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Welcome to the February edition and we hope you are all keeping warm during the cold weather. The days are slowly getting longer and Spring is on the way!

We have a new series for you this month which will run until November and it is all about the soldiers on the village war memorial who died in the first world war. We hope you enjoy this.

February is the month for pancakes and there is a Pancake Party at the Rectory on the 13th - see page 9 for more details.

There is an interesting article on page 13 from Norfolk Age UK on the subject of claiming benefits and many older people and carers are missing out.

Don't forget to let us know of any dates for the future for all social and fund raising activities.

*The Sexton's Wheel team*

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## **NEW SERIES BEGINS THIS MONTH BY JUDITH BAKER....**

### **THE MEN WHO DIED SERVING THEIR COUNTRY IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR**

November 11th 2018 is the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice to end the war that was supposed to end all wars.

In 2014, to mark the start of the war, the parish council had some amendments made to the war memorial outside the Village Hall - some names were changed, spellings corrected and one name added - making 27 men who died in the 1914-18 war on the memorial. The parish council also presented the Churches with two plaques showing the cap badge of the regiments that the men served in and the dates of their births and deaths. There are four names on the St Michael's plaque and 23 on St Mary's.

I thought to mark the Centenary each month I would tell you a little bit about the men who died serving their country.

The village has changed a lot since they left to fight - the one thing they all left behind was the village hall without the war memorial.



They enrolled in lots of different places, some together and some on their own and into several different regiments. The age span of the men when they died ranged from the youngest at 19 to the oldest at 41.

I know more about some men than others but I hope you enjoy reading about them and will think of the sacrifice they all made.

I would like to thank Geof Caulton for all his help, Ann Miles who used her computer to get me information and shared her knowledge of Long Stratton, the 2014 class of St Mary's Junior School who allowed me to look at their work and Linda who types this all up for the magazine.

This month I will write about just one soldier - **HARRY GEORGE ABLETT**

Harry was born in 1898 and died on Monday 23rd June 1919 in India from Bronchial Pneumonia.

Harry was one of 11 children and his parents were William and Ellen, the family lived down Starr [Star] Lane. I'm not certain where but years ago there were cottages right down the bottom of the lane so I think perhaps it was there.

As Starr Lane was part of St Michael's at this time Harry is on the Roll of Honour in St Michael's Church as well as being on the war memorial. His name is also on the Delhi Memorial [India Gate] in India.

Harry enlisted on the 9th October 1915, aged 16, and his job before enrolment was a scholar. He was in the Royal Army Service Corps and when he died he was a sergeant.

*NB: Until 1935 St Michael's and St Mary's were two separate civil parishes*

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## LOCAL WALK .... JANUARY

Happy New Year to all, and we celebrated the start of 2018 with our local walk on New Year's Day. Our numbers were swelled by friends and family members of the group, making ten in total.



It was dry and bright and we set off up Swan Lane past the surgery and Mayfields, keeping to the road for a short while until the road bent sharply to the left and we took the footpath straight ahead, the sign for which was buried in the ivy. The track took us along side paddocks and fields to the right with goats, sheep horses and cows. We walked through a lovely copse, where the hedge and tree branches made a tunnel overhead.

Over a stile and we continued on the well marked path until we crossed the Forncett Road. There we did a slight right and took the footpath virtually straight ahead. It was an easy route to follow, if a bit muddy in places, past a scrap yard on the left, full of bits and pieces and some old cars, expensive in their time, but would provide a keen mechanic months or years of fun, doing one up.

We came to a lane and turned left past Millgrove Farm, then after a short distance took the next footpath on the right. This led us past a very well kept stable with two beautiful horses, being groomed in the sunshine. This footpath took us across the railway, into the Tank Museum where we went left onto the Tas Valley Walk, until it crossed Wash Lane, where we turned right, along the road which took us back under the railway. Some thoughtless person had dumped a load of aluminum drinks cans on one side of the railway bank, but the rest of the way was pretty, and we saw lambs tails beginning to flower in the hedges.



