



# WEETING VILLAGE LIFE



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## Weeting Wombles Bumper Record

The Wombles collected a bumper harvest of rubbish on March 8th during their Spring litter pick with enough detritus to fill over 40 sacks along with a few items too large to

be bagged, such as a car tyre and some discarded road signs. A few other odd items included one ladies sandal, two bras, a pair of ladies tights and two pairs of men's underpants! (The mind boggles!!) More worryingly, we also collected about a dozen large Nitrous Oxide cylinders. Many thanks to all who took part.

More litter picks will be organised this year by the Parish Council - dates will be published later on the Weeting Facebook pages. Everyone is welcome to join in. We provide all the equipment required. In the meantime, please dispose of rubbish at home. Bottles and clothing can be put into the collection banks in front of the Bowls Club and the proceeds from these goes to the Parish.

## St Mary's Angels

Visitors to St Mary's Church in Weeting can now admire two very fine wooden angels adorning the niches on either side of the fantastic stained glass east window.

On Sunday 17th May 2026, these angels were blessed by the Reverend Ian Savage during the regular Communion Service.

Made of fine oak, the origin of the angels is unknown, but they were acquired by Mr John Maxim of Weeting in the 1970's as payment for some carpentry work he had undertaken. One angel had a damaged wing and John asked an experienced wood carver to repair it. Unfortunately, this gentleman went to France and took the angels with him. However, on his return a few years later, he brought them back,



duly repaired, and, once again, John had both angels in his possession. In the interim, John had undertaken several carpentry jobs within St Mary's, including creating a fine font cover and repairing some of the woodworm infested pews.

John has wanted to donate the angels to our church for some time and happily his wish has now been granted. Thank you John, they are beautiful.



### 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

## Play Equipment

Some of you may have noticed the climbing frame that was on the main road side of the Jubilee Field has been relocated to the Village Hall side. The Parish Council decided that it was not being used much on its original site, but it now seems to be very popular.



We are still waiting for a roundabout to be installed on the play area that will have a facility for children with disabilities, such as requiring a wheelchair, to enjoy it as well.

## Family Fun Day

Sat 4 July - 1.30 - 5.00pm

St Mary's Church, Weeting

Treasure Hunt  
3.00pm

\*Prizes\*  
\*Raffle\*  
\*Book Sale\*  
\*Refreshments\*

Dog Show  
Bring your pet pooch  
Prizes and Rewards  
2.00pm

Horse Racing  
Activity for all  
the family  
1.30 - 5.00pm

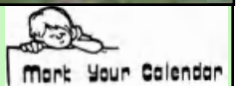
Suggested  
Donations  
£1.00 per  
activity

### Editor's Note:

The next edition of Weeting Village Life will be published in September 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 14th August 2026.

I look forward to hearing from you.



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# School Report



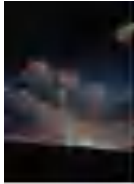
We are heading towards the end of the school year and can't believe how quickly the time has gone. Across all our classes we have been very busy involved in all sorts of fantastic learning experiences. Here's just a flavour of what we have been up to!

## Wonder Dome

Children from all our classes had an 'out of this world' adventure as they explored environments on planet Earth and the wider solar system in a pop-up planetarium that visited school.

Acorn Class loved looking at the stars and planets. The children felt that were actually in space and thought that swimming in the ocean was very exciting as well!

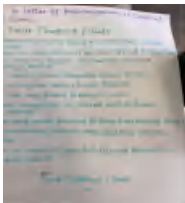
Chestnut Class started off with a swim in the ocean where they met all sorts of fishes. After they had dried off it was time to become a bird and swoop through the trees. This was very tricky as they had to watch out for low hanging branches! One of the children's favourite parts was becoming astronauts and taking control of a space rocket as they launched from Earth and landed on the moon. Landing on the moon was tricky than the children thought and they had to have several attempts before they could go out on a moon walk!



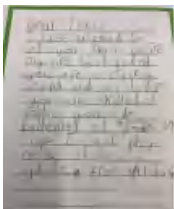
Elm Class learnt lots of facts about the Planets and stars. The children's recall of the names of the planets and their order from the sun and the solar system was very impressive. They were shown a visual representation of the size of the planets compared to the sun.

## Diocese of Ely Lent Challenge

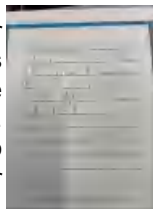
Children from across the classes took part in this year's Lent Challenge learning about Paul the Apostle. They learnt about how he encouraged people he met on his missions and how he reminded them about loving each other. In our class follow up worship we wrote a letter of encouragement, just like Paul, to our friends.



The children in Chestnut Class thought about how they would encourage and support their friends.



Beech Class wrote letters to their friends to tell them all the things we like about them and why we appreciate what they do for them. We talked about how we want to encourage and build up our friends.



The children learnt about letters that Paul the Apostle wrote to people to help them remember his messages about Jesus and to encourage them to keep showing faith in Jesus. They thought about how they could encourage and build each other up in class.

The children in Chestnut Class had some brilliant ideas about what they could do to help their friends, ranging from helping each other to put their shoes on to showing each other how to paint. They showed a really supportive outlook as they shared phrases that they could use to keep each other motivated.



## World Book Day

What a fantastic World Book Day we had! The National Year of Reading's theme of 'Go All In' was very apparent across all classes. It was lovely to see all the children with their favourite book and matching outfits. We learnt a lot about each other's interests and hobbies.

Acorn Class saw a whole range of story characters including Ryder, Thomas the tank engine, Stickman, a scarecrow, a mer-cat and some princesses too!



Acorn and Chestnut classes enjoyed a visit from Mat from Brandon Library, who shared 'A Busy Day for Birds', 'Sharing a Shell' and 'Copy Cat' with the children. They particularly enjoyed singing 'Sleeping Bunnies', 'Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!' and 'The Scarecrow Song'.



Acorn Class had an exciting PE lesson, moving like animals found in the Jungle Book story and moving like different beans and climbing a beanstalk from Jack and the Beanstalk!

