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FROM THE EDITOR

On what was forecast to be the last bright day before the magazine deadline, I went for a quick walk to get a photograph for the cover and was struck as I looked over Debenham by the contrast of the peace and safety here and the events in Israel and Gaza that are causing such unimaginable suffering and thought how lucky we are. That comfort was then shattered in its own way on Friday with what the weather dealt us and the unprecedented flooding that overwhelmed the village. I recall the flood of October 1993 and intended to mention that anniversary in this magazine, but what we were met with on Friday by far surpassed what happened thirty years ago. How the village rose to the challenge was incredible; local farmers, the Leisure Centre, councillors, the Coop and residents generally looking out for each other. There are clearly lots of issues to be addressed when we have dried out and begin to take stock. My thoughts are with all those clearing up the mess, trying to dry out their homes and belongings and counting the cost. We still have a lot to be thankful for compared with some parts of the world but never know what is going to be sent to test us. The climate crisis is making our lives less predictable and action is needed urgently, that said, our contributor on p45 gives an interesting perspective on the situation.

On a positive note, there are changes afoot in Debenham that will enrich lives: the recreation ground off Aspal Road is experiencing a transformation, the plans for which are featured on the centre pages. Work has started and new equipment is already being enjoyed. A big thank you to the Parish Council for making this possible.

Please note that next month's magazine covers December and January so if you're planning events for early next year that you would like to publicise please send the information by 21st November.

Hoping everyone stays safe and dry.

Jan

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18th November: Provisional activities are Christmas decorations, baubles, Christmas cards and candle making

2nd December: Christmas wreaths and wood turning

For more details look at our website (details below, see Events and Projects)

Accessibility has now been improved to our composting toilet by a concrete ramp and handrails, funded from our MSDC Councillor's locality budget. Also we have received a grant from Thrive Renewables (who run large wind turbines at Eye) for insulation and heaters in our new extension. As part of their Community Benefit Programme they are running free Energy Essentials Training webinars, which anyone can join:

Wednesday 25 October, 12-1.15pm: Fuel poverty awareness and basic energy advice

Wednesday 22 November, 6-7.15pm: Community approaches to tackling fuel poverty

Thursday 18 January, 11am-12.15pm: Energy efficiency in your community building

See www.cse.org.uk/my-community/community-projects/thrive-renewables-community-benefit-programme for more details and to book.

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Debenham Shed is at 2 Fields Farm, Low Road (IP14 6BJ). We are open on Monday mornings 9am-12pm, Fridays 10am-5pm and normally the second Saturday morning of each month.

Chairman: Rob Davies 07952 556152 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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Week 1 5th November Somebody Had to Tell It

Week 2 12th November Pre-game

Week 3 19th November Lifetime Invitation

Week 4 26th November Redefining Terms



Fire and Ice Challenge – 10th & 11th November

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Tuesday 5th December 2023

The History of Longbows and Arrows

Professional bow maker, Willy Rackham, details the history of longbows and arrows. A selection of bows and arrows will be on display to support this talk.

Tuesday 9th January 2024

The Great Thorpe Railway Disaster 1874: Heroes, Victims, Survivors

Phyllida Scrivens provides a unique account of the events that led to head-on collision between two Victorian steam trains outside of Norwich and explores the personalities and lives involved, including the 27 victims.

Tuesday 6th February 2024

Voices from the Workhouse – Memories of a Suffolk Workhouse

Janette Robinson's talk is based on the memoirs written by a lady in her 90s, on growing up in the Wickham Market Workhouse. The talk looks at this family during their time in the workhouse and after leaving.

Tuesday 5th March 2024

Celebrating Suffolk Women

Sarah Doig's will look at the fascinating lives of the county's heroines, including Suffolk artists, suffragettes, medical pioneers, dare-devils and writers.

Tuesday 9th April 2024

The Unique Vernacular Architecture of North Suffolk

John Walker, architectural historian, details the unique architectural styles and building techniques to be found in North Suffolk.

Tuesday 7th May 2024

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Kevin Pulford tells of the life and work of Suffolk born, Victorian weather predictor Orlando Whistlecraft.