Back through Wacton Churchyard, across the Stratton Road to Haynton's Lane, which was very wet and boggy in places, joining the top of Flowerpot Lane. Here we went our separate ways, after a most enjoyable morning's walk.

***Our next walk is the first Monday 5th February, so please join us, meeting as usual in the car park, by the toilets at 10.00 am.***



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards the Community Christmas Day Lunch.

A fantastic time was had by all ☺

**We look forward to doing it all again this year**

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## Is Truth a matter of perspective?

It has been said, that there isn't one truth, but that what one person thinks is true, is not necessarily true to another.

But is it then not true to say the sun is round wherever you are? To which everyone will say yes. However, on the other hand, if I say it is cold today, this may not necessarily be the case for everyone, it is only relatively true, but if I say the temperature outside is 25 degrees Celsius in a given area, then that is an absolute truth. Therefore truth in this case can either be absolute and in some cases relative as observed above.

It could be argued that truth can only be expressed scientifically when using proof through empirical measurement. But what about the art of science or the science of art, because if you take the study of science in discovering truth, a lot of proof is also expressed in art such as painting, enactment, photography etc. You look at the sunrise and sunset over the coastline or a mountain horizon and you see the magnificent display of the natural order. That is seeing the display of nature. However, the scene can then be captured by a photographer and a painter but it will always fall short of the movements and the changing display of light and colour from the various angles, to make it a fully accurate impression.

All these expressions of relative truth show that there is something out there constantly displaying the absolute truth in this world of wonder which both scientists and artists long to capture.

However one of the earliest books, the Bible, has always stood the same, unchanging and eternal. It has expressed both revealed and unrevealed truth. Therefore in the centre of the global community is the One who revealed absolute truth and continues to do so, which means that absolute truth is possible and that it is not a matter of perspective.

*Rev John Madinda*

**Pancake Party**  
**Tuesday 13th February**  
**6.30 - 8.00pm**  
**The Rectory**  
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## **LONG STRATTON HIGH SCHOOL**

This month we have a reverse poem - read them both ways up!

Life is a thing to live for  
The clean oxygen fills your lungs  
The nature stands in front of you like a painting  
Animals can smile before your eyes because you made the world a better place  
You can change  
BUT...  
Nature can be cursed in an instant  
As soon as humans touch the ground the world changes  
Smoke, fire and gas destroy the life around you  
Animals die almost every second  
You hear a squeal, a scream and a shout  
The trees are dying  
The children are breathing in smoke  
What are we doing?  
STOP!!!

*Jessica year 8*

## **THARSTON & DISTRICT WI**

At our January meeting we welcomed Charles Lewis who spoke of Norfolk in the Stage Coach Age, illustrated with large pictures projected onto the wall. Four days to reach London – perhaps the train is not so bad after all! It was fascinating to see how the journey developed with improvements to both roads and carriages, until the convenience and speed of the railway took over.

The WI always campaigns on topical issues and we voted for which resolution we wanted to go forward for further discussion at our May meeting. 2018 marks the 100th anniversary since the first WI resolution was passed, which focussed on the need for housing. It is also 100 years since some women gained the right to vote and to stand for election to the House of Commons.

A new year and many new activities are planned. Craft afternoons in February and March to share ideas and expertise as well as craft days to attend. Some learning new skills and others to make items for entry into the WI Exhibition in Hempnall village hall on April 6th and 7th.

Marmalade and pancakes take a central role in February within our WI. A group of our members get together to peel, slice and cook the Seville oranges to make batches of marmalade. This is then sold, to help fund some of our events during the year. Shrove Tuesday is in February and this gives an excuse to feast on savoury and sweet pancakes. An event much enjoyed by members and friends.