Oak Class visited Acorn Class and shared some stories with us. The older children shared their books and then read the younger children's stories to them.

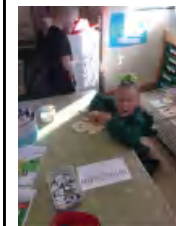


Chestnut Class had a fantastic time sharing their favourite books and explaining why they were such well-loved books. It was great to see a range of fiction and non-fiction books. The accompanying props were very impressive.

The children spent the Day making glove puppets of their favourite characters from 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The attention to detail that was included in the characters facial features and outfits was

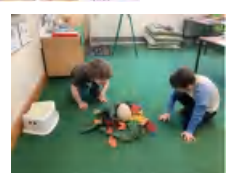
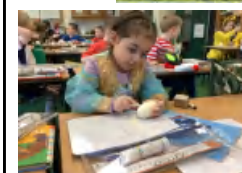


stunning. It was even more entertaining listening to the children using their 'character' voices as they tested out their puppets to retell the story and add some of their very own twists to it.



World Book Day brought a horde of characters into Beech Class with the children enjoying discovering how many different favourite books and interests they had.

There was a rumour that a T-rex was loitering around the class and the children found a shocking development- a giant nest on the carpet! They all had some theories on where the egg might have come from, but while they waited for it to hatch, the children tried being palaeontologists and excavated our own dinosaurs.





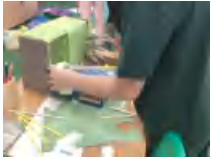
# School Report



Elm Class had a great day celebrating World Book Day! The children's costumes looked fantastic, and they spoke passionately about their favourite books. They enjoyed guessing the teachers' characters during worship and then took part in the Footy Booky Quiz on Zoom. After break, the children created our own magical land at the top of the Faraway Tree – coming up with a Lego land, a dance land and a land of spells, to name a few.



Oak Class had great fun dressing up as characters from their favourite books, showing off some truly impressive costumes. As well as enjoying the costume parade, they got creative by making shoe-box portals inspired by the stories they were writing in English.



## Chance to Shine Cricket session

Children in Beech, Elm and Oak had a fantastic start to the week with an action-packed cricket session with Aaron from Norfolk County Cricket Club.

Beech Class also had fun learning cricket skills with a special visitor from Norfolk County Council. He was very impressed with how quickly the children learnt to bat, bowl and field.



Elm Class had great fun practising their hitting skills and trying to get the ball past their team colleagues, before progress into a game of mini cricket where the batters had to hit the ball and then run round a cone and back to their team. The fielding team quickly learnt the power of spreading out to try and stop, and even on a few occasions catch the ball!



In Oak Class, the children practised their bowling, batting, and catching skills, showing fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm. There were certainly some impressive hitters on display, and everyone had a brilliant time!



## Easter Bonnet Family and Child session

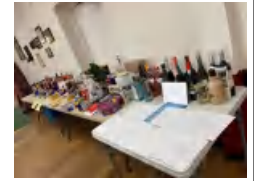
Towards the end of term, we had a fantastically creative Easter afternoon! It was great to see children, parents and grand parents come together to create some beautiful headwear with a whole host of Easter themed resources!



We would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Easter family bingo back in March. Together we raised **£1062.65** for Weeting Primary School. This will go towards our current fundraising project for brand new books for the library!



A further thanks goes to all the businesses who donated Easter eggs and prizes. Without you all this event wouldn't have been possible and we really appreciate your kindness.



**Weeting Village**  
**Yard Sales**

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**Saturday 29th August**  
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# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

## Weeting Bowls Club

The Bowling season has started with our first match at West Row. Sadly, not a win for us but there are plenty of matches scheduled for the season with both league and friendly. Our green-keepers have done a great job getting the green up to a good standard. Our bowlers are looking forward to another successful season this year. We are always on the lookout for new bowlers so, if you are interested in taking up an enjoyable new sport or want to return you will be most welcome. Our pool team are organising a monthly knockout tournament which will take place every 3rd Saturday. There was a singing and auction competition to raise money in aid of Macmillian Trust organised by our bingo caller Chris. This raised the fantastic amount of over £750.

We are delighted to announce that the club has changed its supplier and are offering a new range of draught beers including Tetleys, Estrella, Poretti and our own label Weeting Wick. Come and join us every weekend for a warm welcome in pleasant surroundings where you can have a chat and meet new people.

The social committee have been busy organising different events for the upcoming year. This includes a monthly Karaoke and bingo. We have booked live music to entertain us in the next 2 months.

### Upcoming Events

Saturday 6th June Karaoke with Jerry and Eve. 8pm  
Saturday 20th June Pool competition.  
Sunday 21st June Father's Day Bingo 8pm  
Saturday 27th June Live music with Marc Jacobs 8pm  
Saturday 4th July Live music with the Riffugees  
Saturday 11th July Karaoke with Jerry and Eve. 8pm  
Saturday 18th July Pool competition  
Sunday 19th July Bingo and Meat Raffle

All welcome. Non-members must sign in at evening events. Please check Weeting Bowls Club Facebook page or web site for any further events.

## STRUTT ROOFING

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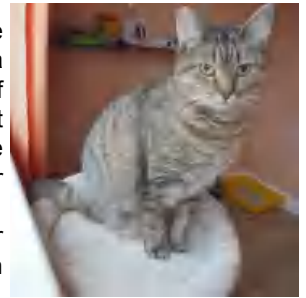
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## BRECKLAND CATS PROTECTION

Just like humans, cats and dogs can be subject to dementia. The first sign for a cat may be that the cat does lots of yowling for no reason. To first rule out kidney disease which may cause discomfort including increased hunger or thirst which may lead to the yowling. Cognitive issues usually develop in older cats, which can cause disorientation leading to yowling at walls.



Your vet may suggest dietary changes, medications, or other treatments to improve the cat's quality of life. Managing kidney disease in cats often involves a combination of these approaches to ensure they remain comfortable and healthy.

In the meantime, try to refrain from telling your cat off for being noisy. He is not deliberately trying to provoke, but is likely to be feeling unwell and the chastisement may well only serve to confuse and distress him further. Ensuring he has access to fresh water and a suitable diet for his condition is crucial. Regular vet check-ups will also be essential in managing his kidney disease effectively.

