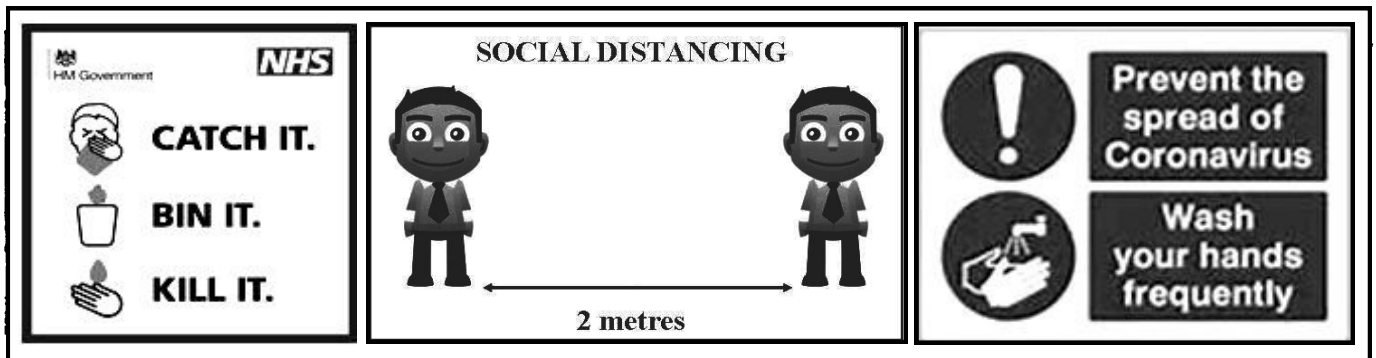


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# EDITORIAL

Here is the third online edition of the Observer and, I fear, that there will more than likely be at least one more online edition if I am to abide by the 'regulations' about gatherings. I trust that most people have managed to access previous online editions. If you know of a problem for any of your neighbours do please let me know.

I must thank all those people who have provided me with articles for this edition and trust that others will be inspired by the contents of this edition to send contributions for the next one. As you will see, there is quite a variety of contributions this month, be it memories, poems, puzzles or even notes about cancellations, although there is hardly anything left to be cancelled at present. Hopefully people are making some tentative plans for post lockdown life.

When the lockdown started at the end of March , and it appeared that everything was being shut down, apart from food stores, I was concerned as to how I was going to keep my bike on the road, as it was in need of just a little TLC for which spares were needed. Thankfully I had missed the caveat that bike shops would be exempt from the lockdown. As we have all found, bike shops have been overwhelmed with orders for new bikes, many by people who have been far from regular cyclists. With fewer cars on the road, cycling has proved less than the dangerous pastime that many have thought it to be. Undoubtedly many of these recent converts to two-wheeled transportation are also members of the motorcar brigade and will, having seen the situation from the cyclist's perspective drive with a greater appreciation of cyclist's fears, and lead to a greater number of people continuing to cycle, and not just for pleasure.

As well as quieter surroundings and markedly less air pollution, the lockdown has resulted in a great deal of creativity. One only has to open one's e-mail to find a communication with an attachment of quirky photographs and amusing or thought provoking videos. Displays in people's gardens supporting the NHS or making other statements. Maybe, once we have much more freedom of movement, there should be an exhibition of such pieces.

Hopefully, by the time that the next issue comes out we shall be a little nearer to normality, although I doubt that the queuing at Rolfes and Clarkes will have vanished but maybe social gatherings will a little less restrictive.

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



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The following is an extract of a press release issued on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 by Action Fraud : CYBER security experts have lifted the lid on some of the online scams which the British public have reported to a pioneering new Suspicious Email Reporting Service. Emails reported to the National Cyber Security Centre include callous attempts by criminals to exploit the coronavirus through fake offers of face masks and testing kits. In just over two weeks since the NCSC and police launched the service, the public has passed on more than 160,000 suspect emails, leading to the removal of over 1,400 links to bogus sites.

On the 7th May , the NCSC has shared some examples of what it has removed with the help of the reporting service.

These include:

- Scam web pages that have been flagged include mock-ups of official GOV.uk and TV licencing websites. Visitors are lured into giving their billing information to scammers posing as these legitimate organisations.
- There has also been scam web pages purporting to sell coronavirus linked bogus products such as testing kits, face makes and even vaccines. The NCSC noted a rise in cyber crime exploiting the coronavirus pandemic last month.

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To use it, people are asked to simply forward suspect emails to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk). If they are found to link to malicious content, it will be taken down or blocked, helping prevent future victims of crime.

## **Neighbourhood Watch News :**

My objective is to keep villagers informed of local crime trends and offer advice through the means of a monthly post in the Observer. Fortunately, due to Covid 19, incidences of crimes in our area have substantially diminished. Nationally, reports of crime have diminished by 21%.

If anybody has an expectation of how the scheme could be run in a different way, please let me know. However, it is not intended that I patrol the streets looking out for misdemeanours. I don't have any special way of contacting the Police or of receiving information. I am also open to being contacted by villagers who may be seeking advice. Everything I find out is publicly available through internet research. Also, if you feel motivated, you can set up a scheme for your own street or close or submit something to me for inclusion in the Observer.

*David Murray*



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Clare, Countess of Euston  
H.M. Lord-Lieutenant for Suffolk

14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

*Dear Kevin*

I am writing to you today as Her Majesty The Queen's personal representative here in Suffolk.

Last Friday, on the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, millions of people around the world listened to The Queen's deeply moving address, an inspiration to us all in these dark times. I thought you might like a copy for your Parish Council records. I also enclose a copy of the address she made to the nation on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, and a message of gratitude from the Duke of Edinburgh.

These are exceptionally challenging times for our communities and yet despite the uncertainty and sadness, I am hearing of extraordinary acts of kindness across Suffolk as neighbours pull together to help the most vulnerable in their communities. This pandemic can and will affect people in so many different ways, but its targeting on our most vulnerable people is particularly cruel. Without the work of your Council and the support of your community, I know that it could be unbearable for so many more friends and neighbours.

With your help and leadership, I know we will get through this challenge together and that our communities will emerge from it stronger.

Please accept the deepest gratitude to you, your colleagues, and your community here in Suffolk for all that you are doing to support each other in such difficult times.

My warmest best wishes,

*Yours ever  
Clare*

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# HM THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE 5th APRIL

I am speaking to you at what I know is an increasingly challenging time. A time of disruption in the life of our country: a disruption that has brought grief to some, financial difficulties to many, and enormous changes to the daily lives of us all.

I want to thank everyone on the NHS front line, as well as care workers and those carrying out essential roles, who selflessly continue their day-to-day duties outside the home in support of us all. I am sure the nation will join me in assuring you that what you do is appreciated and every hour of your hard work brings us closer to a return to more normal times.

I also want to thank those of you who are staying at home, thereby helping to protect the vulnerable and sparing many families the pain already felt by those who have lost loved ones. Together we are tackling this disease, and I want to reassure you that if we remain united and resolute, then we will overcome it.

I hope in the years to come everyone will be able to take pride in how they responded to this challenge. And those who come after us will say that the Britons of this generation were as strong as any. That the attributes of self-discipline, of quiet good-humoured resolve and of fellow-feeling still characterise this country. The pride in who we are is not a part of our past, it defines our present and our future.

The moments when the United Kingdom has come together to applaud its care and essential workers will be remembered as an expression of our national spirit; and its symbol will be the rainbows drawn by children.

Across the Commonwealth and around the world, we have seen heart-warming stories of people coming together to help others, be it through delivering food parcels and medicines, checking on neighbours, or converting businesses to help the relief effort.

And though self-isolating may at times be hard, many people of all faiths, and of none, are discovering that it presents an opportunity to slow down, pause and reflect, in prayer or meditation.