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We can't thank the village enough for giving him that, and also for the incredible support it has given all our family throughout these really tough last 18 months. The cakes, flowers, cards and meals that have appeared on our doorstep have all been greatly appreciated, as have the kind words, practical help and the love.

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15th November

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All Souls' Day 2023
Invitation to our annual Service of Remembering
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For hundreds of years All Souls' Day has been a time when people have remembered their loved ones who have died. In our church and in the Benefice of Debenham & Helmingham we continue that tradition.

During the day of 2nd November Debenham church will remain open (as usual) for those who wish to spend a quiet time in reflection or prayer in remembrance of their loved one(s). There are votive candles which you are welcome to use in the side chapel.

On the evening of Thursday 2nd November, at 7pm, we have an All Souls' service in Debenham church and we would like to take this opportunity to warmly invite you to the service. During the service we read aloud the names of those we know of who have died in the past year whilst candles are lit for each person. Other names requested by families and loved ones will also be read out. There will also be music and prayers at the service. If you would like a name, or names, read aloud, or simply a candle quietly lit in memory of a loved one, please do let us know, regardless of whether or not you are able to be at the service.

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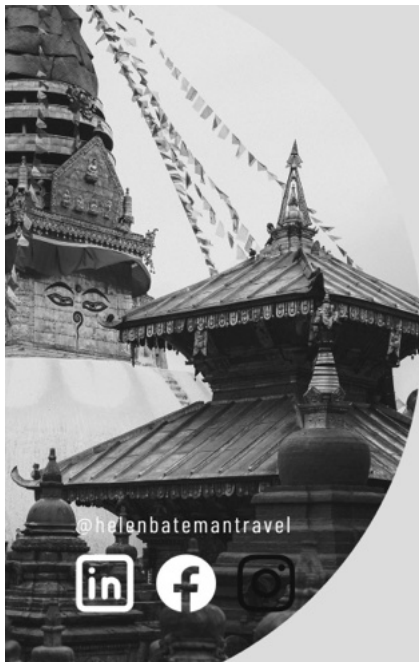
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Hello Debenham Village! We would like to introduce ourselves as a new feature in your monthly magazine. We are called Beyond The Wall and we are a charity that supports adults with additional needs in the walled garden at Thornham walks. You may have seen some of our plants for sale in the village on Low Road before during the summer and especially during 2020 lockdown. You may even have some of the plants in your garden now!



We are going to be writing in the magazine each month with ideas on what you need to do in your garden that month and let you know more about what we have been doing in the garden too.

With the weather changing and becoming much wetter we have been trying to do lots of dry jobs such as taking cuttings of plants and splitting herbaceous plants and potting these up this month. Some of the things we have been taking cuttings of have been herbs and you could try this at home too all you need is some compost, a nice warm space and a pair of scissors to take your cuttings.

We have also been hiding inside the kitchen making cakes for our small café which is open Wednesday and Thursday 10am-2pm. We have also made plum, greengage and raspberry jam, lots of tomato chutney and today we have made medlar and quince jellies! If you like the sound of any of these then you can pop into our small shop on site Monday-Friday 9am-3pm.

Beyond The Walls Top Tips this November: This garden in the month we recommend: getting your garlic and onion sets into the ground, removing any old plants and vegetables such as runner beans and pruning back plants that have finished flowering but not before collecting the seed heads for free plants next year. We suggest that you leave your sunflower plants in the ground so that the birds can enjoy the seeds just like all the blue tits here at Beyond The Wall! We also recommend thinking about what you are going to be topping your vegetable beds with next year such as mushroom compost and ordering all your seeds, there are lots of great deals on at the moment too!

We look forward to sharing more of our story with you and our top tips.

*From all the team
at Beyond The
Wall.*



IMPORTANT NOTICE

DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

On Monday 10th July 2023, the Chairman of the Allotment Committee, the Debenham Parish Clerk, and an Allotment Tenant attended a live BBC Radio Suffolk interview, at the allotment site in Debenham, with Reporter Mr Matt Marvell.

During this live interview, a number of allegations were made by an Allotment Tenant against the Parish Council. These and other allegations have also been widely shared with members of the public.