It is important to note that exposing a cat to any amount of second-hand smoke is bad for their health. This is particularly so for regular smokers or for those who smoke in poorly ventilated areas near their cats. This is because, just like with humans, cigarette smoke can cause respiratory issues such as asthma and bronchitis due to the smoke irritating the airway. Prolonged exposure also increases the risk of lung cancer due to the harmful chemicals in the smoke, which can damage lung tissue over time.

It is not just the lungs that are affected; cats exposed to second-hand smoke may also suffer from eye infections and skin irritation due to the chemicals in the smoke. It is also thought that smoke can cause allergic reactions leading to symptoms like sneezing, itching and skin rashes. Third hand smoke, which refers to the residual chemicals that settle on surfaces, including a cat's fur, is also a health risk. When cats groom themselves, they ingest these toxic particles leading to various health problems, including digestive issues and an increased risk of developing tumours in the mouth and throat.

Although thought by some to be less harmful than cigarette smoking, vaping poses similar risks to cats. The vapour from e-cigarettes contains harmful chemicals like formaldehyde and propylene glycol, which can lead to respiratory problems and broader health issues, including a weakened immune system and general poor health. Like with cigarette smoke, the particles from vape aerosols can settle on surfaces and be ingested by cats during grooming. It is worth noting too that the vape devices themselves are risky to have around cats due to the toxic nicotine they contain. Should a device become broken, the leaked e-liquid and the nicotine it contains will contaminate surfaces and can be absorbed through the skin.

To protect your cat, it's best to avoid smoking or vaping indoors altogether. If you do smoke or vape, try to do it in a well-ventilated room, away from your cat, and wash your hands thoroughly before handling your pet.

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

Rita Thompson.

To book the Village Hall for meetings, parties or other social functions, contact Angie Page on 07902 553759

## WEETING STEAM ENGINE RALLY & COUNTRY SHOW

Friday 17 - Sunday 19 July

**EXCLUSIVE OFFER  
WEETING RESIDENTS ONLY!**

Please bring proof of Weeting address to pay gate, to claim your discounted ticket.

**Day Pass £10 (£5 discount)**

Pay gates open 09:30 and close Friday and Saturday 21:30, Sunday 17:00.

Re-admission Friday or Saturday after 21:30 only with valid wristband. No admissions after 22:00

Under 16s to be accompanied by an adult.



Thank you for your support



# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

## Crafty Natter



The Crafty Natter Club is running well. We meet every two weeks on Tuesdays from 2pm until 4pm and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee at about 3pm.

The crafts we do vary greatly - knitting, crocheting, cross stitch and Diamond art are very popular.

We have a friend at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, so we knit small blankets for premature babies. Many people have donated patterns and wool, so we have all the equipment we need.

All are welcome to join us. It is a very friendly group who are willing to teach different crafts. we would love to see new people.

June 2026 meetings are on 9th and 23rd and every two weeks thereafter.

## Church Update

### Save Our Church Timeline - St Mary's, Weeting

TASK	TIMESCALE	DATE COMPLETED
Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) closed the Church due to the collapsing floor, and falling plaster from the ceiling	St. Mary's Church is listed on the Historic England Heritage 'At Risk Register'	August 2022
Removal of the pews 	This was to allow temporary repairs to the rotting floor timbers, giving the necessary strength to support heavy scaffolding for the temporary netting to be fitted to the ceiling	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Temporary repairs carried out 	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 
Temporary chairs purchased to allow the reopening of the church 		2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024
Calling Notice for Public Consultation and Online Survey	Weeting Village Life Issue 50 Paper versions were made available and delivered on request	June 2025
Public meeting at the Church chaired by Sam Pedlar (Church & Community Support Advisor Diocese of Ely), and Holly Robinson (Historic Church Buildings Support Officer, Church Buildings & Pastoral Department, Ely.)	Discussion re: Process for procurement of Lottery funding for repairs / improvements  Estimated to take five years	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
Create the Renovation Project Team (RPT)	completed	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
Form a subcommittee to advertise for an architect	RPT meeting at church led by Holly Robinson on the next stage forward	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026
Advertise for church architects	RPT subcommittee set a time deadline of 16 <sup>th</sup> March	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Closing date extended (only 3 received)	Five responses required to proceed	Extended for 2 weeks
Update on the responses to the advert	Five received	Confirmed on 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Next steps	Church	
Evaluation of the applicants received	RPT subcommittee meeting to review the 5 applicants	June 2026
Interview Process for architect	RPT subcommittee to appoint	July 2026

**For donations - go to [justgiving.com](http://justgiving.com) and select St.Mary's Church, Weeting**

## Any Ideas?

If anyone has a suggestion for a new and interesting item that they would like to see in Weeting Village Life next year, please contact the editor on [wvl@btinternet.com](mailto:wvl@btinternet.com).

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

Able  
Community Care



Q & A

**Able Community Care is a Norfolk, family owned, Home Care provider which was established in 1980. We are often asked by our clients, carers and members of the public, questions across a wide range of care issues. Care information is often time-consuming and difficult to access, so we are happy to share some of our questions and answers with you.**

**Question** – I have heard of Benevolent Funds, but what are they and can they help with care costs?

**Answer** - Benevolent funds in the UK are charitable organisations that provide financial support, grants, and practical assistance to individuals facing hardship, often linked to specific trades, professions, or industries that a person has worked in.

They can offer advice and practical help, including grants for items such as furniture, computers, and white goods, as well as assistance with everyday living costs. In addition, they may provide funding towards care home fees, top-up costs, or home care services, such as daily care visits during times of need.

If you are unsure whether your former employer or the industry you worked in has a benevolent fund, you can find out by contacting Turn2us. Turn2us is a UK-based national charity that helps people experiencing financial hardship access welfare benefits, charitable grants, and support services.

Their helpline number is 0808 802 2000 and their website: [www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk)

**Question** – How do you qualify for a Council Tax reduction?

**Answer** - Council Tax Reductions are underclaimed, with an estimated 2.4–2.7 million eligible people missing out—around 1 in 4 households.

