). A complaint was made about the number of cars being parked along All Saints and that the road sweeper lorry left silt along the edges of the roads. As ever, Mr Parrott agreed to deal with the matters. It was noted with regret, that Mrs Jacob had resigned as Clerk but the councillors welcomed Mrs Drummond as her replacement. In a subsequent meeting the following day, the councillors approved a donation of £50 to the Parochial Church Council for the upkeep of the Churchyard. In a further special meeting called on the 10th May 1972, the councillors present agreed that a precept of £1000 be sought.

A new council year, the meeting held on the 1st June 1972 re-elected Mr Parrott as Chairman with Mr Holledge as Vice-Chairman. Again, parking was a problem and the site of where new sewage pipes had been laid underneath the road had caused the road to sink.

Mr Grass, the groundsman, had requested payment on a monthly basis rather than weekly and it was agreed to do this in future. Councillors considered a letter which had been received from the Department of the Environment concerning the condition of the access road to Weeting Castle. The DoE requested a meeting with the council which had taken place on the 30th May. Mr Parrott and Mrs Drummond attended and it was agreed that the road needed a lot of work done including drainage and would be costly. It was proposed that those parties who used the road be asked if they would contribute towards the cost but to firstly establish whether the Water Board intended to dig up the road to lay pipes. (*Interesting but even then it did not seem anyone was responsible for the upkeep of the road*)

could be classed as an eyesore. A letter of appreciation would be sent to Mrs Jacob for her past work for the council.

Mr Parrott as RDC Reporter, confirmed planning permission had been granted for houses behind Glebe Close and a change of use application being considered to turn the Butchers Shop into a Garden Centre. Problems with the fencing in and around the playing field were discussed, particularly to prevent cars parking on the playing field itself. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the tenant who had dumped a load of sand in his back garden where it could clearly be seen from the road and could be classed as an eyesore. A letter of appreciation would be sent to Mrs Jacob for her past work for the council.

At the next Council meeting on the 4th September, it was noted that the sand was still in place and Mr Parrott confirmed he had spoken to the tenant but would ask him again to remove it. The builders involved in phase 1 of the Castle Close development, had request the Council to approve the access road and it was agreed to write to NCC advising them the Council were satisfied with the road.

It was noted that the Dept of the Environment had established that the South Norfolk Water Board were proposing to lay a water main in the Weeting Castle access road and were looking for cash contributions towards the cost. The problem of cars being taken onto the playing fields whilst matches are played was raised and it was agreed that letters be sent to the Clubs involved that if this continued, the Council would have to consider whether to renew their letting contracts.

With regard to new footpath signs, the council agreed to wait until the Chairman had a map showing where they were before ordering. There was some suggestion that the road might be straightened near the school, that flashing lights would be a good idea and that Messrs. Childerhouse be asked to take down the wall alongside the main road where this obstructed the view of the children crossing the road.

Christmas looms ... with the council meeting on the 4th December 1972 still concerned with the sand on the Brandon Road but Mr Parrott said it should be cleared by Christmas. Another concern was the water pressure in Hereward Way, but it was explained that the new water main currently being laid in the area should improve matters. The Chief Education Officer advised that the flashing lights for the school crossing were being considered and details of the Local Government Reorganisation had been received. Overall, the result of the Best Kept Village competition was that the village was "in reasonable good order throughout" with special mention of the hall and green being very well kept.

Now it is not clear reading the minutes which "road" is being discussed but I am sure someone will know! Councillors all agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Highways Department for their personnel's co-operation in the recent road improvement work and that Silver Birch and Pine Trees be planted along the road. Maintenance of the playing fields was discussed – such as reseeding, fertilising, replacing and planting new trees etc. It was noted that a grant of £290 had been received from the Norfolk Education Committee. A back-to-back seat purchased for the playing field was to be funded by the Parrott family as they felt they had been connected with the village for many years and as Mr Parrott advised, his father was very interested in sports.

Councillors discussed whether there was any way of helping older residents in time of sickness etc., and it was suggested the Welfare Department be approached to obtain cards they could display in their windows. Finally, it was agreed that a Christmas Tree should be purchased for the village and erected on the green.

We are now in 1973 – February and again lorry parking is a problem and later it was proposed that now the country had joined the Common Market we could now expect problems with monster lorries parking on the street. The National Association of Local Councils has suggested complaining direct to Brussels and it was agreed that they should write before they actually have a problem.

Unfortunately, it was noted the Welfare Dept had discontinued their card system for elderly residents living on their own but the Over – Sixties club said they operated a similar system.