It reminds me of the very first broadcast I made, in 1940, helped by my sister. We, as children, spoke from here at Windsor to children who had been evacuated from their homes and sent away for their own safety. Today, once again, many will feel a painful sense of separation from their loved ones. But now, as then, we know, deep down, that it is the right thing to do.





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I speak to you today at the same hour as my father did, exactly 75 years ago. His message then was a salute to the men and women at home and abroad who had sacrificed so much in pursuit of what he rightly called a 'great deliverance'.

The war had been a total war; it had affected everyone, and no one was immune from its impact. Whether it be the men and women called up to serve; families separated from each other; or people asked to take up new roles and skills to support the war effort, all had a part to play.

At the start, the outlook seemed bleak, the end distant, the outcome uncertain. But we kept faith that the cause was right - and this belief, as my father noted in his broadcast, carried us through.

"Never give up, never despair" - that was the message of VE Day.

I vividly remember the jubilant scenes my sister and I witnessed with our parents and Winston Churchill from the balcony of Buckingham Palace. The sense of joy in the crowds who gathered outside and across the country was profound, though while we celebrated the victory in Europe, we knew there would be further sacrifice.

It was not until August that fighting in the Far East ceased and the war finally ended. Many people laid down their lives in that terrible conflict. They fought so we could live in peace, at home and abroad. They died so we could live as free people in a world of free nations. They risked all so our families and neighbourhoods could be safe. We should and will remember them.

As I now reflect on my father's words and the joyous celebrations, which some of us experienced first-hand, I am thankful for the strength and courage that the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and all our allies displayed. The wartime generation knew that the best way to honour those who did not come back from the war, was to ensure that it didn't happen again. The greatest tribute to their sacrifice is that countries who were once sworn enemies are now friends, working side by side for the peace, health and prosperity of us all.

Today it may seem hard that we cannot mark this special anniversary as we would wish. Instead we remember from our homes and our doorsteps. But our streets are not empty; they are filled with the love and the care that we have for each other.

And when I look at our country today, and see what we are willing to do to protect and support one another, I say with pride that we are still a nation those brave soldiers, sailors and airmen would recognise and admire.

I send my warmest good wishes to you all.



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Constitutionally the Community Council must hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) not later than the 30th of June of each year with public notice being given at least 21 days before the date of the AGM.

Unfortunately, under the current COVID19 restrictions a public meeting cannot be held and at the time of writing this article, this position is likely to prevail throughout the month of June. As such this year's AGM will at best have to be delayed until the restrictions have been lifted, sufficient to enable a public meeting of this nature to be held.

This position is recognised by the Charity Commission who have issued specific guidance on the subject; <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-the-charity-sector>

In line with this guidance if the trustees decide to cancel or postpone this year's AGM then this will be formally recorded and minuted to demonstrate good governance. The trustees will also endeavour to ensure that the 2019 annual reports and accounts for both charities are finalised and reported to the Charity Commission by the deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

The trustees also recognise that our village community needs a proper meeting in which finances, improvement plans for the Memorial Hall and the sort of targets the trustees ought to set for the Community Council for the years ahead, are discussed with you all. So, look out for a notification of an AGM once regulations permit.

*Ian Bartholomew*  
*Honorary Secretary & Trustee*  
*Walsham le Willows Community Council*  
*Registered Charity no. 278321*



## HORTICULTURAL SHOW CANCELLED

This Year's Walsham Horticultural Show has been cancelled due to the covid-19 pandemic.

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# GREEN WASTE

Another thank you is due to Mr Richard Martineau who has always done so much for the village which is not always obvious. The Parish Council recently asked if a skip for the collection of green waste could be located on one of the local farms and Richard kindly offered.

The provision of a skip for green waste was suggested by Councillor Paul Arbon as a response to a number of sightings of the fly tipping of garden waste into hedgerows. Within a very short space of time, the skip was almost filled on Sunday last and there is still a bit more room to be made for this coming Sunday. So thank you again Richard for facilitating this effort which was very much appreciated by those who made use of it last week.

In the absence of brown bin collections, the Parish Council is organising two more dates for a **Green Garden Waste Collection**

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# VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

With the most recent Government announcement, there has been some relaxation of lockdown rules.

However the Memorial Village Hall must remain closed for the time being. Whilst we all keep doing what we can in these times, the Community Council are still beavering away behind the scenes to ensure the Memorial Hall remains viable, ready and waiting to welcome everybody when we can.

The Committee would like to thank Emma Hewitt for volunteering to do some work in the Ray Freeborn garden. She offered her services via the Parish Council Volunteering Network. Any other volunteers would be welcome.

We would also like to thank the Town Farm Charity for their donation of £2,000 which will be used towards improvement works in the kitchen. The painting to the rear hall extension has now been completed. The defibrillator has had new pads and battery as required by its servicing schedule.

Finally, by the time you are reading this, work should have started on tidying up the entrance lobby to the Hall.

*Amanda Ellis*

## WALSHAM PLAY AREA IS CLOSED

Government advice is that all play areas which have play equipment should remain closed due to the potential risk of spread of infection. The Parish Council therefore asks that you please do your best to ensure your children do not gather at the Play Area until further notice.

This notice is issued by the Parish Council on behalf of the Play Council.

## WI IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION

The WI in Walsham is not “dead but sleepeth”! With meetings on hold we have had to develop other ways of keeping in touch. Our new Federation on-line newsletter ‘The Hive’ has now run to its third edition .and is getting out to all our members thanks to Shirley and mostly the internet. Lots of cheering stuff in there.... (positively buzzing with it!).....recipes, reports, reviews and photos from our fellow Suffolk West WIs. We all await a re-awakening eventually with much to celebrate. Sadly our centenary events like Federation Outdoor Shakespeare performance and the visit of the London Welsh Choir are casualties of the lockdown as is this year’s National Federation meeting in The Albert Hall. Where possible events will be just postponed or re-scheduled to next year, so all is not lost.

Any member with a query or just needing a chat is welcome to contact any committee member. They may not know the answer but will know someone who does!

*Jeannie Bloomfield.*





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# VOLUNTEERS

The Parish Council would like to thank all the people who have volunteered to support the Parish Council's effort to ensure that vulnerable people in the village have the support they need whilst they are required to self-isolate.

The approach taken has been to try to match people needing assistance to the volunteer who lives closest to them in order to make it easier for everyone and also to encourage relationships that may endure should that be desired and offered.

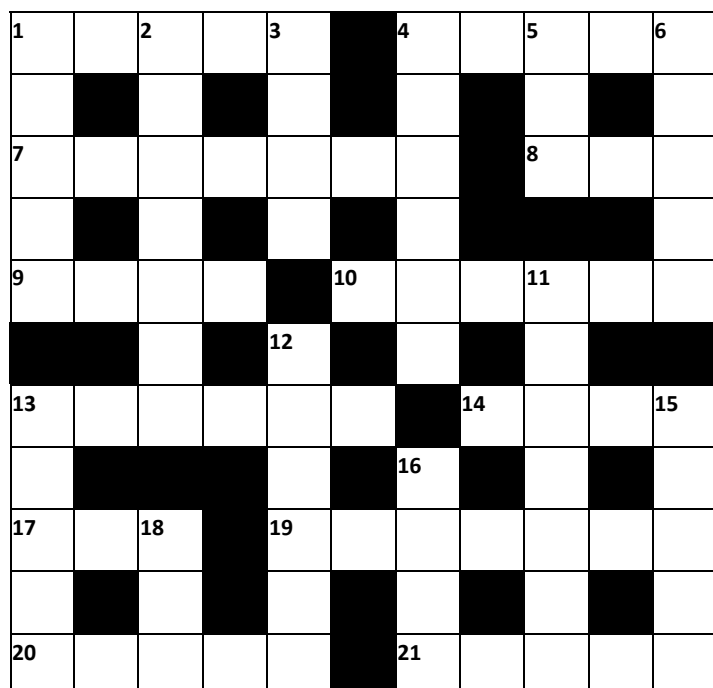
Thank you to all the volunteers for keeping in touch with the people you are supporting but don't hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk if, for whatever reason, you need another volunteer to stand in.