People may qualify in several ways, including:

- A 25% single-person discount
- Full exemptions for full-time students
- Reductions for those with severe mental impairment, people diagnosed with conditions such as severe dementia may qualify for a reduction of between 25% and 100%, depending on circumstances and council rules.

In England, schemes are set by local councils, while Scotland and Wales have national systems.

**Council Tax Reduction is not automatic—you must apply through your local council.**

Organisations like Citizens Advice and Age UK can help check eligibility and support applications.

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# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

## Air Rifle range

Well we had our first couple of air rifle events in March and April and as usual there was some good fun to be had by all with a mix of both easy and more stretching targets. Our next shoots will be on 31st May followed by 28th June. We have tied these into some of our usual clay pigeon day events so those that may want to try both styles of shooting can by staying with us for the afternoon. We are always looking for feedback on how to improve our little shoot so feel free to give your views to any of the committee.

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!

All our dates and events are published on our website and Facebook pages for 2026 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

Since our last newsletter we have had a number of events with both skeet and sporting competitions held along with the always popular 3-man flush competition and some practice sessions to boot.

The J Rayner Sporting comp in March was won on a shoot off by Alex Boggis High Gun with Gary Sallis AA, James Crouch A and Aygun Amirral B class winners.

Our 50 bird skeet comp in April was won by Del Spencer High Gun with AA going to Alex Taylor, A to Ben Di-grulio and B to John Forbes.

The 3-man flush was great fun with lots of banter and encouragement from the viewing guns doing their best to put off whichever team was shooting. That's the lovely thing about Weeting Gun Club, everyone supports each other with good hearted micky taking! After the 75 birds were had by each of the 6 teams competing the winning team consisted of Ian Childerhouse, Alex Boggis and John Forbes with an excellent 57/75.

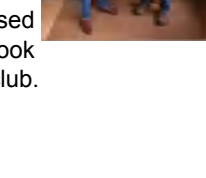
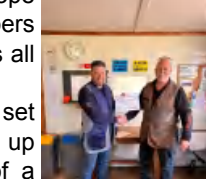
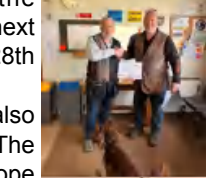
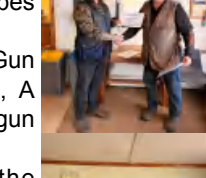
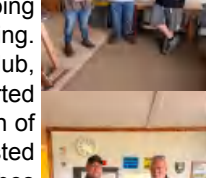
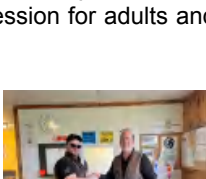
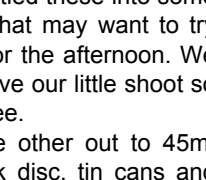
Last Sunday's Handicap Sporting event High Gun was Ben Di-grulio with AA going to Glyn Law, A class to James Crouch and B class to Aygun Amirral.

Clay Pigeon shooting continues to be the cornerstone of our friendly little club and our next events will be held on 31st May, 14th June and 28th June. Full details on our website.

The club continues to grow and we are now also able to take card payments as well as cash. The weather has been kind to date and can only hope this continues albeit many of our diehard members will shoot in all conditions come rain or shine. It's all good practice!

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 publicised on our website and social media and we look forward to seeing both old and new faces at the club.

WGC Committee



## ART FOR PLEASURE



Recently we enjoyed a workshop with Keith Powell. Not many of us had worked in gouache so it was quite a challenge, but extremely rewarding. He spent a lot of time explaining the best materials to use and how to use them. Then he demonstrated how he would approach the subject and gradually produced a lovely picture. He did this in stages and when he stopped we all tried to copy what he had done. We learnt a lot that day and produced some really exceptional pictures.

Due to the council elections, we were unable to meet in Weeting Village Hall as we usually do every week, so we decided to take our sketch pads to Feltwell Church where we were able to sketch some of the church's interesting interior. The exterior is also very lovely but as the weather was not too warm, we opted to stay inside. We would like to thank the church for kindly allowing us to meet in their lovely building and try to capture the beauty of it.

If you would like to see some of our finished work of the church and other subjects, we will again be attending Feltwell Carnival and Fete on Saturday 20th June, so look forward to seeing you there

If you are interested in drawing and painting, had always wanted to try, or it is a hobby you would like to take up again come and speak to us at the fete, or call in and see us at Weeting Village Hall any Thursday morning 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.

Although we meet to draw or paint, we are a very social group enjoying a morning cuppa with a biscuit and sometimes cakes all for just £4 a morning.

We meet every Thursday 10.30 am – 12.30 pm at Weeting Village Hall. Some of us had painted before but quite a lot decided to take it up as a hobby on retiring. We are of mixed ability and work in all mediums but mainly the essence of the group is in the title – the pleasure of painting and socialising with like-minded art lovers.

For more details phone Beryl Pountney 01842 828750

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# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

## ★ Village Hall Entertainment ★

Hopefully, by the time we are all reading our great WEETING MAGAZINE, the June weather will be very much busting out all over, just like the song, with all the beautiful flowers and blossoms on the trees. I think this is the best time of the year, because whatever is going on around us, Mother Nature always comes up trumps.

The village hall has now got a lot more things going on during the day, chiefly due to the volunteers who run the Lite Lunch Club. Already due to them the hall has been given a face lift inside, and the entrance has had a paint job too. Next on the agenda is to raise enough monies to update first the Ladies' toilets and then the Gentlemen's. With that in mind, the working committee has already started a Coffee and Games morning held on the first Wednesday of every month from 10am to 12pm. So come and join in with your neighbours and friends. It's a nice way to meet new friends too. The next venture the Volunteers are planning is a Cheese and Crackers with Quiz afternoons; the first one will be on Monday 22nd June starting at 2pm.