It was agreed the precept for the coming year would be £1250.00 (£13,670 now) and Mr Parrott reported the Atmere Trust had sold some land and instead of villages receiving £40 every five years, they would get £360 per year. He also reported that the RDC would be planting four trees in the village to celebrate Plant a Tree Year. Councillors also agreed to write to Mr Bone to ask him to stop riding his ponies along the grass verge on the new road improvement as he is churning up the grass seed.

Now we get to another Annual Meeting which took place before the Parish Council Meeting on Monday, 19th March 1973. This is a meeting where members of the public are encouraged to voice their concerns.

Unfortunately, there were problems with dustbins being left permanently on the pavement and dogs allowed to roam loose in Cromwell Road. These properties were tenanted by families from the local air base and it was agreed by councillors that it would be appropriate to write to the Base Commander. It was also agreed to purchase a climbing frame for the children and more litter bins. It was proposed that the Parochial Church Council be paid £50 for upkeep of the churchyard. Other questions involved whether there could be a bus shelter in the village, a permanent Christmas Tree planted on the green and when the road to the village hall be resurfaced.

Ann E Morgan



Winter Gardening



What an incredible year 2025 has been, 4 heat waves and drought conditions (although thankfully no hosepipe bans) the tree colours this autumn have been utterly glorious and there's more berries, fruits and nuts on trees than I can ever remember before!

Why Do Leaves Change Colour? Each autumn, the leaves on many trees and shrubs transform from green to brilliant shades of yellow, orange, red, and brown. This captivating change is the result of several natural processes that respond to the shifting seasons.

During the spring and summer, leaves appear green because of a pigment called chlorophyll, which is crucial for photosynthesis—the process plants use to turn sunlight into energy. Chlorophyll absorbs sunlight, allowing the plant to produce the food it needs to grow. As days become shorter and temperatures drop in autumn, plants receive less sunlight. This signals the plant to prepare for winter. It gradually stops producing chlorophyll, and the existing chlorophyll in leaves breaks down and fades away.

With the disappearance of green chlorophyll, other pigments in the leaves become visible. Carotenoids, which produce yellow and orange hues, are always present in leaves but are usually masked by the green chlorophyll. Anthocyanins, which create red and purple shades, are produced in autumn in response to bright light and excess plant sugars within leaf cells. Brown colours are mainly due to tannins, which are waste products left in the leaves after other pigments have broken down.

The colour of the leaves is down to several factors. Cool nights and sunny days tend to produce the most vibrant reds and purples. Different species of tree display different colours, and amount of rain during the growing season can affect the intensity and timing of colour change.

If you are considering planting a new tree in your garden, inspired from the fabulous leaf colours this Autumn, from late November until late February its Bare Root Season. (Refer to last year's article on how to plant bare roots)

Here's a few other tasks for the winter season:

- Winter prune plants that are prone to bleeding such as grapevines, birch, walnuts and Acers (Japanese Maples).
- Keep off lawns in frosty or snowy conditions, however if the winter is mild then keep removing fallen leaves from lawns to let in light and prevent dead patches.
- Take care not to let leaves accumulate around Alpine's, they will die if left damp
- Winter Prune Wisteria
- Remove yellowing leaves from your winter brassicas as they are no use to the plant and may harbour pests and diseases.
- Finish pruning apple trees and pear trees.
- Start forcing Rhubarb by placing an old bucket over the crown

And if you can't get outside, start planning for spring! Draw up designs, and dream about the colours and edibles you'll enjoy. Weather depending, from late January onwards our garden centre will be full of colourful primulas, bi-annuals and bulbs. We will also have seed potatoes and soft fruits to make a new start on your vegetable garden or allotment.

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★ WASP's ★

Christmas is only a few short weeks away and everyone I have met throughout this year has said how quickly it seems to have gone.

In the previous edition of this magazine, I mentioned a few things that really got me going and, needless to say, that has not changed. Trying to think of events to boost our coffers by attracting our friends and neighbours to come and support us is sometimes very, very difficult. I must say, we are not the only ones who are having the same problems. We all know our beautiful church needs help to raise moneys even more than the hall and WASPs. So, with that in mind, Sue Wingate along a few of us from the hall committee and WASPs have had a few meetings to try and arrange some things to raise money and share the profits, or losses.

The first thing we have arranged is a Valentine's Dance on Saturday 14th of February. Sue has booked a live band for that date with fingers crossed that maybe this time we will have standing room only. We can only try.

