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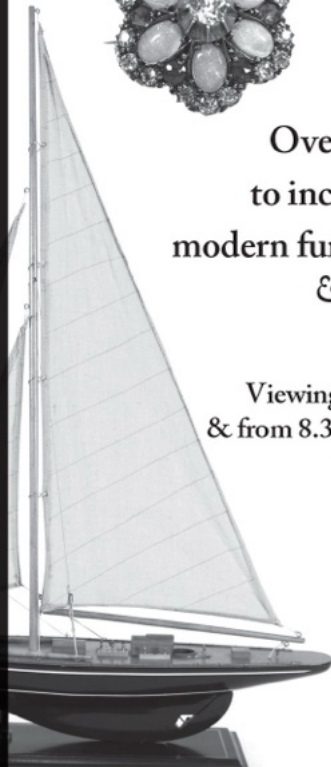


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FROM THE EDITOR

As I'm writing this, the village is still looking lovely with the bunting and flags from the Coronation. Thankfully, the weather was beautiful on the 7th May and the village celebrated in style. See the centre pages for photos from the day (thanks to Derick Holman for sending his pictures too). The craft competition made a great display in the Church thanks to Ruth at Webster's and Kelly's Crafty Corner, and of course the crafters who created the works of art.

Congratulations to Leonora Faggianato and the team at The Debenham Lion on gaining planning consent to make the necessary changes to the building to return it to use as a public house after 25 years. It seems to have taken a terribly long time so all concerned must be incredibly relieved to finally get the go-ahead. Thankfully, their participation in recent events has helped bring the High Street to life, as two empty and unloved pubs would have made for a very sorry sight.

Looking ahead to this month, the Art Exhibition is taking place in the Church and they are still looking for assistance if anyone has some time to spare.

There is an update on the village sign on p. 36-37 for all of you who have missed it (or not). Amazing things have been happening to it before it returns.

Finally, I believe we shall soon be saying 'farewell' to Tracey as her curacy reaches its completion and she leaves Debenham to become Rector of Needham Market. I shall find out more about that for next month's magazine!

Best wishes for a lovely June.

Jan

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 - guide artists delivering paintings on Wednesday 14th June between 3pm and 5pm and between 5pm and 7.00pm
 - steward the exhibition on Friday 16th between 10.30am and 8.00pm and on Saturday 17th between 10.30am and 7.00pm and on Sunday 18th between 11.00am and 4.00pm
- The days are usually divided into 2 hour slots
- remove paintings ready for collection and remove display boards and help purchasers to retrieve their purchases on Sunday 18th from 4.00pm onwards
- There will be a sheet for volunteers to sign in for all these tasks at the back of the Church from the beginning of May or you can email stmarysartex@gmail.com and let us know your availability.



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We now have a “pay as you go” membership option for those who can only come occasionally: £10 p.a. and £1.50 per session, as an alternative to £50 a year or £25 for six months. This will be attractive to those who are working full-time during the week.

The MG Midget restoration project continues: now resprayed (courtesy of PPG) it has returned to Debenham Garage, where the mechanical wizards will refit all the bits and pieces ready for resale. We are very grateful to them for their generosity to this project. New carpets are being fitted too.

Our “west wing” construction should be completed this month, with a concrete floor already laid and steel sheeting in

place. Final fitting out with doors, lighting etc will be done soon.

Debenham Shed is at 2 Fields Farm, Low Road (IP14 6BJ). We are open on Monday mornings 9am-12pm, Friday afternoons 2-5pm and normally the second Saturday morning of each month. Chairman: Dennis Morley 07976 925016. Treasurer: Tony Hutt 07906 614328. Visit our website at www.debenhamshed.org.uk (sign up to newsletters on the Contact page) Email info@debenhamshed.org.uk . Like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DebenhamShed.

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11th June – Holy habits

18th June – Break the cycle (Fathers Day)

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Coming soon... The Forge Holiday Club, 25th-30th July

For School Years 1-6, the Forge Holiday Club is back with *Into the Unknown*. Book your place at www.forgechurch.com/holiday-club. From 9.30am-12.30pm on 25-28 and 30 July in Debenham Community Centre.