So just to get all the dates right here is a list:

- Lite Lunch Club every alternate Tuesday from 11am to 2 pm
- Coffee morning with games first Wednesday of the month from 10am to 12md, the next being Wednesday 3rd June.
- Cheese, Crackers and Quiz afternoon on the first Monday of the month at 2pm starting on 22nd June, so come along and join in the fun.

And last but not the least, WASPs are holding their summer show in the Village Hall during the first weekend of June. This will be the third in the series of comedy MURDER Mysteries and is called "MURDER AT THE SEAVIEW HOTEL"

Friday evening 5th June doors open at 6pm, show starts 7pm  
Saturday afternoon 6th June doors open 1pm, show starts 2pm  
Sunday afternoon 7th June doors open 1pm show starts 2pm  
Tickets available from:  
Dee's Delight, High St, Brandon or ring Carole on 01842 550919

So come along and have a very funny evening or afternoon watching your friends and neighbours trying to remember their lines, or which entrance to go out through. This is all done to make you laugh and we hope you will all enjoy it as much as we do. If so, maybe you will come and join us.  
Carole



Hello everyone! It seems only yesterday I was sat writing our winter report and yet, as I relax with my laptop in the garden, the warm weather seems to be with us to stay!

Since our last update, we've been very busy at Shoestring! We had our annual pantomime during February half-term (oh yes, we did!) which went as well as we could've asked for. Four terrific shows and a very pleased cast and crew meant that our biggest ever show, celebrating our 40th annual pantomime, was well enjoyed by all.

As February became March and March became April, we got the ball rolling on two of our upcoming events. Brandon's Bonkers Bingo 2, which will have taken place by the time you're reading this, and No Biz Like Show Biz, our summer show for 2026.

After the success of our Bonkers Bingo way back in September, we decided to put it on again, this time in a bigger venue with even more ridiculous costumes and even stupider prizes! If all goes according to plan and we're as successful as last time, then we may look to make this a regular event.

July will see us put on our summer show, No Biz Like Show Biz! A collection of musical theatre numbers throughout the ages, aiming to celebrate the very best of Broadway and the West End!

Following the conclusion of the summer show towards the end of July, it'll be time once again for the stage to take its well-earned rest before we commence panto #41 ready for February 2027.

So that's all from us for now. Don't forget, if you're interested in joining Shoestring either on or off the stage, you can get in touch via our website at [www.shoestringtheatrecompany.co.uk](http://www.shoestringtheatrecompany.co.uk) or email [shoestringsecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:shoestringsecretary@hotmail.com).

Have a great summer!

The Shoestring Committee

## Weeting Village Hall

The village hall has been getting a good Spring clean over the last few months due to the monies made by the Lite Lunch Club. First off we had a deep clean done – we try get this done at least once a year and had to get a skip to take some of the old equipment away that had been in the store rooms for a very long time.

The main hall has been decorated, so too has the entrance hall and now the next thing on the Lite Lunch Club's agenda is to redo the Ladies' toilets and after that the Gent's toilets will be the next, but in the meantime the ceiling in the Gent's has been fixed. All thanks to the money they have donated to the Village Hall. Without their support things like these would not get done in the time frame that they have been done.

We will have had our second dance of the year, on May 16th, with a third planned for September 26th, featuring The Kenny Lee Band. We do hope everyone enjoyed the ones we've had so far and hope you will all come to the next one. For tickets speak to Sue Windget (for contact details see the posters around the village or on Facebook)

In between times, the CCTV cameras have been checked, as have the fire alarms and all the other essential checks that have to be carried out on a 6-12 monthly basis, and licences renewed.

We had our AGM on the 14th May and would like to thank all who attended the meeting. The Village Hall Committee are as follows:  
Chairman - Mrs Sue Jones, Vice Chairman - Mr David Wood, Secretary - Mrs Carole Wilkins, Treasurer - Mrs Karen Scott.

We will continue to plan and host new events throughout the coming year; just look out for the posters that we put up in and around the village – places like Parrott's Piece, the top of Peppers Hill and the Bus Stop at the junction of Rectory Lane and Park View, plus of course the posters that we put in the local shops.

Karen Scott



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## WEETING (SAM2) SPEED RECORDER UPDATE

Time Period FROM	Time Period TO	Position (Direction facing)	Total Count of vehicles	Speed Limit m.p.h.	Vehicles within the speed limit	Speeding Violations
<b>2026</b>						
1 <sup>st</sup> February	27 <sup>th</sup> February	Park View (E)	32764	30	28254	4510
27 <sup>th</sup> February	6 <sup>th</sup> March	SAM2 - Calibration / Service	--	--	--	--
6 <sup>th</sup> March	28 <sup>th</sup> March	South Park(N)	57057	30	51055	6002
28 <sup>th</sup> March	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Lynn Road (N)	56363	40	40944	16419

### Quarterly Summary

Total Vehicle Count for the recorded period	<b>146184</b>
Vehicle Count within the speed limit	<b>120253</b>
Speeding Violations within the village	<b>26931</b>
Violators as a percentage of the total vehicle count	<b>18.42%</b>

Breakdown of speeding vehicles for the above periods: -

Speed Limit	Park View (E)	South Park (N)	Lynn Road (N)
Speed Limit	30	30	40
Violators			
35	4029	5421	--
40	438	536	--
45	40	42	9276
50	2	3	4352
55	1		1942
60			598
65			178
70			49
75			18
80			5
85			1

# St Mary's Church



### Churchwarden:

Tommy Saward Tel: 01842 813601 [tommysaward@hotmail.com](mailto: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

## MOBILE LIBRARY



11th June 2026

9th July 2026

6th August 2026

3rd September 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

## Parish Council Meetings

Weeting Parish Council meetings are held at the Village Hall at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday evening each month unless otherwise advertised.

All village residents are welcome to attend. If you have an issue that you wish to raise at a meeting, please advise the Parish Clerk in advance, (see contact details below), so that it can be put on the agenda.