I have just run the 10th annual Craft and Christmas Bazaar and it is like all the other things that have been arranged during the year. My daughter, Karen, and I put out notices everywhere - 4 by 4ft boards out at different places along the main road and A3 boards made by Peter Nordan (thanks Peter). Karen also advertises on Facebook in all the local villages - Brandon town, Feltwell, Hockwold, Lakenheath, Methwold, etc. as well as Weeting and it is very frustrating when someone says "I haven't seen any notices!" However, I am glad to say that we now have two more ladies who have been going around the villages with notices. So, a big thank you to Lorriane and Cathy and, hopefully, all those who did not see the 4 by 4 boards will see their notices. I must say this year's Christmas Bazaar was one of the best with lots of people coming to see all the wonderful gifts that our local friends had made and spent many hours getting everything ready for the show. Everyone who came expressed just how great it was to see such talent, from beautiful cards to wonderful wooden gifts all made by a very talented gentleman and I must not forget the knitted items from Sally's stall. The list is endless, so a big thank you to all the stall holders and another to all who came and helped to make this day one of the best.

In a few short days we will be running a Christmas Afternoon Tea, and the following week we are putting on our Christmas Concert where we will be joined by the Breckland Handbell Ringers as well as Santa Claus in his grotto for everybody to visit, regardless of age!. Tickets for both events are now on sale either from me or Dee's Delites on Brandon High Street.

The WASPs are now in full rehearsal mode for their pantomime which will be held in February 2026. On Friday 7th there will be an evening performance and then afternoon performances on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th. We have added another performance on the Sunday so that all those who want to come and see us doing our usual fun stuff will be able to go home before it gets too dark.

The pantomime this year is called HANSEL AND GRETEL RETURN and if you remember the original story then this is a follow on. I hope you like it!



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This year we had steam engines exhibit that had never attended before, from all over the country and Scotland and Ireland. The rally is now one of the largest steam engine events in the UK, great to know we're helping to put Weeting village on the map!

A big thank you to those who live in the village and local area who volunteered your time to the rally, it's very much appreciated. Whether helping us on working weekends fixing fencing, cutting grass and carrying out general maintenance on the rally site or being a marshal on rally weekend, helping with getting vehicles into the main ring, litter picking, and a whole range of other jobs on rally week, all hands are kept busy! If anyone would like to help out and volunteer their time, we'd love to hear from you, please get in touch with Kate, the rally organiser.

The rally is working hard to engage and strengthen relationships with the local community on all levels, and this year so far, the rally has made monetary donations to Weeting Church, Weeting Saxon Football Club, Weeting School and Weeting Village Hall.

Our main aim as a charitable organisation is to educate on the subjects of manufacture, history, use and conservation of all types of vintage steam driven engine and vintage vehicles, and the rally is the main part of doing this, showcasing working steam engines of all makes and sizes, along with various vintage vehicles. This year we had a good turn out from local schools, primary and high schools came along and enjoyed a day out with us, we're hoping to encourage more schools to come along and show their students a piece of history come alive.

Planning has already started for the 2026 rally, there's never much down time! They'll be a few layout tweaks made, but no drastic changes and again we'll have all the usually working steam demonstrations showing how steam engines worked back in the day. Our tractor section has chosen their themed sections for 2026, celebrating 60 years of white David Browns, 80 years of Zetor tractors and 100-year-old steel wheeled tractors – so if you have any of those and would like to exhibit with us in 2026, entry forms go out in January. We'll have all the fun of the fair and evening entertainment for you to enjoy, keeping the gates open later worked extremely well this year, so that will be the same for 2026 and we'll be using the wristband entry system again. We will also be running our ticket giveaways for the local community via our Facebook page and website again next year, so be sure to keep an eye out later in 2026 for your chance to WIN free tickets, further information will be shared via this magazine to keep you updated.

Dates for the 2026 rally are Friday 17th to Sunday 19th July, with gates opening at 9.30am and we can't wait to see you all there.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Photo is Burrell steam engine 'Century' built in 1877 and owned by Rally Chairman Mr Parrott

In Memoriam Timothy J. Murfet



It is with great sadness that we report the untimely death of Tim Murfet, who passed away on 27th September 2025.

Tim had been a stalwart member of the Weeting community all his life and many of us will remember him, not just with his TJM Groundworks hat on, but also for the boundless generosity of his time and energy when it came to getting things done. He had been the Parish Council's "Go To Man" for major village maintenance for many years, repairing the Village Hall drive as well as laying the Trod Path between The Row and the Bowls Club being just a couple of examples. He became a Parish Councillor himself for a while, but even after standing down from the Council, he continued to volunteer his help with many tasks that the councillors themselves regularly undertake, such as tidying the dog walk, emptying the rubbish bins on the playing field, joining the litter picking teams and making good repairs to fences and the play equipment. Anyone who wishes to see another example of the quality of his workmanship only has to go to the Riverside in Thetford and look at the paving leading to "Captain Mainwaring's" bench.

Rest in Peace Tim, you are sadly missed.

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There are many clubs listed on page 10 of the magazine, but only a handful submit items regularly, so if your organisation would like to highlight what you do, especially illustrated with colourful photos, I am always pleased to include it in the next edition.

The Editor

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