As the registers were put together it was heart-warming to discover just how many arrangements to support neighbours were already in place, either longstanding or newly established as the epidemic started to hit. We are all very lucky to live in a place like Walsham le Willows which, if we did not know it already, clearly has a strong community spirit.

Many of those who volunteered have not yet been called upon but it has been very comforting to know that those people are still ready to be called upon should the need arise. Let's hope that the slow relaxation of lockdown as many are still required to isolate and social distancing is still required, does not result in a second spike of infections. But should that happen we know we are prepared.



## OBSERVER CROSSWORD



7. Lucifers fixtures. (7)
8. X (3)
9. Shoo out of the capital area. (4)
10. Oily show. (6)
13. Rearrange the seaside town. (6)
14. Hold a defensive building. (4)
17. Pitch the vermin back. (3)
19. Notwithstanding the troubled pet dies. (7)
20. Otherwise this part will go round. (5)
21. Pulls the cross-dressers. (5)

### DOWN

1. Varsity races for the birthday ritual. (5)
2. Looks at the time pieces. (7)
3. Shortened preamble to 'A bottle of rum!'. (2,2)
4. Wish to see a knight in the river. (6)
5. An insect in fantastic shape. (3)
6. Feel the touch of the nurse at the Home Counties initially. (5)
11. Bernstein's country composition. (7)
12. Acknowledge a payment. (6)
13. 221 or 322 say. (5)
15. Push the newspapers. (5)
16. Employed in refuse dumps. (4)
18. Such a spare was used for the first lady. (3)

### ACROSS

1. Via a country lane possibly
4. Sketches the reduced underwear. (5)



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# WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

of meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 online via Zoom due to Coronavirus restrictions. Members of the public were able to join the meeting to observe or make representations by registering in

advance with the Clerk.

**PRESENT** Cllrs. Arbon, Ellis, Kinnair, Mecrow & Roberts. Cllrs Bartholomew, Belson [part]. Cllr Fleming for the County & Cllr Meyer for the District.

Pending formal approval at the next meeting, these minutes have been informally approved by Parish Councillors as a true record. If any corrections are required these will be minuted at the next meeting prior to formal approval]

## 1 FIRST BUSINESS

- 1.1 Cllr Roberts was proposed for re-election as Chairman by Cllr Ellis and seconded by Cllr Kinnair. Carried unanimously. Cllr Belson was proposed in his absence for re-election as Vice Chair, proposed by Cllr Kinnair and seconded by Cllr Arbon and carried unanimously. Clerk had ascertained that Register of Interests Online did not need to be completed again by Chair and Vice-Chair on their re-election.
- 1.2 **Apologies** - none were received, and Cllrs Bartholomew joined the meeting after commencement at 19:10 and Cllr. Belson at 19:55.
- 1.3 Cllr. Ellis proposed approval of the minutes of the last Annual meeting of the Parish Council held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019, seconded by Cllr Kinnair, and carried unanimously. Cllr. Kinnair proposed approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020, seconded by Cllr Mecrow, and carried unanimously.
- 1.4 **To receive pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests of members** - none
- 1.5 **To consider applications for dispensation** - none
- 1.6 The Clerk referred to Insurance documents previously circulated to all Councillors to evidence that insurance cover is in place. This was noted.
- 1.7 Councillors unanimously agreed the re-adoption of all standing orders, policies and risk assessments as reviewed and approved at meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 minute reference: 6.1.7. The Clerk noted that risk assessment will be reviewed again into Comprehensive Risk Register.
- 1.8 The Clerk proposed the appointment of SALC as the Internal Auditor 2020/21. This was unanimously agreed.





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- 1.9 **Annual Subscriptions to other bodies** were confirmed for 2020/21 with no change to the list as previously circulated. Cllr Mecrow referred to comment in the audit report about the posting donations to ‘...*voluntary organisations who provide individuals with information and advice concerning their rights and obligations...*’ which can be made under general powers. The Clerk confirmed that in future these will be posted as donations separate from those made under s137 powers which ‘...*is a power of last resort*’.
- 1.10 **s137 expenditure for 2019/20** was £250 (*capped limit is over £8000 pa*) – This was noted.
- 1.11 The Clerk referred Councillors to the dates for meetings for year to the 2021 Annual Meeting of Parish Council on website the link to which was previously circulated to Councillors by email.
- 1.12 **Internal Control Check** – The Clerk referred Councillors to the items selected for the check and supporting evidence circulated previously by email. The Internal Control check was proposed for approval by Cllr Kinnair, seconded by Cllr Ellis and carried unanimously. ACTION Clerk to forward record to Cllr Roberts for wet signature.
- 1.13 **Public Open Forum** – *One member of the public present. Suzi Steer introduced herself and made her involvement with the Neighbourhood Plan group known. Suzi requested the opportunity of a discussion with Cllr Meyer and Cllr Fleming with regard development decisions that have gone against the tenor of accepted Neighbourhood Plans and the impact this can have on engaging people to work on the NP. Suzi posited that some of the consultation issues might be better suited to the Parish Council as a conduit. The Parish Council flagged that it is currently holding a small reserve which could be used to support the Neighbourhood Plan group should an acceptable proposal be received.*
- 1.14 **County and District Reports** – Cllrs Fleming & Meyer presented their respective reports. These included for the County, public county council meetings to resume, expansion of eligibility for Covid-19 testing and limited re-opening of waste recycling centres. And for the District, Mid Suffolk Covid-19 response, detail of changes to Customer Services considering response to Covid-19, Highways England roadworks A14 at J50 and J52 and School Transport Opt-In. Cllr Mecrow asked that the deadline for opting into the latter was publicised in the Observer and on the village and school websites. And for the District, Garden Waste collections, Sports facility, Haughley, unclaimed Covid-19 business grant funding, leisure centre development, MSDC online planning meetings, emerging needs Covid support groups funding ACTION clerk, Covid volunteer response, development refused in Haughley, Covid Cyber Cons, Mid Suffolk winter Sports Complex, development of mixed use business and logistics space in Stowmarket and further financial support for households. Full reports can be found on the village website at: <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/explore/governance-community/parish-council/>



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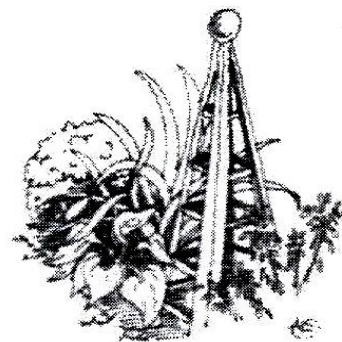
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- 2 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED** (plus any received after the publication of this agenda) NONE
- 3 **PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by MSDC, Planning)**  
**Discharge of condition(s) town and country planning act 1990**  
**Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for 1352/17 - Condition 5 (Footway)**  
**Location: Land West Of, Wattisfield Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk**  
**Condition approved by msdc**  
**Reconsultation application for planning permission without compliance of condition(S) - DC/20/00672 Proposal:** Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for removal or variation of condition following grant of application 1352/17 decided 05/07/2018 to allow variation of condition 5 (provision of footpath)- to amend wording to read "Before the occupation of the eleventh dwelling, a footway is to be provided along Wattisfield Road from the application site to link with the existing footway to the south of Mill Close. The footway shall be provided in accordance with layout and design details that shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter it shall be retained in the approved form." **Location:** Land West Of, Wattisfield Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk **application notified as withdrawn**  
**Application for listed building consent - dc/20/01225 Proposal:** Application for Listed Building Consent - Demolition of derelict outbuilding **Location:** The Blue Boar, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AA  
**AWAITING DECISION**  
**DC/19/04796 Land Opposite Broad Meadow Walsham Le Willows Suffolk**  
**AWAITING DECISION**  
**Application for planning permission without compliance of condition(s) - DC/19/04796 Proposal:** Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act. DC/17/02783 as amended by DC/18/04327 without compliance with Condition 21 (Ecology) and Condition 27 (Ecology). **Location:** Land Opposite, Broad Meadow, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk (extension until 13<sup>th</sup> Nov) **Awaiting Decision**
- 4 **MATTERS ARISING**
  - 4.1 **Development & Neighbourhood Plan** – Discussed under Public Open Forum.
  - 4.2 **Streetlighting conversion** – Clerk advised that we are still waiting to be invoiced for phase I works by SCC. Pearce & Kemp have been instructed regarding phase II but have advised of a manufacturer specification issue with the lanterns as originally quoted. They will advise a start date once these have been resolved.
  - 4.3 **Community Council update** – Cllrs Ellis and Bartholomew gave an update. The down time imposed by the Covid-19 outbreak is being used to address maintenance issues and plan for re-opening of the Memorial Hall with social distancing measures.