# ?? Who's Who ??

## Weeting Parish Councillors

Cllr Ian Childerhouse 07747 794867  
 Cllr Tom Childerhouse (V Chair) 01842 811469  
 Cllr Margaret Lister 01842 810467  
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# LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

CLUB	CONTACT	LOCATION	DAY AND TIME
Adult's & Children's Street Dancing	Micha Barker 07841 474400	Village Hall	Wednesday 3:45 - 9.15pm
Art For Pleasure	Beryl Pountney 01842 828750	Village Hall	Thursday 10:30am – 12:30pm 3rd 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 D5 & April 7:00pm
Brandon & District Photographic Club	Philip Desmond	Brandon Baptist Church High Street	September - May 2nd & 4th Wednesday 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
Carpet Bowls	Heather Woodhams 01842 815406	Village Hall	Friday 9.45 – 12 midday
Crafty Natter	Daphne Foggin / Diane Ellis 07498 283150	Village Hall	Monthly on Tuesday 2pm - 4pm (dates listed at the Village Hall)
Friends of Brandon Station	Gary Hall 01842 814187		
Green Bowls	Carol Newman 01842 815089 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
Happy To Sing Choir	Jill Hopper. jill.h2schoir@hotmail.com	Methodist Church Hall. Brandon	Alt Fridays 7pm
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 9.39 - 10.30am (except Bank Holidays)
Light Lunch Club	Carole Wilkins /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 Parsfield 07876 330687	Village Hall	Monday 7.30 - 10pm
Pool	Carol Newman 01842 815089	Bowls Club	Tuesday 7:00pm
Pop Up Pantry	Beverley	Village Hall	Thursday 1.30 - 3pm (Ex 3rd week)
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 Juniors 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	Friday 6:00 - 9pm (during rehearsal periods)
Weeting Saxon FC	James Langley 01842 811627		
Weeting Steam Rally	Kate Plant Rally Co-ordinator 07907 720312		
West Norfolk Aviation Society	07706 030307	Mundford Bowls Club	1st Tuesday

## Still we keep going with the Parish Records ...

June 1974 saw the re-election of Mr N Parrott as Chairman and just to get you into history alignment, 1974 was Watergate and Richard Nixon's resignation as President of the USA. Mr Holledge was also re-elected as Vice-Chairman. Mr Green (a current Parish Councillor) was thanked for making the light for the aged (??) and it was proposed to find out how many people might need them and make some more.

There was a considerable amount of correspondence, ranging from the Dept of the Environment about the Church access road to Mr Stoneham's continued complaints regarding parking lorries in Park View. With regard to the Playing Field, Mr Parrott offered to repair the practise nets and posts and it was proposed that the male members (!) of the council should erect slab seats on both the Brandon Road and the Playing Field.

With regard to Breckland District Council's new Interim Settlement Policy, Mr Parrott led the discussion on planning and the councillors felt on balance, that their interest would be in any proposed large developments in the village, rather than small individual applications. Again, the question of the riding school was brought up with Councillor Green suggesting that Councillor Drewry was being targeted. Councillor Drewry is saying that she had no idea Councillor Green would bring this up, said that she had taken action on the matter and was awaiting results. 29 July 1974 saw full attendance at the meeting with Mr Parrott in the Chair. The County Education Officer had offered a grant of £396.00 for the bowling green. Later, the councillors agreed to get quotes for seeding the green, Mr Parrot proposed he provide temporary fencing around the green to protect the growing seedlings.

Concern was expressed at the siting of some new fencing on the edge of the Brandon Road by the Z Bends, Mr Green saying it was very dangerous for pedestrians. It was agreed to approach NCC Highways for their thoughts.

*Any Other Business is often a rich source of info* and the question of second-hand cars and old wrecks being parked outside the garage was brought up and it was agreed to approach the owner about this. Again, the Riding School in Rectory Lane reared its head with Mrs Drewry suggesting that the Councillors write to Breckland District Council with recommendations that might be applied to any future riding schools when issuing new licences or for that matter, re-issuing old ones so that they could not be so objectionable as the existing one is to adjacent residents. Autumn came and at the September meeting, the gentleman with the cars/wrecks had written to the council asking for some trees to screen the side of his garage. This meeting had less business to discuss than usual, but the Public Health Dept, Breckland District Council suggested that when an application was made for a riding establishment, councillors should send through any recommendations they felt appropriate. However, these minutes raise the dreaded question of **potholes** – the first mention since 1947. *Who would have thought then that some 50 years later we would still be talking about potholes.* Apparently when the Water Board had had the road up by the railway they left a pothole.

There follows a single page of minutes for a meeting between the Parish councillors and representatives from Modus Developments who were in the very early stages of discussing what appears to be a large development for the village, similar to their site in Watton. Councillors talked at length about the proposal and agreed to visit Watton on the 20th October 1974.

The next council meeting was on the 2nd December 1974 – and the accounts show an amount of £100 paid to the Property Services Agency as the PCC's contribution to the repair of the Church Road. On receiving a letter from Breckland DC offering the opportunity to purchase their minutes, Mr Parrott (*quite rightly*) said it would be cheaper if they all read a copy of his minutes that he received as a District Councillor!"

There were several continuing complaints about the state of the pavements but perhaps more worrying, the state of the mortar around the chimneys of the council houses in South Park, the electricity in the old council houses in Hockwold Road and the area around the phone box. Good News – money was approved for the purchase of a Christmas Tree.

The first meeting of the new year – 1975 – brought a full house of councillors to the meeting. It was agreed that the annual Precept for the year would be £2500.00 (approx. £27,000) There had been some problems with the football clubs paying their way, but one paid this month. However, Mr Parrott confirmed that Breckland DC would only be meeting every two months instead of every six weeks to save money and although Weeting would still be having money from Grant Aid, there was only £10,000 for ninety parishes. The matter of the cars parked by a garage was again brought up as a hazard when turning onto the main road, and Mr Parrott said he would report this to Highways. A number of other issues were brought up for Highways attention such as white lines by the garage, give way signs on Castle Close and repairs to the pavements in Rectory Lane in front of the council houses.

Councillors noted with concern that to convert the current time metered street lights to photoelectric was very expensive, but it was proposed to contact the Electricity Consultative Council about the very high maintenance cost of the current lights. A number of the lights were currently not working and reported to Eastern Electricity, but councillors noted that a credit of £1.56 had been received for a light that had not worked for six months!!