We meet in Wacton Village Hall on the second Thursday each month at 7.30pm. Meetings normally have a speaker, a sales table, bookstall and of course cake. Come and visit for a friendly evening. Phone Gill on 01508 532468

## LONG STRATTON CHILDREN'S CENTRE

We have a new programme of events which began in January including the new Story Garden.

Come and explore Long Stratton Children's Centre's new outdoor area, share stories, sing together and a chance to take part in some gardening sowing, watering and watching the plants grow. Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather.

Below is the list of events for February:

Date	Activity	Time	Venue
Monday 5th & 19th	Bounce & Rhyme - 18 mths-5 years - <i>A singing, rhyme and action session</i>	10.30-11.00 am	LS Library
Monday 5th & 19th	Bounce & Rhyme - 0-18 mths - <i>A singing, rhyme and action session</i>	11.15-11.45 am	LS Library
Tuesday 6th & 20th	Messy Play 0-5 years	1.30-2.30 pm	LS Children's Centre
Tuesday 13th & 27th	Story Garden - <i>Gardening and story group for 0-5 years</i>	1.45-2.45 pm	LS Children's Centre
Wednesday 7th, 14th & 21st	Long Stratton Feeding Group	10.00-11.30 am	LS Children's Centre
Wednesday 28th	Introduction to solid foods. Support around feeding and weaning	10.00-11.00 am	LS Children's Centre
Friday 2nd & 16th	Long Stratton Little Ducklings A group for 0-18 months	10.00-11.00 am	LS Children's Centre
Friday 9th	Long Stratton Baby ONE Stop <i>(Optimum Nurturing environment). A group for support and advice on a range of health topics for you and your 0-18 month old. (Older siblings welcome with activities provided)</i>	10.00-11.00 am	LS Children's Centre

**For further information please call 01508 536399**

**Sometimes we have to make changes to our programme. Please check our Facebook page for up-to-date details.**

**You can find us on Manor Road next door to Manor Fields.**

## Christmas Community Event

Following the success of our second Christmas event we were able to send off £157.75 to the two nominated charities - Harker House Residents Fund and the Fire Fighters Charity Fund. Once again thank you to all who helped and supported the event.

## News from the Lions



The December collection in the Co-op raised a magnificent £427. Many, many thanks to all who gave so generously and to the Co-op for facilitating the collection.

Our Bingo was a very enjoyable evening, with lots of new faces. This raised £200, so we are a good way towards raising the money for the summer outing for Harker House and Depwade Court.

The Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's was an amazing spectacle. We were so glad to be a part of it and had lots of nice comments too.

**Bonnie Wade**

## LONG STRATTON GUIDING

### 2nd Long Stratton Brownies

We started off 2018 with a Brownie New Year party. After food the Brownies played traditional party games including pass the parcel.

At the time of going to print we are looking forward to planning which badge we will work on during the coming term.

**Brown Owl**



## BENEFIT CHECK CAMPAIGN



Many older people are entitled to claim benefits – but not everyone is aware of what their entitlements are, and how to claim. Age UK Norfolk is working hard to raise awareness so that those in later life, and their carers, can claim; and helping them along the way to make those claims.

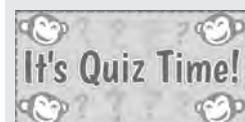
The awareness campaign began in January and the charity is aiming to ensure that the people concerned:

- Will be better informed.
- Know their rights.
- Are claiming their entitlements.
- Are fully informed about attendance allowance, pension credit, council tax benefit etc.
- Get the help and assistance they need to claim those benefits.