We also run a full kids & youth programme each Sunday at 10.30am.

Tots Street (0-3's), Little Village (pre school), Uptown Kids (yr1-5), Transit (Yr6-8)

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Tuesday 6th June 2023

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Geoffrey Kay tells of the arrival of the Eighth US Army Air Force in East Anglia and how the air and ground crew of American GIs who, by 1944, sometimes outnumbering the local population by fifty to one, were received and the experience of the GIs who found themselves at war in the region.

Tuesday 4th July 2023

The Work of Master Mason, Hawes of Occold

Dave Steward tells of the work of Master Mason, Hawes, a skilled stone mason, with a career which extended from about 1410 to 1440, Hawes developed characteristic features in the design of stonework on Suffolk churches, several examples of which can still be seen in St Mary's Church, Debenham.

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People's Champion Awards: our manager Maureen John has been shortlisted for the Suffolk Libraries Volunteer's choice award, in recognition of her support of volunteers, and Howard Simpson has been shortlisted for the Innovation award, awarded to a volunteer who drives a successful new idea or initiative within their local library—in his case the Heavy Metal Day held last July. Awards will be presented at Woodbridge Library on Thursday 8th June.

A fund-raising scheme called **PAWS-itivity** will involve life-size Labrador dog sculptures, decorated by local artists, in all 45 Suffolk libraries this summer. One will visit Debenham—we don't know when yet!

Did you know....?

There is a disabled car parking space for the Library, available during opening hours.

Lego Brickology Fun Day

Workshop: Wednesday 9 August, 2-4pm. Ages 4+ (and adults!), sponsored by Denbury Homes.

Reading Challenge: look out for the Summer Reading Challenge, starting on 15 July. This year's theme for 4-11 year olds is *Ready, Set, Read*. Adult volunteers would be very welcome to help with this; speak to the staff.

A Dungeons and Dragons group now meets monthly in the library, with a junior version to launch soon too.

Warm Spaces: Debenham Library continue to offer free hot drinks on a self-service basis, funded by Suffolk Libraries and the Debenham Library Foundation.

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THANK YOU

Everyone at Sir Robert Hitcham Primary School would like to say an extremely big thank you to Mrs Betty Connors for her commitment and hard work to the school. Mrs Connors has been involved at the school for many, many years and worn many different hats during this time – parent, governor, Open the Book team member, volunteer in Early Years to name just a few. Mrs Connors will be greatly missed by everyone. Thank you so much for everything!

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MAP DAY

On Friday 19 May all the pupils took part in a Map Day. The purpose was to develop their environmental awareness, wayfinding and map interpretation skills. As a school we believe that geography is best when learning takes place outside the classroom. The day gave all the pupils a chance to get outside and make maps.

Violet Class (Nursery and Reception)



The class used different materials and objects to make maps of our gardens and hid minibeasts in them. They then drew the map adding directions and a key. The children added labels and arrows to show the route to follow to find the minibeasts.

Indigo Class (Year 1)

We looked at a map of the school grounds and found the places marked. We found letters to spell out 'Map Day'. After that, we made out our own routes for a friend to follow. We also created maps of imaginary places.



Blue Class (Year 2)

The pupils created a map of the classroom using symbols and pictures taken from above. Then they created a sound map inside the classroom and outside on the field and compared the sounds they heard. Finally, they created a map of the field, added plants that they found along the way, added a title and a compass point to demonstrate north.



Green Class (Year 3)

The children in Green Class had photographs of objects and places around the school's outside environment. Firstly, they needed to identify and find these, then mark their locations

on a map of the school grounds. To do this they needed to be able to read the key on the map and correctly orientate it to identify the locations.



Yellow Class (Year 4)

We explored the environment outside the school, looking for good bad and indifferent things on our journey. We returned to school, drew our maps and annotated them with what we found on our journey. The class discussion decided that the environment in Chancery Lane was better than the B1077. The class also used atlases to see how many counties you would have cross to reach Qatar by road.



Orange Class (Year 5)

The pupils found out about the different ways that height is shown on a map. They learnt how a key is used for layer shading, as the different colours represent different heights above sea level. Then, they learnt about contour lines and how these are used to show heights. From this, we created our own 3D models from a 2D map drawing with contour lines.