This year's Annual Parish Meeting was held on the 17th March 1975 with 12 members of the public attending. There is no doubt this meeting was an outlet for the members of the public to air grievances ranging from the noise from breaking old cars in the Towers where the minutes take on a somewhat colourful turn with such phrases as Breckland RD pussyfooting around to the fact that this complaint had been going on for some eighteen months! There was also a mention of vehicles being parked on the road at night with no lights on ... *this caused a flicker of memory and I had to look this up – good old Google. It would appear that you had to have parking lights on if the road was not a 30 mph limit and still do.* The matter of the pit at the back of Cromwell Road was raised, when would it be filled in as "all sorts of rubbish" was being dumped there which was attracting rats and Mr Parrott advised Breckland Council were arranging for the pit to be filled in. Dogs fouling the public footpaths was an ongoing problem *and still is.* The main Council meeting then followed.

July 1975 was the time when the first US–Soviet handshake in space took place, marking a significant, albeit symbolic, detente in the Cold War. In Weeting in a gentler mood, the councillors were discussing the overgrown gardens of some older residents. Mr Parrott (*who appeared to take on most of the problems*) wondered if the Scouts could help the elderly who could no longer keep their gardens tidy.

Mrs Drummond, the clerk, reported that a large amount of correspondence had been received for councillors to consider ranging from Breckland DC council house Letting Policy to Electoral arrangements. There was the suggestion the polling stations should be moved from schools. Councillors also noted that the line marker for the football pitch needed repair and a quantity of washed sharp sand was required for the bowling green.

Mr Parrot in his report on Breckland DC, commented that they had received a notice directly from the Government to cut down on expenses! (*Nothing changes*). He said he hoped future council housing for the village would include bungalows with provision for a warden for the elderly which councillors agreed would be a good idea. It was noted that Mrs Snooks was requesting permission to have a litter bin outside the post office.

At the September 1975 meeting approval was given for the purchase of two horse chestnut trees for the playing field. Mr Parrott in his Breckland Council report, confirmed there would still be meetings every six weeks rather than the two months they were hoping to propose with the odd fact that the Water Authority stretched from the Humber to the Thames with 4.5 million customers. *Almost 7 million now.* It was suggested that the council go ahead and get plans ready for the pavilion at the Bowling Green together with arranging for the green to be seeded. Mr Parrott reported that Highways said the only way to slow the traffic down in All Saints was to have "a sleeping policeman". AOB brought its usual list of un-neighbourly behaviour such as the continuation of at least four businesses being run from home including repairs to old cars and the erection of a fence along the back of properties in Rectory Lane.

September 1975's meeting started with councillors agreeing that there would be no objection to Mrs Snooks have her own litter basket as she had a large area of pavement outside her shop. There was some discussion over the name for the development by J F Bennet, Breckland wanted Parkside the PCC wanted Fengate Close as originally proposed. It was arranged for a meeting concerning the Atmere Trust be held in October. The Post Office had objected to the name Fengate Close and it was agreed that it should be Shadwell Close named after the poet Thomas Shadwell, who had been born in Bromehill Farm, Weeting (*or perhaps Santon House, Lynford in 1642, appointed poet laureate*). Governors for Weeting VC Primary were appointed for a further term.

At the Atmere Trust meeting, the trustees decided that a sum of money would be given to all over 80's and all over 70's who live alone or are incapacitated. (*Thankyou!*) The report on Any Other Business was particularly lengthy at this meeting. Councillors were very concerned with the state of the land round a particular bungalow in Peppers Close where the owner appeared to be using it for rubbish and an old car parked on the green in Rectory Lane. A suggestion made by one councillor – that the light be kept on in the telephone box over night to assist in emergencies – was considered a good idea and would be discussed with Eastern Electricity (*oh how times have changed*).

Complaints had also been received that a gang of boys were going around the village swearing at people and being a nuisance. Mr Parrott said he would talk to the local police. It was agreed to purchase a filing cabinet for the Clerk as the quantity of paperwork was increasing!

Councillors were extremely concerned about two reports in relation to the Breckland Riding Academy. Both, The British Horse Society and Ponies of Great Britain report that the condition of the horses were appalling – bags of bones was mentioned. The Stables were in the process of making another application for further planning permission and the Councillors decided to immediately write to the Breckland Public Health Officer to withdraw the licence from this Riding School in view of the suffering of the animals which the Parish Council would not condone and not to allow any further development.

Councillors again voted to have a Christmas Tree on the village green and confirmed the next meeting would be in February 1976.

Ann E Morgan.

## Summer Gardening

Summer is truly the season to celebrate flowers—whether you're enjoying beds of sunny perennials, the fragrance of roses and shrubs, or bursts of colour in hanging baskets and containers. While there's always something to do, don't forget to take a moment to relax and admire your beautiful handiwork. Here are some helpful tips for each month to help you plan, keep your garden thriving, and get the very most enjoyment from your outdoor space.

### June

If your hanging baskets are growing unevenly, just give them a little trim and you'll soon see lush, bushy growth in return. It's a great time to feed containers and baskets regularly—choose a high potash feed to bring out lots of cheerful flowers.

June is perfect for taking softwood cuttings from shrubs, short-lived perennials, and woody herbs. Snip a 4-inch (10cm) non-flowering shoot below a leaf bud, remove the tip and bottom leaves, dip in hormone rooting powder, and plant in cuttings compost. Give them a drink and keep them cosy by popping a clear plastic bag over the top until they take root.

If you haven't already, now's a great time to prune back spring-flowering shrubs that have finished their show (think forsythia, lilacs, and bridal wreath spiraea).

Warm weather brings out not just gardeners, but pests too! Keep an eye out for aphids (greenfly, blackfly, and whitefly), as they love the heat. Caught early, you can simply remove them by hand. It's helpful to stay on top of these visitors—they can spread plant viruses.

### July

Watch out for blight on potatoes and tomatoes—this fast-moving disease has no cure once it sets in. The spores of *Phytophthora infestans* are carried by the wind and can even linger in the soil. Stay informed with blight warnings, check out <https://blightspy.huttonltd.com/> and, if blight strikes, harvest your potatoes straight away and use them soon.