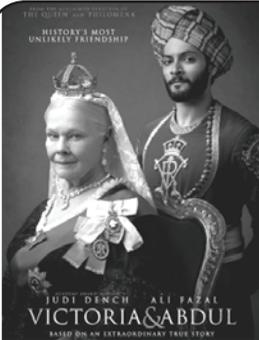
Age UK Norfolk hopes to achieve this by offering:

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***To find out more about benefit checks, call the Age UK Norfolk advice line on 0300 500 1217, Monday-Friday 10am-4pm.***



**DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES**  
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## WACTON SOCIAL CLUB

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## SINGING IN WACTON

Our new Creative Singing Group takes place in Wacton Village Hall every Tuesday evening from 7 p m until 8.30 p m. Come along for a fun evening in your own village, you will be very welcome to join us ---- you don't have to be a singer --- **IF YOU CAN SPEAK YOU CAN SING.**

Further details from Louise Barton [07765920390] or Rita Day [01508 218407].

## COFFEE MORNINGS

These are held in the village hall on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10.30 am - everyone welcome. Dates for February are the 6th and the 20th. For further information contact Caroline Squires on 01508 530111.

## WACTON FOOTCARE

The next WACTON FOOTCARE session will take place **Monday 26th February** in the village hall as usual. For further information contact Rita Day (Parish Councillor) at ritaday.wacton@yahoo.com or telephone 01508 218407

## CHURCH NEWS

### FEBRUARY CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 4th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	No service	
Wednesday 14th	10.00 am	Ash Wednesday service at St Mary's
Sunday 18th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	No service	

### Come and join us for.....

The next **Messy Church** is on **Saturday 24th February**

from 9am until 10.45am and will be at **St Mary's Junior School**

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# WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>MONDAY ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Craft Group	Library	10.30 am to 12 noon
Tai-Chi	Wacton Village Hall	6.30 pm
Bell Ringing Practice	St Mary's Church	7.30 pm to 9 pm

<b>TUESDAY ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Lunch & activities	Day Centre	10 am to 3 pm
Stratton Community Choir	Mayfields Care Home	7.30 pm
Singing in Wacton	Wacton Village Hall	7 pm to 8.30 pm

<b>WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
123 Toddler Group	Methodist Church during term time	9.15 - 11.15 am
Breast feeding Support Drop-In Group	Long Stratton Children's Centre, Manor Road	10 am to 12 noon
Short Mat Bowls	Coronation Hall, Great Moulton - Peter Grant 01508 536753	2 pm

<b>THURSDAY ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Pilates	Wacton Village Hall Jo Douglas 01508 530261 greenacresfarm@tinyworld.co.uk	9.30 am Intermediate 10.30 am Beginners
Lunch & activities	Day Centre	10 am to 3 pm
Coffee morning	Methodist Church	10 am to 11.30 am
'Just a Cuppa'	Library	2 pm
Short Mat Bowls	Coronation Hall, Great Moulton - see above	2 pm
Knitters & Crafters evening	Library	5.15 pm to 7.15 pm

# The Sexton's Wheel

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			<p>1 Long Stratton Pa Group - Tudor Hous</p>
<p>5 Local Walk - <i>see page 7</i></p>	<p>6 Coffee Morning Wacton Village Hall 10.30am <i>see page 15</i>  Methodist Church Lunch <i>see page 34</i></p>	<p>7 Wacton Parish Council meeting 7pm Wacton Village Hall</p>	<p>8  Thursday C LS Village Hall  Tharston W Wacton <i>see pag</i></p>
<p>12 St George's Dementia Support Group 10am - <i>see page 34</i>  Long Stratton Parish Council meeting 7pm Methodist Church</p>	<p>13 Sunflower Cafe, Mayfields 10am - 01508 535500  Pancake Party at The Rectory 6.30pm - 8pm <i>see page 9</i>  Diggers &amp; Dibbles 7.30pm Forngett Village Hall <i>see page 25</i></p>	<p>14  Long Stratton Lions 7.30pm contact Roy on 01508 531406 for venue</p>	<p>15  'Maps, Mateys fun session at 10.30 <i>see pag</i></p>
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<p>26 Mini-mover session at the Library 10.30am <i>see page 29</i>  St George's Dementia Support Group 10am - <i>see page 34</i></p>	<p>27 Long Stratton 'Friendship Circle' - 01508 532645 9.30am - LS Village Hall -</p>	<p>28 Long Stratton Lions 7.30pm contact Roy on 01508 531406 for venue</p>	<p><b>1 MARCH</b></p>