Red Class (Year 6)

Red Class learnt to recognise different symbols on OS maps and how to read 6-digit reference numbers. By the end of our Map Day all the pupils had been on a 'journey'. There is no doubt we have some budding explorers within the school.

"A map tells you where you've been, where you are, and where you're going."

— Peter Greenaway



Helen Bateman
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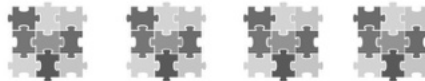
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What is Debenham "Monday Meet-Up"?

It is a place where you can come alone or with friends and enjoy as much or as little social interaction as you wish or simply be with other people. In addition to free refreshments (and occasionally cake!) and free WiFi we offer:

A selection of books to read there or take away.

A selection of traditional board games – draughts, dominoes, chess, cards
Jigsaw Swap – the chance to swap a completed puzzle for a "new to you" one or borrow one to start your puzzle swap journey.

For those with little ones we have a selection of jigsaw puzzles, books and activity sheets/ colouring.

We can also offer community craft sessions if there is a demand and are open to suggestions for other ideas.

All welcome, young, old and everyone in between. We are also family friendly and dog friendly.

On a personal note, since I have been volunteering at the Warm Hub and Monday Meet-Up I have met many people I previously did not know and have discovered a source of useful information on local services, places to visit and to eat – ideal if you are new to the village.

Hope to see you soon.

Monday Meet-Up Team

Article written by Jane Baldwin

Monday Meet-up

10am – 2pm in Dove Cottage



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CORONATION GARDEN PARTY AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Sheila and I were privileged and honoured to be nominated to attend this special occasion on Tuesday, 9 May 2023. Thank you to the person who nominated us (you know who you are!), a wonderful surprise when the invitation arrived.

We set off on the day, a little nervous and in some trepidation with a weather forecast that was less than promising – potential thunderstorms over London for the afternoon! The weather was actually very warm and sunny most of the



time with a few spots of rain at the very end.

We arrived ready for the 3.00pm start, along with several thousand other guests, and were soon inside the magnificent palace grounds, walking the grass where the 4,000 guards had paraded at the coronation the weekend before.

The party food was excellent and plentiful and so well organised.

King Charles and Queen Camilla were resting after their busy coronation weekend, so we were treated to the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and Princess Anne.



Both the Prince and Princess of Wales spent a great deal of time with each of their selected guests (we unfortunately were not selected) and were really engaged with each of their stories. The Princess is so poised and elegant and stunningly beautiful and appears to be very easy to speak to. Talking to their guests gives ample opportunity for some good photos for others to take.

The guests come from far and wide and are from all walks of life, and add to the colour and splendour of the day. As you would expect, the military are well represented as are our heroic NHS workforce. The uniformed groups, scouts, guides etc. are also well represented among those attending.

The proceedings are well regimented, and we were all marshalled where necessary by Beefeaters wielding vicious looking staffs with very sharp looking spear points. We all did as we were asked, no question about that!!

There were two military brass bands playing at the party throughout the afternoon which added greatly to the overall atmosphere.



The gardens are magnificent, some 38 acres in total with over 1,000 mature trees in the grounds and a 4 acre lake supporting much wildlife.

What was particularly pleasing to see was that the gardens are managed in a very ecologically conscious way with great areas of grass left unmown with vast numbers of bluebells, cowslips

and many other wildflowers growing beautifully in the middle of London.

This was quite a memorable day for both of us!

Richard & Sheila Blackwell.





Debenham celebrates the Coronation





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Restoring the Village Sign

We probably hadn't noticed just how much our Village Sign was in need of some TLC. I only fully realised myself when it was taken down and saw it close up! With the help of Martin Dury and his tractor, the 'heavier and larger than it looks' metal sign was lifted off its post.