Camellias, azaleas, and rhododendrons are now setting next year's flower buds. If these plants don't flower, it's often down to their roots drying out at this crucial time—especially in containers. Keep them watered (rainwater is best for these acid-loving friends), and if tap water is your only option, watch for yellow leaves and treat with a little iron tonic if needed.

Wisteria looking a bit wild? Tidy up the new growth by cutting stems back to five or six leaves from their base—this lets in light and air, and helps ensure a fantastic floral display next year.

Around mid-July, it's time to thin out fruit on your trees. The "June drop" is nature's way of thinning, but giving a helping hand lets remaining fruit grow bigger and healthier. Thinning also lets sunlight and air circulate, helping fruit ripen evenly and reducing disease. Plus, your tree's branches won't get weighed down and risk breaking.

### August

English lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia*) benefits from a yearly trim to keep it neat and happy. Once flowering is over, snip off the stalks and about one inch (2.5cm) of this year's growth, making sure there's still some green left.

If it's a dry summer, water wisely! The best method is to soak the soil at the base of your plants, rather than spraying leaves or the air. This way, every drop helps your plants stay healthy and hydrated.

From your gardening friend, Rachel Sobiechowski BSc(Hons)

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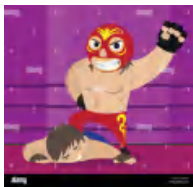
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## TH Nice, Cyclone Smith and the Atom Bomb

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Later on, we had another salesman called Malcolm Smith start work for the company, replacing Charlie who had become ill and consequently taken retirement. Malcolm would dash about everywhere and was very energetic with everything he did. We began to notice that he had to shave twice a day as his facial hair would grow at an alarming rate. Hair would also sprout out of his shirt collar and he had to clip it to hide it, so we nicknamed him "Cyclone Smith". One day, when he had slowed down enough for a cup of tea, I commented that I had never seen hair grow that quickly. With that he opened his shirt to show me his chest – OMG, he was just like a gorilla as you couldn't see his chest or arms for hair. He told us that he had had no more hair than anyone else until he was ordered to witness the testing of an atomic bomb, at a place called Maralinga in the Australian desert, whilst wearing only shorts, a cap and boots. He had to stand outside, facing away from the bomb when it was detonated about 20 miles away, but after 10 seconds they had to turn and face the light. They could feel the heat and saw the mushroom of smoke and dust rising up. This caused his skin to go red and blister and, although it was treated, it turned rough, the hair began to grow and had continued ever since.

A short while later in 1966, TH Nice closed and I went to work for Ready Crete and I had not seen Cyclone for years. Then, last year, I was watching television and a news programme came on about four men who were trying to claim compensation for their injuries received during the A Bomb test. I looked at one particular man as something made me think I recognised him and then the penny dropped. "That's Cyclone Smith" I said and then the interviewer said, "Now, Malcolm Smith, tell us about your experience at Maralinga." Yes, there he was, clean shaven and calmed down. I don't know whether he won his case, but I certainly hope he did along with all of his mates who were there.

After writing my memories in Weeting Village Life since 2020, this will be the last time as things have changed in my life. Best wishes to everyone and THANK YOU for following my memories.

John Holledge

Editor's Note – thank you so much John. I am sure your memories brought a smile to our readers. Good luck to you and your family.



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# CLUB SPOTLIGHT



Brandon  
Photographic Club

Another season draws to a close for Brandon & District Photographic Club. The season began in September 2025 and finished in May 2026 and consisted of guest speakers, competitions and contributions from club members.

The club welcomed two guest speakers, the first Paul Radden, a Federation registered judge, gave 'An Insight into Judging,' explaining the process of judging photographs and how decisions are reached. Club members were then invited to give a critique of a photograph following the process explained by Paul of 'praise-slap-praise.' Criticisms should be constructive and encourage development rather than demoralise. Not as easy to do as it sounds.

The second speaker, David Steel, an award-winning Cambridge based photographer, spoke about his photographic passion for portraiture, providing plenty of examples of his work over the years and how he had improved from beginner to winning national awards. His examples were a mix of staged portraits and those if you miss it, it's gone instances.

During the season the club holds three print competitions for the members, each competition has three categories, Colour, Mono and Open. The Open category has no restrictions on photo processing unlike the colour and mono categories. The results of each category go towards the club's league table. Photographer of the Year was won by Pat Childerhouse with 46 points.



Paul Radden was invited back to judge the club's All Winners Competition, and he judged mono print 'Café Culture' by Phil Desmond to be the Best Overall Print.

The club hosted neighbouring Lakenheath Camera Club to an enjoyable return photo-battle. Last season Lakenheath hosted. Each club provided 10 printed and 10 projected images for an independent judge to critique and score. Lakenheath triumphed by one point!

Last October the club held an exhibition at Brandon Baptist Church Hall in Brandon high street. The event was well attended by the public and several members of other photographic clubs. Whom all left positive comments regarding the images on display. John Percy won the public vote for best exhibition image, but the best praise was for the homemade cakes!

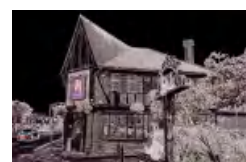
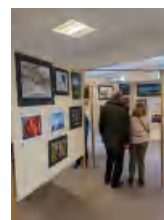


This coming June the club will attend a multi-club event at Duxford Imperial War Museum providing the opportunity to spend the day photographing the exhibits and specially arranged re-enactors, plus meet other club members.

Special thanks go to members Paul and Viktoria who have and are planning to again invite members to a relaxing and enjoyable summer garden party held in their garden, what the club has now dubbed Hockwold Botanical Garden.

The club meets from September to May, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7.30pm in Brandon Baptist Church Hall, Brandon High Street. All are welcome whether you have a 'fancy' camera or just use your phone, experienced or novice. Come and discover how to record your world your way and make Wednesday evenings your midweek social event.

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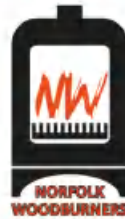


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