All allegations have been fully investigated. The Debenham Parish Council strongly refutes them as they have all been evidenced to the contrary. The Allotment Tenant in question was provided with this irrefutable evidence on the 15th of July 2023, and again on the 27th of September 2023.

The Debenham Parish Council fully supports the Chair of the Allotment Committee and the Parish Clerk's due diligence and professionalism.

This matter has been very time-consuming, which ultimately affects our taxpayers, therefore the Parish Council considers this matter formally closed.

Debenham United Reformed Church News

Debenham United Reformed Church would like to thank ALL who supported us at our "COME AND SEE" Open Weekend and Gift Day Celebrations on September 30th and October 1st.



We were amazed at the generous Giving to the Saturday Celebrations and to the Donated Amount to our Gift Day.

We are very pleased to say that £1005 was raised on the Saturday and the Gift Donations came to £7290.

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Friday 17th November

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Recreation Ground Play Equipment Update

In 2019 a group of parents approached the Parish Council to ask for better play provision for the children of the village.

In 2021 a comprehensive play strategy had been produced, it looked at the different types of play by age, it looked at why children play, it also looked at the importance of out door play.

6 months ago we on the play strategy working group looked at this report and decided it needed to become a reality.

We asked permission of the council to develop a survey on play which would be circulated through the Roundabout nursery, the middle school and high school, The survey asked, how far do parents travel to for their children`s play needs, it asked for a list of the most popular play equipment, it also asked if they would use gym and fitness equipment if it was installed. The results were very comprehensive and very positive and a lot from the high school were very funny. One request was for the old green spinney thing to be repairedIt has been and is being very well used.

Once we had an idea of what equipment we already had and what was needed to make our play area as good if not better than the ones parents were travelling to, we asked several suppliers to come along to look at the site and quote for installing new equipment and also replacing the old soft pour which is now badly worn.

We have had meetings with several departments from Mid Suffolk, planning, public realm, environmental and funding.

We have at last come up with a list of equipment for the play and fitness areas. There will be 2 shelters, a wooden shelter with seating, a metal youth shelter, an inclusive roundabout, a log stack, a trim trail, an inclusive basket swing, a log swing, a zip wire, a 5 a side football pitch, a toddler play unit, a very large play unit for up to 13 s, 2 inclusive picnic tables, our very own castle on the hill and a large multi generational gym.

Some will be installed very soon, the rest will be installed in the spring.

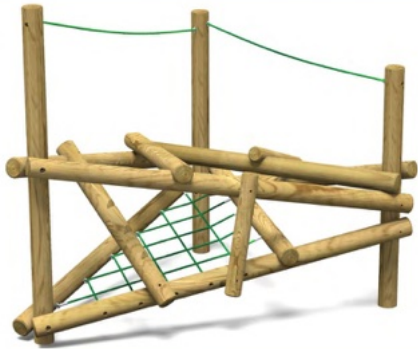
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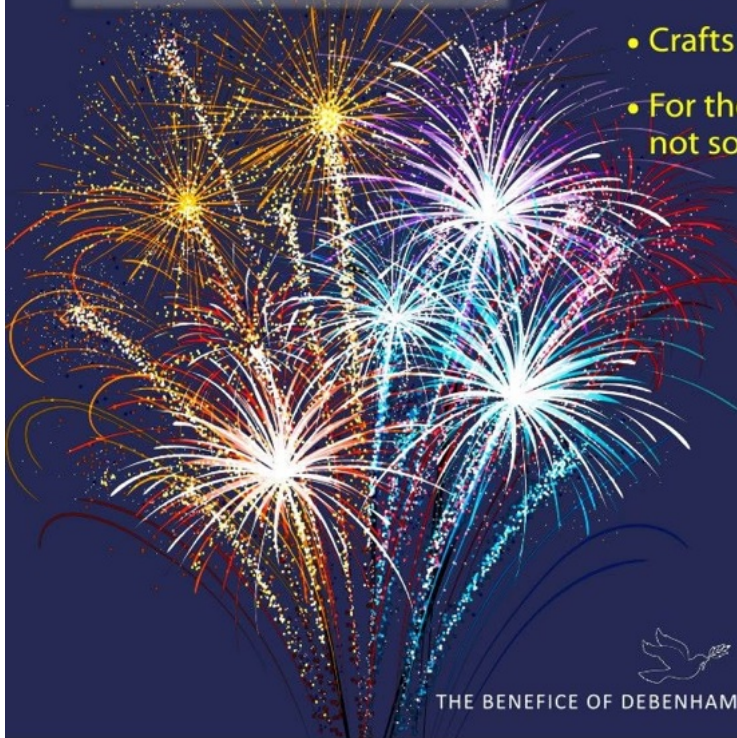
Sunday 5th November