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- 4.4 **Parking Finningham Road blind bend** – remains on hold pending lifting of Coronavirus lockdown.
- 4.5 **Street Cleaning** – Clerk advised advice sought on PPE inconclusive. ACTION Cllr Arbon & Clerk To source PPE for streetsweeper and get agreement signed as to use of this in carrying out duties.
- 4.6 **Re-designating the Six Bells as an Asset of Community Value** – Clerk advised that evidence has been submitted. Outcome awaited.
- 4.7 **Annual Parish Meeting** – remains postponed pending lifting of Coronavirus lockdown. Leave under matters arising until end June.
- 4.8 **Induction Course for Cllr Arbon** – remains postponed pending lifting of Coronavirus lockdown that allows face to face training. To be removed from matters arising.
- 4.9 **Parish Council Risk Assessment** – this is pending. A comprehensive risk register will be drawn up to replace current assessments and to cover all Parish Council activities.
- 4.10 **Highways Bridge Work** – Dates have been advised – these could of course change. Sunnyside starts 26<sup>th</sup> May, School Culvert 1<sup>st</sup> June, Clarkes starts 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Cllr Belson raised another damaged Bridge on the Finningham Road near the dairy. Action Cllr Mecrow to advise Clerk of exact location for reporting.

## 5 **CORRESPONDENCE** None

## 6 **REPORTS**

- 6.1 Clerk's report & financial report to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 & request for payments. The summary of payments has been signed digitally against invoices, by Councillors Bartholomew and Kinnair pending wet signature at later date.

#	Payee	Amount	Description
1	Thomas Hunter	£70.00	Play Area Maintenance
2	Thomas Hunter	£152.60	Street sweeping
3	CGM Group	£70.00	Play Area Grass cutting
4	Kevin Boardley	£7.50	Reimbursement Special Delivery Santander
5	Kevin Boardley	£14.39	Reimbursement Zoom Subscription
6	Parish Council Employee	£927.94	Wages
7	Browns Tree Services Ref: 13309	£1,065.00	Play Area Tree Works
9	MSDC Ref: 88978/2000096773	£867.67	Litter and Dog Bin Emptying

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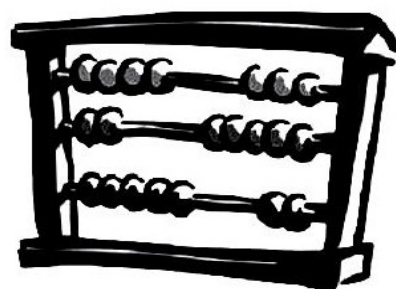
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9	Stowmarket Skip Hire	£230.00	Skip for green waste. (Payment already authorised online)

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1	MSDC Precept Received	0000420720	£10,824.50	First payment 1 <sup>st</sup> April

**6.1.1 Problem Reports SCC** – footpath bridge repairs required – these have been reported

**6.1.2 Audit** – Internal audit documents submitted electronically to SALC on 4<sup>th</sup> May. Internal Audit report received just before this evenings meeting. This has been circulated to Councillors. One minor recommendation about powers used for authorising donations to particular bodies and how these are posted in the accounts. External Audit date to be arranged with PKF Littlejohn after the Annual Statement has been approved at next meeting.

**6.1.3** Clerk noted that end of year reconciliation and end of year bank reconciliation statement with explanation of variances had been circulated for approval but that a minor accounting error required correction before approval.

**6.1.4 Annual Governance & Accountability Return Section 1** – Approval postponed until next meeting.

**6.1.5 Annual Governance & Accountability Return Section 2**– Approval postponed until next meeting.

**6.1.6 Exercise of Public Rights** – Clerk advised this will be set to run 30 days from 1<sup>st</sup> July - Noted

**6.1.7 Transfer to reserve account and allocation of reserves** – Clerk suggested this be addressed after final approval of accounts.

**6.1.8 VAT reclaim** – Clerk advised this has been submitted in amount of £1001.61 and had already been received.

**6.1.9 Internal Control Check May 2020** – Approved under 1.12. Clerk noted that in future Councillors will be asked to select documentation/evidence required as per the new Internal Control Statement.

**6.2 Play Area** –

- **Play Council/Parish Council governance relationship** – Clerk advised response from Charity Commission received earlier in the day which appeared to misunderstand the intention behind the proposal of the Parish Council to dissolve the Play Council. The Clerk has responded pushing back on this and is awaiting a response. AGM of the Play Council for 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 will go ahead subject to Charity Commission consent being received in time.
- **Keys for the gate** – Clerk advised Contractor returned key, so Clerk now holds





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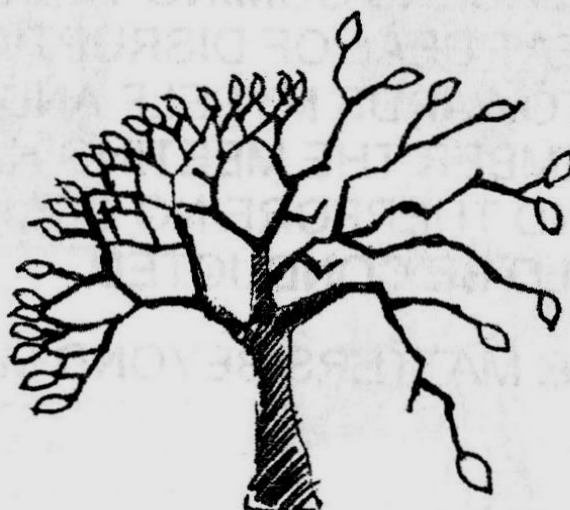
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The question of children accessing the Play Area against advice notices posted up by the Parish Council was discussed. The use of Play equipment is still designated by the Government as a risk for the spread of infection. There is no way that the Parish Council can stop access to the site. Notices that have been torn down will be posted up again and this will be documented and the Parish Council will have to rely on parents to prevent their children from accessing the site against government advice and that of the Parish Council. ACTION Cllr Roberts & Clerk

6.3 **Footpath Warden** - Cllr Belson had nothing to report other than that in 20 years he had not seen the footpaths so heavily used as has happened recently during the lockdown. Cllr Roberts has made initial enquiries re who does the flailing of the Fishponds Way footpath. Enquiries are ongoing. ACTION Cllr Belson to provide information he has on who cuts the grass for each footpath to both Clerk and Cllr Roberts.

6.4 **Tree Warden** – Clerk noted correspondence from tree works contractor that advised SCC had deemed no permission was needed for work on the dead oak at Oak Hall Farm. The contractor had asked for this to be advised to the Parish Council. Cllr Belson had also advised that he had no reservations about this – noted.