It was really interesting to see the many layers of paint and several versions of colours laid down by many other 'carers'. All testimony to those who have kept it bright over the decades. [1]

I would also like to add some thanks to Adam Dorsett for his help sand-blasting it back to the metal. Once the metal was revealed we could see the quality of the original engineering, our very own 'Bloomfields' made the sign originally in 1977. It was a privilege to bear witness to the classic 'old-school' methods employed - hidden set-screws; bolts threaded into panels to hold curved cappings; aluminium two-part castings (wheat-sheaves); cast lettering and hand-cut silhouettes and profiles. Rivets featured also, both hidden and on show. The curved straps are held in place by countersunk flush rivets and big slotted set-screws, the big domed rivets are now gilded against the black. [2]

I also found it interesting to 'feel' where others had crafted before by finding the marks they left behind. Things like coarse file-marks; vice jaw prints and finishing marks all hidden beneath the many layers of paint - revealed and then filled, dressed and covered with new paint. [3]

The Prep: This involved much filling, filing and finishing of my own. The set-screws and other fixings, having been unforgivingly exposed by the sand-blasting, (which gave the most efficient 'key' for the paint) were hidden again.

The Paint: Often used on boats and ships and well able to cope with harsh exterior conditions. Apart from the red and black all the colours were mixed specially to 'feel and look' like the colours that went before and to express a vintage character - some muted greens, a terracotta brown for the bridge and a lovely yellow-gold. I hope the sign will stay bright for a good time yet. [4]

The Gilding: The 24ct gold leaf was laid on the embossed lettering and the domed studs in two layers for extra lustre. [5] The last picture shows the first layer of gold leaf before it is burnished and tidied up.

More thanks to Paul Tomlinson for engraving the new commemorative plate and Debenham Parish Council for funding the materials. The restoration itself was my gift. I will have to thank Martin again in advance. I hope he'll help me again to bring it home to its post. Watch this space.

Steven Phipps

SOCIAL BIKE RIDE

Last Thursday of every month



6.30pm meet on Village Green

This is an unled ride of 1-1½ hours at leisurely pace and riders are responsible for their own safety.

All cyclists welcome!



Bike Ride Dates

25th May

29th June

27th July

31st August

28th September

No booking required, just turn up and enjoy the ride!

Debenham Green Team news update.



We are delighted to tell you that the hard work of the whole Debenham Green Team has been recognised by the Parish Council with the presentation of a Community award in April. Many thanks to everyone who joined the Green Teams efforts to reduce our environmental impact and live a more sustainable lifestyle. *'Great things are done by a series of small things bought together'*. So well done all of us!

New events

Jane Clements, a Master Composter is coming to join the Green Team recycling stall outside the Lion on Saturday 3rd June from 9-11am.

Master Composters are trained community volunteers that act as composting ambassadors. They help:

- raise awareness of the benefits of composting
 - encourage more people to compost at home
- support those who already compost to be more successful in their attempts. She will be able to answer any queries you have about what and how to compost, to encourage you to make the best use of your garden and kitchen waste.

She aims to bring some compost bins and leaflets and will demonstrate ways to compost for you in your home and garden.

Electric bikes

Following a really successful morning with the e bikes in April, Virtue Cycles from Woodbridge are hoping to return on Saturday 1st July 9-11am outside the Lion with some electric bikes for you to trial. They are experts on different e-bike styles can offer advice and support if you are interested in buying one.

Debenham Green Team is a community group whose aim is to reduce our environmental impact, build our resilience for a future with less cheap energy and a changing climate and strengthen the local economy. We have no affiliation to any political party.

Anybody can get involved. Why not get in touch? Debenhamgreenteam@gmail.com

We aim for our projects to be ever-changing and evolving, we welcome new ideas and also working alongside existing projects.

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Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk are looking for volunteers to provide vital support in the community – can you help?

The charity supports people all over Mid Suffolk from their office in Stowmarket, providing free, confidential, independent and impartial advice. Demand for the charity's services has continued to increase, and the wonderful team of volunteers are paramount to the help Citizens Advice provide.

The team are seeking volunteers from all kinds of backgrounds to support local people with their problems. No experience is necessary as full training will be provided. Citizens Advice volunteers come from all walks of life and choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. Volunteers are often looking for ways to make use of their skills or to gain valuable experience and make use of the fantastic training. They also enjoy the opportunity to meet different people and be part of a friendly, welcoming team of existing volunteers. They find it rewarding to support local people and make a difference to their lives.