St Mary's Church, Debenham

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2.00-3.30pm

and

Thursday 21st December
2.00-3.30pm



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- Thu 2nd - Lunch Club, 12:30 start (Booking essential)
- Wed 15th - Accordion Club, 12:00 start
- Thu 16th - Lunch Club, 12:30 start (Booking essential)
- Thu 30th - Lunch Club, 12:30 start (Booking essential)
- Fri 17th - The Gray Project in Community Centre, doors open 19:00, band starts 19:30
- Fri 24th - Bingo (doors open @ 19:00, eyes down @ 19:30, all welcome)
- Sat 25th - Christmas Market in community centre, 10:00am until 15:00

'The Gray Project'
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2024 Calendar

Hoppit Wood and Lake, Debenham

The Hoppit Steering Group are launching a 2024 calendar to raise the profile of this much appreciated village amenity, as well as raise some funds. We no longer receive grants and to maintain and develop the wood, so we need some regular income.

We have put together, from our own collections, photos of the wood and lake at different stages of development, times of the year and of the flora and fauna spotted more recently.

We are selling them at £10 so we can make a good profit towards the Hoppit funds. They are A4, opening out to A3 with the top half photos and the other half the calendar for each month. It will be spiral bound, to flip over and a hole to pin it up. It would make an attractive addition to your wall or as a Christmas gift.

We are getting 100 printed and they are available from local shops including Deben Coffee House, Websters Newsagents or Abbots, who have very kindly agreed to sell them for us. They are also available from my house at 8, Cross Green, on the corner of Priory Lane. Please help support this venture. Thank you.

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The Jumble Express rolls in to St Mary's Church

Saturday September 23rd was the annual village jumble sale organised by Bridget Anderson, and what an amazing event it was.

The mountains of donated jumble were even greater than last year and took the jumble team all Friday evening to get sorted on to the pews ready for the sale.

Come Saturday morning some people were queuing for more than an hour to get in, many coming from quite long distances, as Debenham jumble sale has built up a fantastic reputation. By 10am the queue was round the church yard wall. Then after a charge into the church and lots of rummaging and stopping for a chat, bags and bags of unwanted things found new homes and many happy faces left the church feeling they had grabbed a real bargain. After all the rummaging people were ready for a lovely cup of tea and piece of cake in Dove Cottage or out in the sunshine in the church yard.

The smaller mounds of goods left at the end then all found new homes. The books and DVDs went off to Hollesley Bay, the men's clothes and shoes went to Suffolk Refugee Support and children's books DVDs and CD's went to Families Together Suffolk, the children focussed charity shop in Eye.

Other charities also benefitted from the left over jumble including, EACH and Hallswood animal sanctuary.

What a wonderful truly Green event, properly encouraging the reuse of unwanted items and a lovely social occasion as well.

And to top it all, the jumble, raffle and refreshments raised over £3,500 for the Alfie Carpenter memorial fund to support young creative artists.

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I write this, just days after our Prime Minister made it clear that we cannot meet our climate commitments by penalising the disadvantaged or by imposing eye-watering financial burdens on people living in rural counties like Suffolk.

Let's be clear, I believe that climate change is real. Evidence indicates that there is a man-made component to the warming of the planet. As Earth's custodians, we have a duty to act, but we must do so in a pragmatic and proportionate way, bringing people with us as we take action.

This country should be proud of current achievements. Britain is a world leader in the target of reaching Net Zero by 2050. UK carbon emissions are now at their lowest level per head of the population since 1859. We have reduced carbon emissions faster than any other large economy, especially since 2010 under our current Conservative Government.