7 **OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION** - None

8 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN (No decisions made under AOB)**

Clerk and Cllr Ellis advised that skip hire for collection of green waste had been a great success and had clearly been much appreciated. The skip is getting close to full but with some further management can probably be used to take more on 17<sup>th</sup> as planned. Clerk to publish letter of thanks to Mr Martineau agreeing to allow the skip to be placed on his property. The Parish Council will decide if another is required after next week with reference to the position on green waste recycling by SCC.

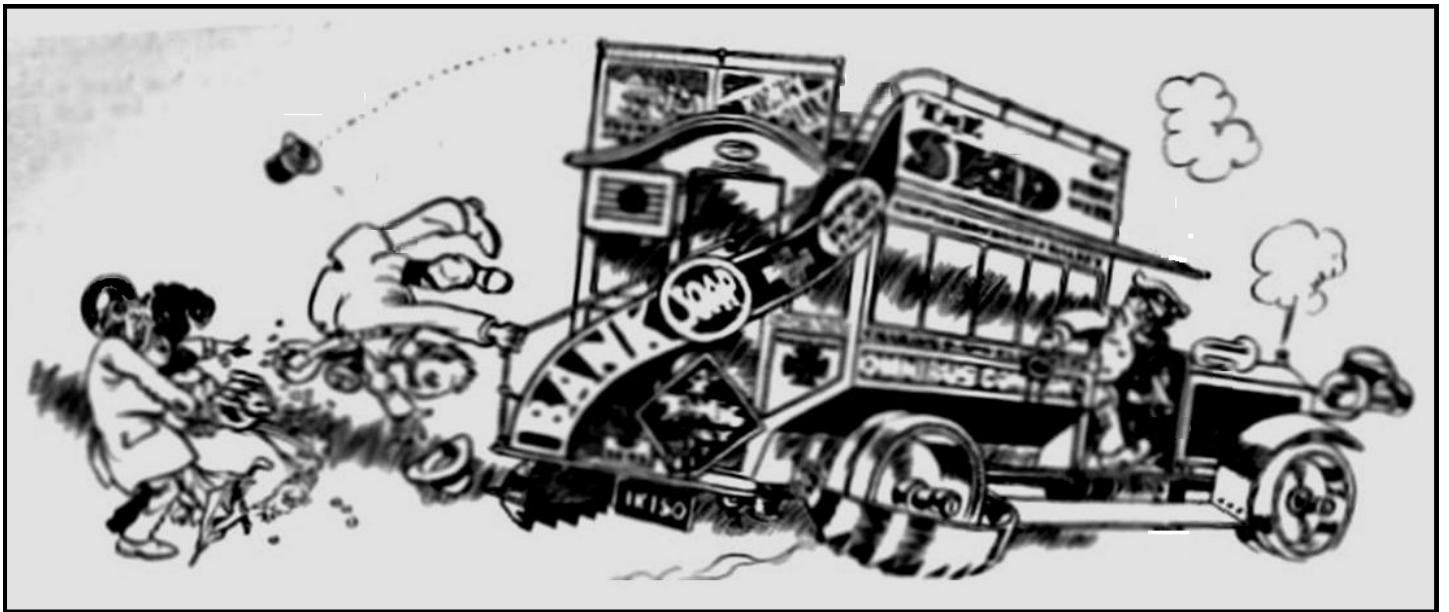
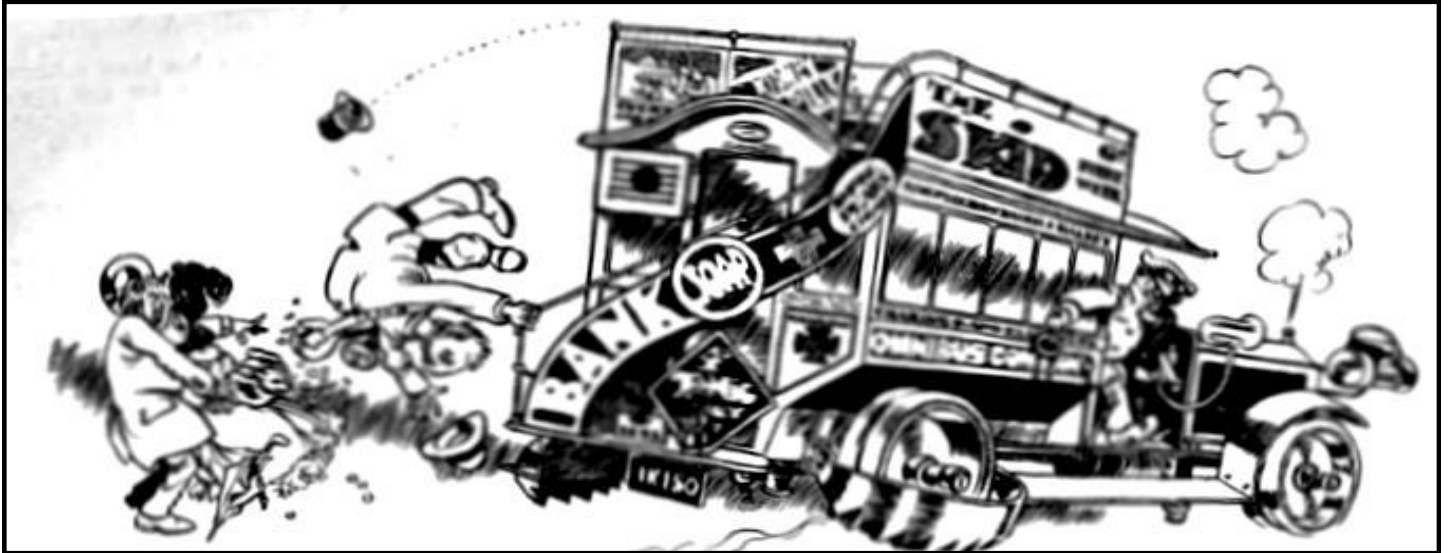
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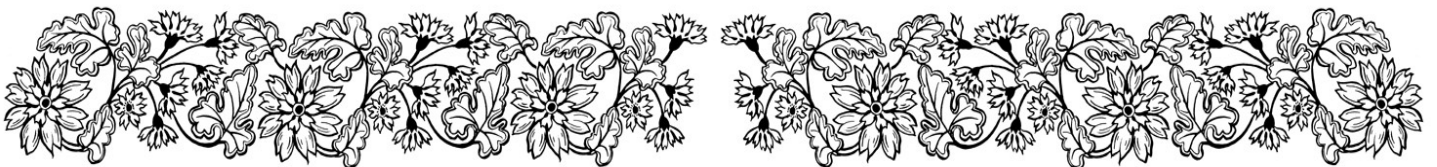
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The competition will be running through the Observer in June & July and all entries need to be in by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

We'll announce our top prizes and panel of special guest judges in July's Observer and via the Neighbourhood Plan mailing list.

### **For Entries**

Please send a photo of your entries to [plan@walsham-le-willows.org](mailto:plan@walsham-le-willows.org) Including your age if under 30, name, preferred email & phone contact and if you want to, a bit about the artwork. This competition is open to everybody so please help those who don't have access to an email and send entries in on their behalf.

### **Next up...**

Coming for debate in July.....housing – who should we building for? What type of design and efficiencies are we looking for and where should new housing be located and where should we protect? Interested? Then please stay in touch.

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## MANY THANKS FOR

While we endorse everything Richard Martineau said in last month's Observer concerning volunteers in this time of need, we are sure many people would like to thank him and his family for providing so many extra footpaths which we and many others have been so grateful to use for our daily exercise, especially during lockdown.

Mother Nature has provided us a variety of wild flowers to enjoy including primroses, cowslips, selfheal and wood anemones also numerous butterflies have been around during the warm spring weather.

The highlight for us was hearing a cuckoo April 24<sup>th</sup> in the Fishpond area.