Interested in volunteering? Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk would love to hear from you! Go to midsuffolkcab.org.uk/volunteer or call 01449 676060 for an informal chat.





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Hi everyone,

Thank You

Last month, after a comprehensive review of every aspect of The Debenham Project, we finally and very successfully relaunched the Project under the banner of “A New Horizon”. An audience of 70+ came to the Community Centre to hear about how the Project has, since 2009, supported those amongst us who are living with the impact of dementia on their lives, and how we intend it will continue to do so well into the future.

This is the culmination of a great effort over recent months to refresh, revise, and update our existing groups, resources, and services, and to develop 2 new additions:

- A new Website – welcoming, accessible, positive, informative, easy to use.

- A new Information booklet – professional, clear, attractive.

- New Posters and Promotional material – simple, bright, colourful, eye-catching.

- The TLC (Talking, Listening, Caring) group – a place for carers to support each other.

- The Post- Diagnosis Support Service – continuing individual support during and after diagnosis.

- An Awareness Programme - community, surrounding parishes, GP practices.

On behalf of the Trustees, I wish to express our immense gratitude for the support of everyone in the community – volunteers, carers, cared-for, donors, fundraisers, residents, businesses, local councils, and other organisations – for making The Debenham Project the success it has been, and setting it on the path for the next decade or more.

To learn more about the Project and what it does, please explore our new website at the address below, where you will also be able to download our booklet.

With all my best wishes,

Lynden Jackson



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As many of our children and grandchildren enter the summer exam term, it provides an opportunity to reflect upon what skills and qualifications are now needed for young people entering the world of work.

The Prime Minister recently announced that in future, all children will need to study maths until age 18. Although compulsory maths until the age of 18 does not, initially, feel very attractive, I believe we can change perceptions of the subject. Applying maths skills in the real world is essential in all jobs and walks of life and offers an increase in self-confidence that will serve our children well throughout their lives.

As a regular visitor to schools across our area, I am proud of the hard work that goes into supporting our children. During a recent visit to Kesgrave High School, I was asked some excellent questions by a student around encouraging young women to take up Science, Tech, Engineering and Maths (STEM) qualifications and retaining that talent for lifelong careers in Suffolk.

It has become clear to me that our young people care deeply about achieving net zero, and I am pleased that along with sixth forms, we have a wide range of educational settings here that offer these qualifications, such as Suffolk New and Suffolk Rural. Our schools and colleges have strong relationships with local businesses and are already seeking opportunities for our young people with Sizewell C.

Suffolk's Energy Coast is internationally recognised as excellent in producing and delivering sustainable, clean energy solutions, offering great careers and underpinning economic growth here in Suffolk and across the UK. We have one of the driest climates in England with longer hours of daily sunshine and miles of coastline, so it is seen as the perfect location for solar energy and of course, offshore wind.

I have reservations about the proposals for Sizewell C, but until we can find better ways of storing the electricity produced by renewable sources, nuclear power remains an important form of electricity production. We are all striving to be more environmentally conscious and nuclear energy has the advantage of being carbon neutral and so reduces reliance on fossil fuels.

Maths underpins achievement in all STEM subjects which are key to supporting the growth in jobs in Suffolk's energy industry. Thanks to Suffolk's leading role in the nuclear and renewables sector, our young people can play their part in building a brighter, greener future, but let's not forget that maths is useful in all walks of life. Young people will one day need to manage household budgets, understand mobile phone contracts and arrange mortgages. These skills are workplace transferable, and we must not fail our children when it comes to confidence in maths both for their own lives and in safeguarding a strong economic future for the country.

I am incredibly proud of everything we have to offer young people, here in Suffolk. I couldn't think of a better place to live and work, and I wish all our students all the very best for their exams and hopefully some outstanding results to come.



Success at DHS

We are very proud of all our students at Debenham High School. However there are two teams in particular that we want to single out for a mention this edition of the Parish Magazine: the Under 15s Girls Football Team and our Year 10 Young Enterprise Team

Sporting Prowess

In terms of sporting success, pride of place this half term goes to the Under 15 Girls football team, who played their County final in early May at Needham Market FC. This was the second year in a row that the girls have made the final, at this age group. Considering only four of the girls are from Year 10, and the rest of the squad are from Year 9, this is a huge success.