Britain has over-delivered and can now have a more proportionate, realistic approach that eases financial burdens on families, while doubling down on investment in new green industries of the future like Suffolk's offshore wind farms for renewable energy production.

Most families in Suffolk simply cannot afford to spend an extra £5,000 to transition to an electric car. The Government is therefore easing the transition to electric vehicles from 2030 to 2035, in line with countries similar to ours. After 2035 petrol and diesel cars will still be able to be bought and sold second-hand. It will be for the consumer, not the Government to choose when to change to an electric vehicle. Delaying until 2035 also allows time for the charging-point infrastructure to grow and electric car battery ranges to increase in line with the needs of car users, particularly those living in Suffolk and other rural counties.

The Government has also made sensible changes to rules around new boilers. Around one in four homes in much of the central Suffolk area are off grid and/or have oil powered central heating. Previous proposals to mandate the installation of heat pumps from 2026 for homes that required new boilers would have cost off-grid Suffolk households between £15,000 and £40,000. This was simply unaffordable for many off-grid households.

Much more time will now be given to all households to make the change to heat pumps.

Homes will no longer have to rip out existing boilers and heating systems and many households are now exempt from having to do so at all, due to reasons of practicality and/or affordability. However, should households wish to make the switch to heat pumps, the Boiler Upgrade Scheme grants will be increased to £7,500 per household, encouraging more homes to install heat pumps when they come to replace their existing boilers.

From amidst our often-polarised debates around climate change, has emerged a pragmatic and realistic Government plan to both improve our energy security and to reduce our carbon emissions. If we want to bring people with us on this important energy journey, the future must be about consent, not imposition, honesty, not obfuscation, and pragmatism, not ideology.

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The Sunday side had a great season, with another 7 or 8 games organized on top of the league schedule to give everyone a full season to take part in. There's been a few nailbiters, a few drubbings (not always us), and a whole load of laughs.

We've had several new players join who've got stuck in brilliantly, and we're always looking for new players regardless of ability, it's all about just having a go. So, if Sunday cricket sounds up your street, get in touch!

Our end of season 'village Hundred', a slightly less professional version of the one on TV, and awards evening, was a resounding success, bringing together players from across our two men's and one lady's team, to celebrate the season that was. Having signed off the season, the club has now been 'put to bed' for the winter, until March when it will be woken up again at our AGM on the 17th.

If you've been inspired to give cricket a go, or return to it, head to our website, worlingworthcc.co.uk, fill out a contact form, and a club representative will get you involved!





John 20: 31



“But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.”

I have a replica of The Gospel According to Saint John, that was given out by the Scripture Gift mission Naval and Military Bible Society, in World War One, 43 million of them were given out. It reads on the front “Active Service” 1914-1918 Please carry this in your Pocket and read it every Day.

At the front of it, Lord Roberts (Field Marshal Frederick Sleigh Roberts was one of Britain’s most successful military commanders of the 19th century. He won important victories during the Second Afghan War and revitalised the British campaign in the Boer War.) wrote On The 25th July 1914.

“I ask you to put your trust in God. He will watch over you and strengthen you. You will find in this little book guidance when you are in health, compassion when you are in sickness, and strength when you are in eternity.”

Even though these words were written nearly some 110 years ago, they still are true for today. Whether it is as we remember those who have lost their lives in the first world war and all wars since then, or just in our daily struggles, that we can take comfort that God walks with us.

Robert

URC Services

Sunday 5th November	Rev. Richard Edwards (last in a series "restoring the kingdom")	10:45 am
Sunday 12th November	Mr Alan Cutting	10:45 am
Sunday 19th November	Rev. Lythan Nevard Eastern Synod Moderator	10:45 am
Sunday 26th November	Rev. Robert Sheard	10:45 am

All services followed by refreshments and chat

Coffee morning every Tuesday 10-11:30

Please come along.

Cake sale. Please note, there will be no cake sale this month, but never fear, we are back to normal in December.

Thursday 2nd Nov. Friends & Neighbours 2:00pm with Sarah Hughes

Our "come and see" gift day last month has raised over £7290 so far and more to come for our building project!

It was great fun with interesting stalls with lots of people being able to change water into wine and "guess the white powder", caused lots of fun, all above board!