*Ruth & Hubby Frost*

Many thanks to all my neighbours in The Street for the offers of help to me during the lockdown. It has been much appreciated.

A special thanks also to Paul Hubbard and the girls and boys at Rolfes for all their efforts in taking telephone orders and making deliveries thus allowing me to stay isolated. Well Done everybody.

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In the field nearby, four horses are quietly nibbling the grass. Occasionally they flick their tails to ward off troublesome flies. One of the horses is white, another is a chestnut red, while the third is dark, almost black, and the last is a nondescript pale colour.

About two thousand years ago a person describing our horses may have called the first horse a 'hippos leukos'. The second, the chestnut, was fire colour, 'purros'. The third, the darkest, was black, 'melas', and the last, a bit pale and vague, was 'chloros'. The Greek words are still with us, particularly in terms used by the medical profession, for example leukaemia, pyromania, melanin and chloroform.

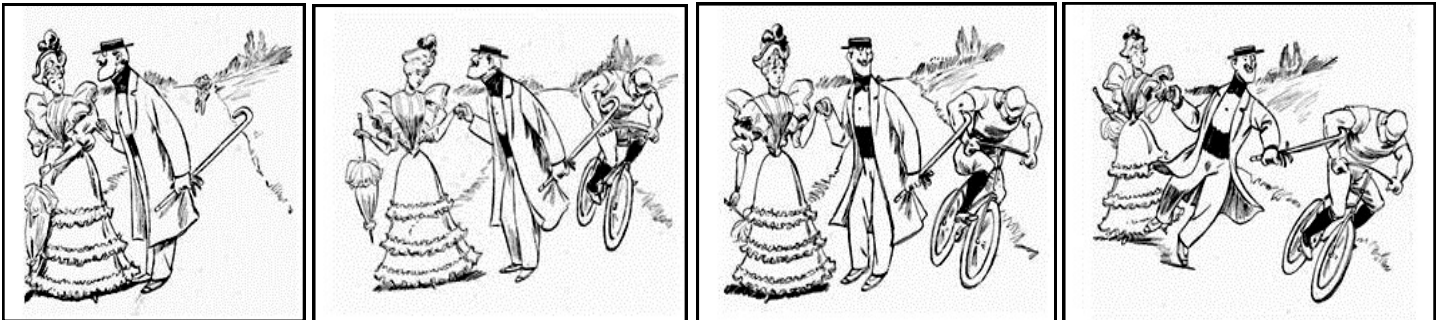
Forerunners of our horses are featured in that early book, the Apocalypse, translated into English as 'Revelation'. Like those in our Walsham meadow, the horses would have been harmless enough, provided they were treated reasonably. The trouble came in Revelation chapter 6 when the four human riders appeared. They represented: conquest by long range missiles; war at close quarters; famine and final annihilation; cheerful stuff. Some of you may have seen Ingmar Bergman's apocalyptic film set in medieval Sweden, 'The Seventh Seal'. The rest of the Apocalypse is a rather grim read, what with Armageddon and the Whore of Babylon. It all ends up hopefully, provided that you can stay with it. It was seen as topical in the plague-ridden Middle Ages. How about Walsham today?

*Ioannou*

# SAD ENDINGS

It is with great sadness that I have to mention the loss of a few local businesses as a result of COVID-19. A local bra manufacturer has gone bust, a submarine company has gone under, a manufacturer of food blenders has gone into liquidation, a dog kennel has had to call in the retrievers and a company supplying paper for origami enthusiasts has folded.

Interflora is pruning its business and Dynorod has gone down the drain. The saddest one though is the ice cream company van man found dead covered in nuts and raspberry sauce. He couldn't take it anymore and topped himself.



*With more cyclists on the road we **all** need to be a little more aware!!*



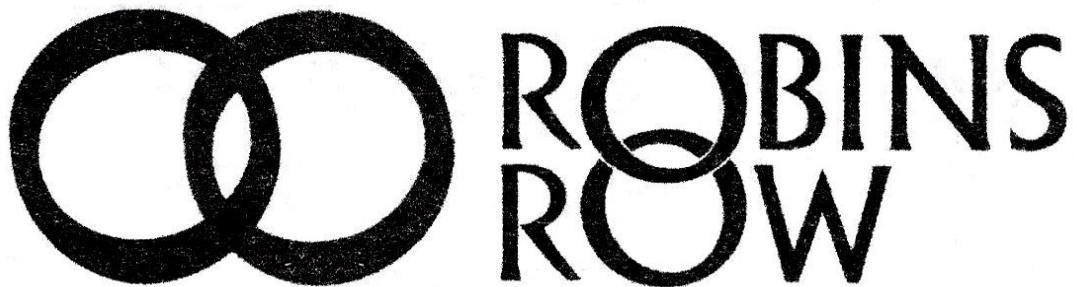


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*Whoops!!*

Back, Blanket and Buttonhole are all types of what?

# LOCKDOWN LULLABY

Do you ever get bored with your own cooking because I do! I can offer no excuse for this as every time I switch on the television I am besieged by cookery programmes; the nation being obsessed with ‘Bake Off’ and ‘Master Chef’ etc. I find this puzzling as food statistics tell us that we have never bought so many ready meals and takeaways or eaten out so much, or at least we did prior to Covid-19. This, for me, conjures up a picture of many of us sitting at home eating our ready meals/takeaways whilst channel hopping between cookery programmes!

Maybe like me the root of this is our need for culinary variety. Pre-virus, busy lives, lack of time, cost implications (cooking from scratch can be cheaper or more expensive depending on the ingredients needed) and differing family tastes may have contributed to this picture of our eating habits. We are not all Jamie Olivers but we can have our moments, as I almost did. A week or so ago I was inspired by a recipe in the Telegraph magazine. I can do that, I thought triumphantly! What I hadn’t noticed was that the ingredients extended to a second column – twenty-two in all, of which I had about four, two of those being pepper and salt. As if that wasn’t bad enough the next morning on Breakfast TV I heard Prue Leith (for whom I have great respect) telling us to use polenta if we can’t get hold of wheat flour for baking! This incited great rumblings and grumblings from behind the newspaper with my other half muttering “They’re all London centric”. That evening I made a Cottage Pie for supper.

Prior to lockdown, any additional ingredients needed for recipes would have been added to my shopping list, but I haven’t been into a shop since the 10<sup>th</sup> March as our daughter is shopping for us, one of the hundreds of thousands of sons and daughters up and down the country who are trying to keep their older or vulnerable parents safe, so I’m trying to keep our wants as simple as possible. As parents, words can’t adequately express our gratitude, however, we don’t feel right about this and that it is us who should be doing the protecting. This has caused me to reflect on the inevitable change in the balance of the parent/child relationship. When does the child become the parent and the parent the child? We thought we still had a good, few years left of kicking over the traces but for us it happened overnight with lockdown. I was left in no doubt about this when on delivering our shopping her parting words to us were, from under a furrowed brow “Don’t go out, stay in the garden, enjoy the sunshine and do the crossword”, (with our skills lockdown may be completely lifted before we complete it). I half expected her to produce a padlock and chain for the garden gate and lock us in. Maybe, eventually we will be let out for good behaviour! So, it was with immense pleasure that having stayed up until the wee small hours of the morning that I managed eventually to snatch a supermarket delivery slot and do her shopping as well as my own. I don’t understand why my other half didn’t take kindly to being woken up at 3am and asked if he wanted to add anything to the list. I can’t write here what he suggested. For me, the excitement generated by the impending delivery would previously have only been experienced by something like a booking a holiday in Italy. However, as a result of my

nocturnal navigations around internet supermarket shopping I didn't get to bed until 4am, by which time the Walsham le Willows Birds Choral Society was in full rehearsal and had kindly decided to sing me to sleep with a lullaby. It didn't work!

So, for the present, all things considered, I have decided that boring is best (my other half says "like your writing").