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<p>Parents Reading 9am The Bakery</p>	<p>2 Wacton Social Club <i>see page 15</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
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	<p>2 Women's World Day of Prayer Congregational Church - 2pm <i>see page 27</i></p>	<p>3 Master Crafts Fair 10am - 3pm LS Village Hall <i>see page 4</i></p>	<p>4</p>

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*Notes from the meeting held on Monday 8th January.*

District County Councillor Thomas reported that the budget consultation closed on the 22nd December. Central government informed Norfolk County Council that the referendum limit on Council Tax was potentially being changed to 3%. This will receive further discussion at Committee meetings.

Greater Norwich Local Plan, there are road shows occurring around the local area. South Norfolk District Council will be on February 22nd. For more information and to see other roadshow dates please visit the website. [www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk](http://www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk).

The result of the Ofsted inspection at the end of November will be published on the 19th January. Feedback received has been positive.

Budget meeting is the 12th February 2018.

District Councillor Fulcher reported – at the December Tharston and Hapton Parish Council meeting the developer provided a presentation regarding the development. There were some points of interest that arose as a result of the presentation.

District Councillor Worsley reported that South Norfolk District Council are looking to work collaboratively with BDC in an exploratory sense to see how the work load and costs can be shared. Can be downloaded from SNDC website.

South Norfolk District Council historically provided wheelie bins for new houses. South Norfolk District Council will now be charging for new bins, £69 to cover all costs. Developers will be charged in the first instance although if they refuse the cost will be passed to the homeowner. This came into force from 1 January 2018.

Christmas 2017 - the Parish Council would like to say thank you to the Hairdressers on the Ice House precinct for supplying the electricity for the Parish Council Christmas Tree. The Parish Council are looking for feedback regarding the Christmas display. All comments gratefully received, please contact us at [clerk@longstratton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@longstratton-pc.gov.uk)

Lastly the Parish Council are working closely with the Police regarding the frequent vandalism that is occurring on the playing fields. Can we ask all parishioners to be vigilant and if they see or hear anything to contact the police on 101 or the Parish Council office.

## **LONG STRATTON THURSDAY CLUB**

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## LONG STRATTON & DISTRICT WI

The evening of our December meeting saw ladies arrive with foliage and secateurs in hand to make a ring arrangement for either a table or door. Our president gave a short demonstration on making the rings which resulted in everyone taking home their own individual arrangement. This was followed by a Christmas Fayre and presents. A well enjoyed evening.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 21st February in the village hall beginning at 7.30pm. Our speaker is Carole Adam who will be talking about pets as therapy.

The monthly competition is a pet photograph and a flower or berries.

For further information please contact 01508 530439

## LONG STRATTON MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP

Diabetes is a chronic condition affecting millions in the UK, impacting on individuals and their families, and generating a vast amount of work for the NHS.

Diabetes UK is a charity which provides support and information for those affected by diabetes. It also raises money for research into new treatments and technologies. At LSMP we have decided to take up the Diabetes UK Swim22 Challenge. On February 25th a team of us will (attempt to) swim 22 miles – the length of the English Channel.

As I write this the team is looking a little small which means a slightly worrying number of lengths each, but we are hoping to add a few more members. We are raising funds for Diabetes UK and should you wish can be sponsored via our Just Giving Web Page 'Team LSMP.'

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## DIABETES OPEN EVENING EVENT

Following on this theme our Patient Participation Group are holding a **Diabetes Information Evening** on **Wednesday 25th April 2018** at Long Stratton Village Hall at 7.00pm. There will be speakers from the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital - Diabetes Specialist Nurse and Podiatrist, along with the Norfolk Diabetes Trust, Wymondham Diabetes Group and a patient's personal experience. We would love your support for this event so please spread the word as anyone is welcome - you do not have to be a patient of our surgery to attend.