We are also very grateful to the Parish Council for a grant of £750 towards the damp problem so that when cured we can lay an attractive flooring.

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Hi everyone,

What a Day!

I just hope that you all managed to get through Storm Babet without being flooded, or stuck and unable to reach home, or suffering damage to your properties and gardens. The way our local community rallied round was as wonderful as always - tractors ferrying children from the school and families to safety; the Parish Council organising refuge at the Leisure Centre and Dove Cottage for 70+ families who had been flooded out or stuck in Debenham; The High School caring for 150+ pupils overnight who couldn't get home: the Coop providing food; residents offering beds; volunteers with canoes to rescue those trapped by the water; the firemen; etc; etc; and so many others. If you need help, please don't hesitate to ask.

I mentioned last month that we were hoping to set up a regular get-together for us all to remember the old-time songs, the wartime songs, the songs of the 50's, 60's, and 70's - and sing along as if "we were there" in the pub, the village hall, the disco, and the gig. I can tell you that it is well on the way to becoming reality.

Karen has been beavering away sorting out the "play list" of (at the last report) 92 songs for us to choose from – We have already printed enough folders with the words just in case we can't bring them to mind (which I seriously doubt!) - We have a lovely team of volunteers who will keep you served with morning tea, coffee, biscuits, and the occasional cake on special days – Coopersfield has very kindly offered their lounge as a venue – And it will be called "Songs for Sharing". It will initially begin on Thursday 23rd November, and on every 1st and 3rd Thursday after that. As you can imagine, the membership of the group will have to be limited, so, if you would like to join, please contact me as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, if you have a relative or friend, who might be struggling to cope with caring for a loved one with symptoms of dementia, please let them know about The Debenham Project. And, finally, a big, big thank you to all our volunteers, and donors without whom there would be no Project.

With all my thanks and best wishes, Lynden Jackson

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Membership: The resignation of Cllr A Grant-Adamson was noted.

Play and Youth Provision: Following a brief update on potential sources of funding, applications already submitted, and impending price increases, the Parish Council agreed to progress Phase 1 of the Recreation Ground project, which would see the delivery of some pieces of play equipment within the next few weeks.

Funding: The Parish Council agreed to support the Debenham Leisure Centre's fireworks event to the tune of £500.

Audit: The External Auditor's Report had been received, and there had been no matters to report. The Clerk was congratulated on such an exemplary report.

Debenham War Memorial: The Parish Council approved the expenditure for its cleaning and renovation. Attendance at the upcoming Remembrance Day and expenditure for the Parish Council Wreath were also noted.

Temporary Eye Traffic Order consultation: Members of the public spoke about their concerns with how the temporary order was affecting Debenham in terms of traffic movements, traffic flow, size of HGVs, damage to properties, structures and infrastructure, and health and safety risks. The Parish Council would be submitting a firm response to the ongoing consultation, which would include the various concerns raised.

Christmas Preparations: The village Christmas trees will be erected and decorated on the morning of November 25th. It would be most appreciated if some parishioners could please come along to help decorate them. Refreshments will be provided at Dove Cottage.

Our next meeting will take place on November 20th, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., at Dove Cottage.

Mrs Dina Bedwell, Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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Please note the Parish Clerk will be on annual leave from Friday, November 3rd to Friday, November 10th 2023. If any parishioner needs an urgent response during that period please contact one of the Parish Councillors directly. Contact details are available on our website: <http://debenham.onesuffolk.net/parish-council-2/about-us-2/>

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Out & About

I wanted to introduce you to Debenham Green Team. They are a non-political community group who formed to see if they can help in making Debenham more environmentally friendly. Starting with litter picking and recycling, once a month they stand outside the Red Lion to take in difficult to recycle items. The team also arrange for guest speakers on a number of different environment issues. Currently water testing in the River Deben has begun and a group of volunteers are going to be regularly collecting samples to be tested – more volunteers are welcome. If anyone wants to get more involved or is just interested in taking part in one off events then I would recommend sending them an email or stopping to chat with them on the first Saturday of the month outside the Red Lion in Debenham.
Debenhamgreenteam@gmail.com

Linking up our Ward and getting people walking & cycling

Ashfield-Cum-Thorpe has made the first moves to helping their residents connect, by producing a map of where existing footpaths and bridleways could be improved and interlinked, to link up with Debenham. This has been passed to our sustainable transport officer to be placed on our Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan or LCWIP. If any other parish would like to put forward similar paths or maybe put forward safer routes to our high School or Primary School I would love to hear from you.