## WALSHAM OBSERVER SU-DOKU

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For the uninitiated, the rules of So-Doku are very simple.

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It's as simple as that, but you must apply logic to find which number goes where.

So, beginner or expert, happy hunting!

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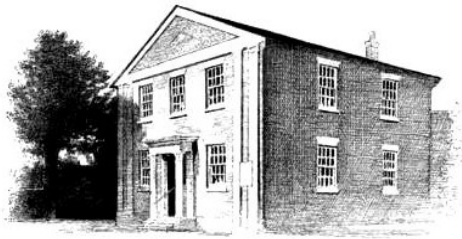
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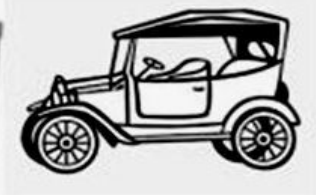
### **Psalm 46** (vs. 1-3 & 10-11)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.



# SUFFOLK VILLAGES QUIZ

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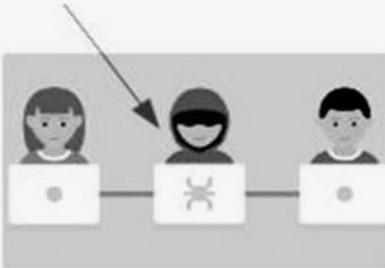
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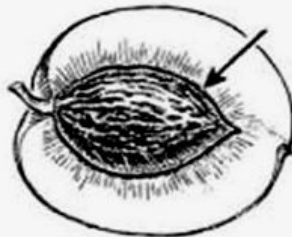
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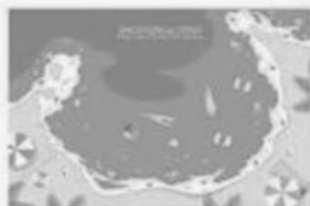
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.What sort of material is made from flax?

# BROOK FARM 1945

My first memory of Walsham is of a frightening journey to stay with my grandmother in the war. We were about to board a train at Liverpool Station when the sinister wail of the air raid warning filled the station. There was surge of people towards our train which was about to leave and so offered a quick escape from the impending raid. I was swept along in the rush without my feet ever touching the ground. The crush was suffocating but then some kind soldiers made room for us in their compartment.

But then came VE day. I remember sitting around the wireless waiting for Winston Churchill's announcement. The country was safe again my father was demobbed and we could have the first of many family holidays at Brook Farm.

I was seven at the time and the drawings I did of the house that summer make it look very much as it does today. But inside it was very different. There was no electric light. Water came from a hand pump in a farm building across a track outside the kitchen. There were two outside earth closets and my brother Charlie and I had our baths in a green and white enamel hip bath in front of the cast iron range in the kitchen.

In the afternoon, while it was still light, the oil lamps were set out on a table and filled with paraffin. The wicks were trimmed and occasionally the one, much brighter Aladdin lamp was fitted with a new gauze like mantle which had to be burnt on. The lamps were only for the three downstairs rooms. We went to bed by candlelight.

There was no tractor that first summer just six huge brown Suffolk Punches all with names beginning with M - Matthew, Major, Monkey (the naughty one) etc. Every evening they would 'clip-clop' slowly past Brook Farm after a day's work, with a tired man sitting sideways on their backs. Each was taken to an individual stall where they were combed and polished by the head horseman Dilgy Pollard till their coats shone, while they stood munching meal from their troughs or pulled the hay from the rack above.

Harvest was in full swing when we arrived. The binder went round and round the ever-shrinking island of standing corn from which rabbits would finally escape often diving to hide under a newly formed sheaf. Boys from the village would be waiting to fall on top of such a sheaf and reach underneath, hoping to catch the rabbit before it bolted again. We all helped collect the sheaves and prop them up to form those picturesque stooks.

I think the first tractor must have arrived that autumn. It was an old green Ford with metal wheels and spiky studs on the back ones. It was driven by Oscar Clarke who balanced precariously over the back axel on a little perforated metal seat attached to the end of a long and slightly springy metal bar. There was only one pedal that acted as clutch and brake. I have been told that once when first ploughing with the tractor Oscar lost control. He was seen heading for a deep ditch, stamping on that single pedal and shouting 'Whoa' at the top of his voice.

Now tractors are huge and unromantic but Brook Farm, despite the addition of all mod cons, has retained the same romantic warm ambience that it had seventy-five years ago.



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# **SPORTS CLUB**

## **SUPPORT FOR LOCAL CAUSES**

The Covid-19 outbreak has been particularly challenging for grassroots sports but one local community club has managed to have a positive impact despite the current lockdown.

Walsham le Willows Sports Club has managed to raise £3315.75 over the last couple of months to support local charities and organisations within its catchment area.

Walsham Football Club led by club captain Sam Peters, raised £1577.00 that will be donated to the West Suffolk Hospital NHS charity (My Wish), this total included money from players fines and individual donations from club members and supporters.

Sam Peters commented "I was so pleased that everyone bought into the idea and we are really happy to help in some small way"

With no large social gatherings allowed the Walsham Youth football section decided to donate £500.00 of the money normally spent on their youth presentation to Suffolk Mind and to help fund PPE for a local care home.

Jan and Steve Murton who organise the Walsham Great Run Local at the club set everyone an individual walk, run, cycle challenge that raised £738.75 for the local Hospice.

Other members of the Sports Club and Senior Football Section then pledged donations of £250.00 each to local emergency medical charity, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS) and the East Anglian Childrens Hospice (EACH).

For further information contact Mike Powles on 07379 089890

## **WELLINGTON BOMBER CRASH**

I have been contacted recently about the Wellington plane crash which happened 78years ago on Sunday afternoon 24<sup>th</sup> May 1942 at Wrenshall, sadly all nine men aboard were killed. The plane had carried out a very tight turn when a wing became detached and fell off, it had taken off from Newmarket Heath, sadly some on board were not crew members and had only gone along for the flight.

The only information the relative had was that the crash had been in the Stanton area, he wished to visit the site to lay a wreath, this he hopes to do as soon as the current situation allows.

I presume those families that could afford it had their loved ones taken home and buried in local cemeteries, while three were laid to rest in Newmarket cemetery.

As a result of writing my memories of living in Walsham for 85years ,the History Group has now published a book ,the cost is £5 with a donation from each copy being made to St Marys Church.

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*Hubby Frost*



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# WHO LIVED IN YOUR HOUSE?

## ‘Emmes’

The earliest mention of ‘Emmes’ is on a conveyance of 1722 and the 1753 will of Joseph Barker which identified him as the owner of ‘Emmes’. It also notes his commercial interest in Finningham Fayre, his possession of boards, poles and trestles together with advice to his widow to “keep sufficient stuffs for Finningham Fayre”.

One of Joseph’s sons, John Barker, was killed while riding his horse from Norwich to New Buckenham in 1763 and was buried in Swardeston Churchyard. He left a stepdaughter Sarah Curtis whose family unsuccessfully pursued an interest in Barker’s estate fifty years later in 1813. This required Sam Lock, Clerk to Walsham Parish Council, to confirm the burial of John’s first wife, Mrs John Barker, at Walsham in 1754. John Thump, Swardeston Churchwarden; John Francis, Minister at New Buckenham; and widow Mary Townsend of New Buckenham to confirm John Barker’s second marriage to a Widow Curtis but that he had no children by her.

In 1814 William Darby purchased ‘Emmes’ and the thatched cottage standing together. He was a miller and baker owning Walsham Mill in Wattisfield Road and several other properties. He seems to have over-reached himself, was declared bankrupt and on December 5<sup>th</sup> 1848 four properties were auctioned at Walsham’s Blue Boar Inn by order of the mortgagee, Mr Hustler Lowe of Reading, who sought to recoup loans totaling £1,100.