In the final, they faced County Upper, from Bury St Edmunds. The game was played on a warm sunny afternoon, and although they conceded an early goal, the girls were in control of the game. The girls equalised within a few minutes, forcing numerous corners, creating chances for three goals to be scored. At half time, the team were 3-1 up. The whole team were superb in the second half, restricting their opponents to rare glimpses of the goal, whilst Sophie McLennan and Evie Morris scored to make the final score 5-1 to Debenham.

Young Enterprise Success

Our company, Koazy, has recently won the Norfolk and Suffolk Young Enterprise area final. There were three stages of judging and for the first we had to produce a report outlining all aspects of our company, including our product, marketing, and finances, which was worth 40% of the overall mark. On the day of the competition,



we had a trade stand interview, worth 30%, where the judges asked the whole team questions about our enterprise. Everyone contributed to answering these questions and this teamwork helped to set us apart from our competitors and go on to win the 'best teamwork' award. Four members of our team also delivered a presentation with an overview of our company's performance, mission, and goals, which was worth the final 30%. For this we had to produce a PowerPoint and speeches which were

diligently rehearsed by our presenters and on two occasions were presented to the school in assemblies. We are incredibly proud of the dedication of every team member throughout the duration of the company year, but particularly the conscientiousness demonstrated in the last few months.

Koazy will now continue to the regional final on the 23rd of May. The event is at the University of Suffolk, and we will compete against 7 other teams from East of England. To show progress from the last round of the competition, the team have worked hard to further develop our business.



One of our most significant steps has been getting our products stocked in 4 retailers, including Meraki hair, Asteria Wellbeing (Snape Maltings), Ruby and the Angel and the Hog and Hen. This has increased our profits and helped us to develop a closer link to the local community. We have also visited Uvedale Hall care home to speak to some of the residents, including 100-year-old Eddie and Susan, and gift them our products. Another area we aim to improve is our online outreach. In addition to our social media platforms, which have been vital in communicating with customers, we are designing a website to provide further information about our enterprise and where to buy our products.



The Young Enterprise scheme has enabled us to learn a myriad of valuable skills and the team are looking forward to attending the next round of the competition. We have received so much positive feedback from the public both online and in person, especially after our East Anglia Daily Times article, and want to extend our gratitude for this continued support.

Written by the Young Enterprise Group



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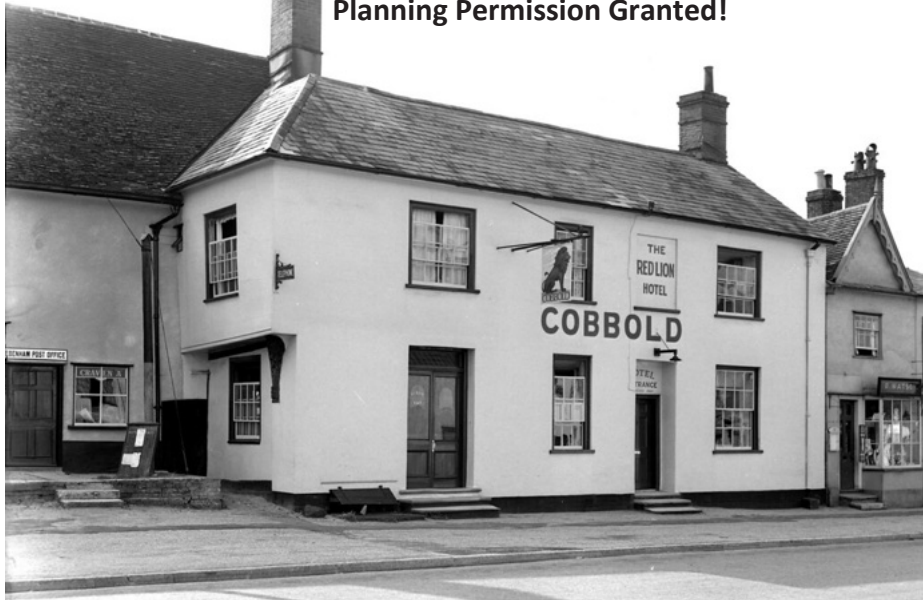




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We are so grateful to all of you who posted positive comments on the MSDC website and shared your enthusiasm with Leonora and the team in person.