Debenham Businesses

We have a variety of talent and business in our Debenham ward, from agricultural and food to financial and crafts. I would like to hear from any businesses in the ward who are looking for support, ideas or just to meet other like minded people. A variety of information is available from Mid Suffolk such as grants, innovation and carbon reduction.

Businesses in Mid Suffolk can now also benefit from a new round of funding, Grants are available between £5,000 - £10,000 per application and will fund a maximum of 50% of the total project costs up to the maximum value of £10,000. Eligible projects include net-zero developments, agriculture and farm diversification and innovation, along with visitor economy business expansion. Just search Grants and Loans » Babergh Mid Suffolk
Cabinet News

EV Charging Points & Buses

Two items I will be introducing to Cabinet on 3rd October will be Electric Charging points infrastructure and Buses.

If you have used a charging point you might have come across some of the teething problems this new technology brings and we are aiming to prevent this as more charge points are provided.

I am sure many have been wondering about Buses and I am pleased to say we are in a position to move forward on this project working with Suffolk County Council (who is in charge of bus transport) as well as existing transport providers to improve the current provision of buses we have, so please watch this space for more news.

Locality Award

My locality award is open and still has funds. Any group or organisation can apply for amounts of £250 or more. Please contact me for an application form.

Benefice Church Services

November 2023

Thursday 2nd November	7.00pm	Debenham	All Souls
5th November	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	f@c
12th November Remembrance	8.00am	Kenton	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Framsden	Morning Prayer
		Pettaugh	Morning Prayer
	10.45am	Debenham	Civic Service
	10.55am	Helmingham	Morning Prayer
Winston		Morning Prayer	
19th November	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
		Winston	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Framsden	Holy Communion
Kenton		Morning Prayer	
26th November	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Winston	Holy Communion
		Pettaugh	Morning Prayer



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November Reflection by Rev Susan Taylor



The Anglican church likes to observe times and seasons. Not all Christian traditions do this but I have learnt to deeply appreciate this way of living my faith. That Jesus died once for all and on a particular date in human history is held as a unique and unrepeatable event. Christians believe this event, like Jesus' incarnation and his resurrection, which are also events in the stream of history, transcends history: it is one day and every day. Every day is both Good Friday and Easter Day; Christmas and the Ascension, because Christ's birth and death and resurrection are present to us every day. It's hard to comprehend so much eternal reality in a single day!

So, it's not surprising that from almost the very beginning, the first Christians celebrated the mystery of Easter on a particular day, and had a weekly remembrance of Jesus' resurrection. Over time an annual cycle of commemoration was laid over the rhythm of the year and this provided the people of the church with a way of meditating deeply on the successive events of Jesus' life, from his conception and birth through his death and resurrection and ascension. And as the years have passed other kinds of Christian commemoration have been added to the Christian year.

This all helps focus our thoughts in ways which might otherwise be swept away in the rush of the passing days. The seasons of the church, like the seasons of the year, give us different colours, traditions and texts; offering a different focus for our thoughts and prayers. This rhythm provides a sense of structure for the church's collective memory – and, at time, for that of the wider community. It is a way of blessing our human experience of time in celebration and thanks of God's work in creation and in our lives – a work which is both unrepeatable in time and incomprehensibly beyond time. This act of Christian remembering has proved, over time, to have an extraordinary depth. Through the structuring of our Christian memory, the past is able to come into our present, in a process of remembering.

In this way the rhythm of the church's times and season also affects those who take part in them. This collective creative remembering is very powerful. In November we focus our church season, our thoughts and our prayers, into a specific remembering; remembering and honouring those who have died.

Join us on 2nd November at 7pm for All Souls' service to remember our loved ones; 5th November 9.30am family@church remembering our promises to each other and our faithfulness to those we no longer see; 12th November at various Remembrance Sunday services across the Benefice, remembering those who gave their lives in conflicts around the world.

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