*Dr Lara Douglass*

## Ten 2 Ten

The next 'Ten 2 Ten' service at **St. Mary's church** will be on the **11th February**. 'Ten 2 Ten' service is an informal service suitable for all ages – to find out more come along and try it out! If you like Messy church, you'll like this too.

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*By Emmy and Austin*

I like our core story, James and the Giant Peach. I like the school playground because it is nice and big for us to play on and there is lots of space for us to run. I like school because we learn new things every day and I really enjoy Children's Voice and handwriting.

*By Mia*

I like Science in school because we do lot of experiments. We have learnt about joining materials and gravity. I really like learning about bacteria.

*By James*

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Book Group on the 4th Thursday at 6.30pm.

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18th	11.00 am	Morning Worship
18th	6.30 pm	Healing Service at the Methodist Church
25th	11.00 am	All Age Holy Communion

### St Michael's Church

4th	No Service	
11th	8.30 am	Holy Communion
18th	6.30 pm	Healing Service at the Methodist Church
25th	8.30 am	Holy Communion

### All Saints' Church

4th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
11th	No Service	
18th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
18th	6.30 pm	Healing Service at the Methodist Church
25th	No Service	

### Congregational Church

4th	10.45 am	Family Service inc Holy Communion	Rev Eileen Ritchie
11th	10.45 am	Family Service	Colin Basham
18th	9.45 am	Family Breakfast	
18th	10.45 am	Family Service	David Dodd
25th	10.45 am	Family Service	Bruce Thorn

### Methodist Church

4th	10.30 am	Morning Service	Mr A Martin
11th	3.00 pm	Communion Service	Revd M Olanrewaju
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## LONG STRATTON METHODIST CHURCH

Monthly lunch is on Tuesday 6th February - 12.30pm  
Please call 01508 530518 to book - all welcome.

Coffee mornings every Thursday - 10am to 11.30am - everyone welcome

### EVENTS OUTSIDE LONG STRATTON & WACTON

Harleston Cinema - Thursday 22nd February - Victoria and Abdul - 7.30pm [doors open 7pm] -  
Masonic Rooms, Throughfare, Harleston - tickets £4 - ring 01379 851917

St George's Dementia Support Group - 12th and 26th February

10am to 12noon - St George's Hall, Long Lane, Upper Stoke Holy Cross NR14 8ND - further details  
01508 493661/492938 .



## Long Stratton

### Village Hall

**The Village Hall can be booked as follows:**

- Via our Facebook page Long Stratton Village Hall
- Via our website [ww.longstrattonvillagehall.org.uk](http://ww.longstrattonvillagehall.org.uk)
- Email us at [longstrattonvillagehall@outlook.com](mailto:longstrattonvillagehall@outlook.com)
- Call Kirsty Dye on 07986 942804 and leave a message



### Hire Charges 2018

- £10 per hour for registered Charities
- £12 per hour for Business Users
- £7.50 per hour for 'Casual' Users (Tharston & Long Stratton Residents)
- £10 per hour for 'Casual' Users from outside of the local area

### **Wacton Village Hall - Booking information**

The new hall offers a meeting room seating 22, which is also suitable for small functions and a hall with semi-sprung wood floor with a capacity of 80 seated and 120 standing.

There is a fully equipped kitchen and a full complement of new tables and chairs. All areas are fully accessible for wheelchair users. The basic hourly rates are £6 and £10 respectively with daily rates negotiable. To hire phone Peter Reason on **01508 536774** or email [wacton.vh@outlook.com](mailto:wacton.vh@outlook.com)



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Tickets available from the Parish office at the Rectory  
or ring 01508 530238/email [linda.pariahadmin@btconnect.com](mailto:linda.pariahadmin@btconnect.com)

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