Regular updates on the building works will be posted on our instagram page



Mid Suffolk Healing Rooms in Debenham
The Healing Rooms meetings will be held on the
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**Contact Sarah Lander
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Matthew 28: 11

²⁸“Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest.

As we start the summer, we find our thoughts turn to holidays, and find that June is a quiet month as far as the Christian calendar goes with no special Sundays, a time when in most churches the ministers' letters turn to talk of the forthcoming holidays, the ones that they are going on or have been on.

Well for once this minister is not going to talk about holidays, instead I am going to use it as a reminder that God never takes a holiday and churches do not either, the work still goes on, even though at times things seem to stop for a while.

Churches still need to be cleaned, sermons written, summer fairs happen, church garden parties happen whether it rains or the sun shines!

But most of all the mission of the church still happens, whether we are on holiday or not people still want to hear the good news that Christ came to show, and we still meet with others and have the opportunity to speak to them, not in a pushy way but in a caring way.

We may not attend our own church but even on holiday many of us attend other churches, and whether it is in another church we have a chance to share with other Christians the love of God.

So, if you are on holiday or not, even if things in church go quiet for a bit remember the work of God still goes on.

But if you are away on holiday have a good one.

Robert

URC Services

Sunday 4th June	Rev Richard Edwards (first of a 4 part series)	10:45 am
Sunday 11th June	Rev. Robert Sheard	10:45 am
Sunday 18th June	Mr Paul Kemp	10:45 am
Sunday 25th June	Mr Carl Trowman	10:45 am

All services followed by refreshments and chat

Friends & Neighbours Thursday 1st June 2:00pm
music with Janis & Gordon Leggett

Coffee morning every Tuesday 10-11:30

Since the removal of the pews, we have now moved the venue of our popular coffee morning into the church where we can sit on comfy chairs with lots of room to expand. Do come and see what is happening and join in the chat.

Please note! There will not be a cake sale on Tuesday 13th this month as we are going to have a bumper sale with our "Cakes On The Green" near the phone box library which will include a stall of plants and more on Saturday 24th from 9:30am. We are raising money for the next phase of our building project.

Sunday 25th Cakes and Choruses 3:00pm we hope you won't be too full of cake from the day but you can always just come to have a sing along. All welcome, singers and non singers!

A forward notice, that on Saturday 30th September we are going to have a "Come and See Gift Day" we would love the whole of Debenham to take a look at the ongoing works in the church and celebrate with us the fact that this lovely space can be used by the wider community.

At the Gift Day we will have a variety of stalls with a soup and roll lunch.

If you have any good quality items, book, toys, clothes etc to donate, or if you would like to donate a cake to sell in aid of our building project, please contact Jean on 01728 861065

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Obituary



It is with great sadness and regret that members of the Debenham WI said their final farewells to Patricia 'Patsy' Neal this May.

Patsy's Woman's Institute career began at Parham, East Suffolk before she moved to Debenham village and joined our WI

She had many friends within the Debenham WI and was well respected for all the time and effort she put in to make Debenham WI successful over her 25 years of membership.

During her tenure, she joined the Committee, organised outings and many fundraising events. Patsy was also our archivist and diligently collected and preserved our historical records and documents dating back to when we were first formed in 1918.

Unfortunately, Patsy had not been able to attend meetings for the three years following COVID - but she was always in our thoughts. May she RIP.



Debenham WI marked the occasion of the Coronation of King Charles III, on Sunday 7th May with enthusiasm and delight.

We organised a cake stall at the end of the High Street and joined The Coronation 'Big Lunch', with others from the Debenham community. We sold a selection of delicious, mainly, home-made cakes, to hungry villagers.

God save the King.

By Ann Ensell



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DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL- May 2023

New Council Term 2023-2027: We welcomed our new cohort on May 15th at our Annual Parish Council Meeting. Some further changes took place, with Cllrs L Cockerton and C Allison being co-opted, and Cllr R Blackwell standing down. The memberships of the various Committees and Working Groups/Liaisons were also approved, and a full list is available on our website.

We are delighted to announce the election of Cllr Frankie Winrow-Giffin as our new Chair and of Cllr Katherine Barlow as our Vice-chair. The combination of a veteran Councillor with more than 25 years of experience, and a relatively newer member of our parish, with a fresh pair of eyes, should make for a winning one. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Gina Helm, and former Cllr Richard Blackwell, the outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair, for their leadership and contributions over the previous term.

There are two remaining vacancies, so please consider joining us.

Our new District Cllr Teresa Davis has also been formally elected and should be your direct point of contact for Mid Suffolk District Council matters. Contact details should be available very soon.

Coronation Street Party: A wonderful time was had by all at this truly community-focused event. From brilliant entertainment to scrummy food and drink, to children simply playing safely on the High Street, it was a day to remember. So much so that Councillors have discussed the possibility of making it an annual celebration, to celebrate Debenham Day. It's early days but watch this space!

Accounts: Members supported an application for funding for £300 for a family event being organised by the "Friends of Sir Robert Hitcham".

Highways: We continue to chase several matters in Debenham, which include potholes, the repainting of white lines which are barely noticeable, verge maintenance, and the fence posts on the High Street railings to name but a few.

Play and Youth Provision: Cllrs J Sweet and F Winrow-Giffin will be approaching the local schools to gather information on what our young people would like to see in terms of youth and play provision. The exercise will also consider provisions suitable for adults, such as outdoor gym equipment, picnic tables, and more.

Debenham Street Warden: We would like to announce the appointment of our new Street Warden Ben and give him a warm welcome. Thank you again to the Debenham Green Team and our volunteers for all their help during the tender process.

Our next meeting will take place on June 19th, 2023, at 7:30 pm, at Dove Cottage.

Corrections: Please note on the April issue Cllr J Sweet's name was incorrectly omitted from the list of elected councillors, and the Expenditure total should read £161,125.00. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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		Pettaugh	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month	6.30pm	Winston	Evening Prayer
	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
		Winston	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Framsden	Holy Communion
4th Sunday of the month		Kenton	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Winston	Holy Communion
5th Sunday - July 31st		Pettaugh	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Winston	Benefice Service



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St. Mary's Reflection for June 2023 by Rev Tracey James



I wonder if you like birthdays? Do you try and forget when yours is, or do you make a big splash every year?

Do you like presents, or would you rather have experiences? I love birthdays and as you read this, Christians will have just celebrated the birthday of the church. It's celebrated fifty days after Easter, which of course means it moves around and this year that puts it at the very end of May.

We remember the story in the book of Acts in the bible, when the Holy Spirit was given to the followers of Jesus 'And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.' Acts 2 verses 2-4.

It's the moment from which a confused, frightened group of people with a little hope changed into an inspired, energised group of people who had the confidence and courage to go and tell the world that they had found something wonderful. Birthdays can be a time for re-evaluating, looking back and planning forwards. How have you changed for better and worse in the years you have been on the planet, what would you like to achieve in the future?

I have been blessed to be curate here in Debenham and in the wider benefice and for me personally, there is a big change coming as my time as a curate is coming to an end. It has been 7 years since I first wondered if God might be calling me to ordination and I was finally 'signed off' (meaning I have successfully completed my training) a few weeks ago. It has been such a blessing to serve my curacy here, amongst so many lovely people. I have learnt so much as I have grown into the role of curate and am very grateful for your forgiving nature when I have made mistakes.

As I look back over the last 3 years, I will be forever grateful for Susan who has been an amazing training incumbent and who has been so generous in sharing her wisdom and so encouraging in letting me loose with some initiatives. As I look forward to what is next in my ministry and in my walk with God, I pray that I would follow where God guides me and be faithful to God's call on my life. I also pray for this benefice and all who live, work and worship here. I pray that you will continue to be blessed as a community with good friends and neighbours. I pray for Susan, the ministry team and the church here in Debenham that the people will continue to be a blessing to one another and to the whole community, sharing the wonderful news that God loves each and every one of us. Amen.

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