By 1875 John Kenny of Scoulton and Elizabeth his wife of Houghton St Giles, both in North Norfolk, had acquired the thatched cottage adjoining ‘Emmes’ and set up their own bakery business. They obviously did well, for in 1916, the family acquired ‘Emmes’, the property next door, which became their living accommodation with space for a separate, self-contained shop with a new large display window. Jim Kenny, now in his nineties, remembers going to bed as a young lad with a rope tied around his ankle and through the bedroom window to enable Percy Byam to pull the rope in the early morning and give Jim an early wake-up call. Jim recalls the replacement of the pony and trap with a Morris van to make bread deliveries around the village, including Hilda Finches shop at Four Ashes. She purchased bread at 4 ¼ d a loaf and sold it at 4 ½ d. Jim’s sister Dorothy ran the shop until the business closed in 1963 following the death of their father William.

Bill and Sabrina Peat purchased ‘Emmes’ in 1971, calling it The Old Bakery and in 1973 purchased an extra piece of garden from Sally Vasey at Clive Cottage, thus explaining the unusual shape of The Old Bakery garden today. Earlier, in 1965, the thatched cottage next door which housed the unique brick bread ovens was purchased by Eric and Lavinia Pepper and renamed The Bakehouse.

The many generations of families which have occupied The Old Bakery and The Bakehouse is matched by much remodeling of the buildings.

If you would like to know more about your own house then house deeds, parish registers, census returns, wills and local knowledge are a great help. Members of the History Group will happily offer you assistance.

*Rob Barber in conversation with Jim Kenny*



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# MUSIC AT ST MARY'S

The strange and challenging times of Coronavirus do not look as though they will end soon. The Anglican Bishop of London, the Rt Rev Sarah Mullally, announced today that there would be no early re-opening of churches, and I am not currently expecting Music at St Mary's to resume before Christmas at the earliest.

In the great scheme of current events, amateur music is unimportant. Even so, the loss of live music in the church is one small barometer of the disruption to the usual rhythm of life with its small local pleasures.

Although it is a great pleasure to make music in a group, every musician was already partly acclimatised to working in isolation prior to lockdown. There is no instrument that does not require hours of solitary practice; listening and optimising sound and tone, working on technique and tuning with scales and studies. Playing together is the reward we receive for the hours invested, and we will value it all the more once lockdown relaxes.

All the local orchestras and chamber groups are currently shut down - the Suffolk Sinfonia have cancelled two concerts, and rehearsals would normally begin for the November concert in September - by no means certain that such large gatherings will be allowed, or whether our audience would feel safe to come.

So have musicians given up the ghost? The answer of course is that like many other people we have been harnessing the technology to keep things working during lockdown. There's a slight delay on Zoom and similar programmes that means we can't play or perform in real time (the BBC uses a different system so they can achieve the bedroom jam sessions you see), but we have been sending round recordings to overtrack. We play and video our part while listening to the other parts on headphone. All the tracks can then be assembled to make a complete piece, with videos of the players. The Sinfonia have recorded the Pachelbel Canon in this way- it hasn't quite broken the internet, but over 2600 views and likes have been encouraging enough that we will shortly be releasing Nimrod. I have sent the Pachelbel to the concert mailing list, and if you would like to be added for future videos, contact me on [matthew.lockyer@btinternet.com](mailto:matthew.lockyer@btinternet.com).

Don't forget that you can also find numerous internet choirs, or even pick up a long-neglected instrument again. I have been learning the penny whistle (which, like the horn, is definitely better practised in isolation!)

There have been some really good orchestras doing the same thing, and also some very good musicians reworking pieces for Covid-19. I have put some links to get you started at the end.

I hope you continue to stay well, and that it will not be too long before we can again enjoy music in the beautiful space of St Mary's.

Suffolk Sinfonia Pachelbel Canon ;

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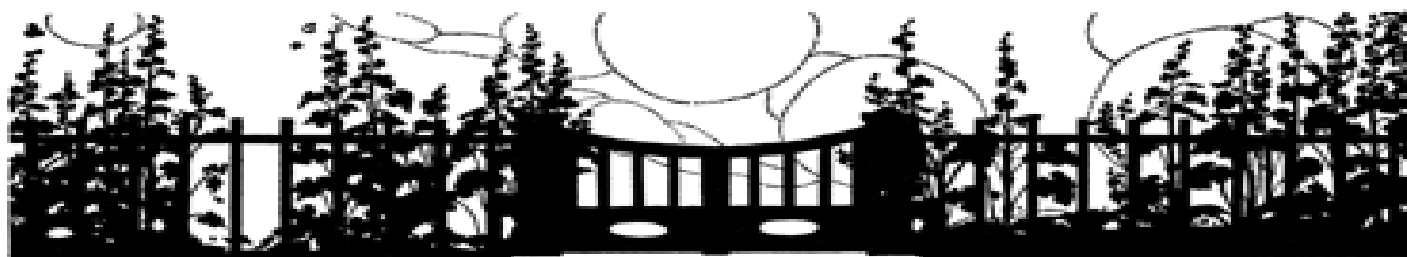
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Opera in the time of Covid :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uL52AuF4QzY>

A pre-Covid virtual choir by one of my favourite modern composers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WhWDCw3Mng>



## TWO LOCKDOWN POEMS

### Time to watch

Time to watch a person  
peel an orange, slowly,  
to see the moon get fat  
above the trees.

Time to walk the street  
that holds its breath,  
to hear the sparrows  
squabble in the bush.

Time to think of those  
we love and long to see  
again, to hold them tight,  
to say how loved they are.

### Dream of life after lockdown

All the people I ever knew  
were in my dream and  
all those I had yet to meet  
waiting and watching

All the people I never knew  
but who knew me and  
all those I know now  
who neither knew me  
before nor will in future  
will meet in my dream  
will meet all those  
I ever knew and will meet  
all those who know me now  
but have yet to meet me.

So my dream from now on  
will be thronged with people.  
There will be room for them all  
even while they wait and watch  
for everything is possible  
In my dream.

*These poems are by Mo Browne, a good friend of my mother's from the time when she lived in Chipping Norton before moving to Bury St Edmunds.*

# CRICKET LOVELY CRICKET

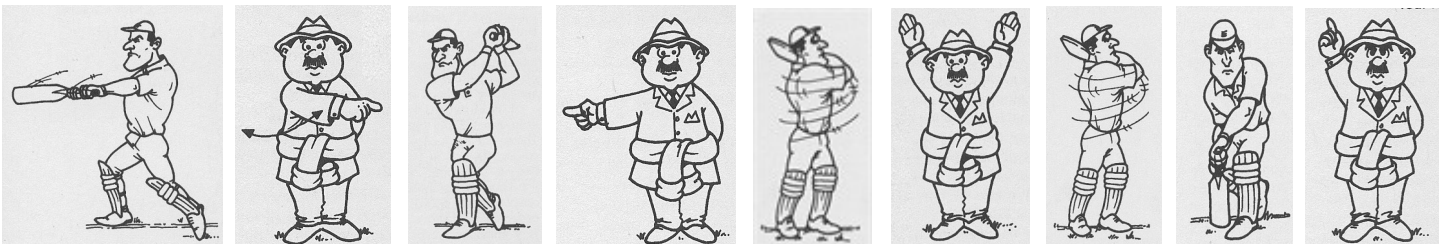
Having joined the ranks of Walsham Cricket Team in the late 1970s I was delighted to find that they had a wonderful new pavilion, complete with showers, something lacking, at the time, with many other team's facilities. One of the first grounds that we played at was at Elmswell, where getting changed for the game was done *al fresco*. At least there the playing surface was reasonable; but at Hargrave, where similar changing facilities 'existed' the playing area lacked a certain degree of hygiene, thanks to the farmer whose field the team played on. He had the decency to fence off the square, to prevent his herd of cows adding to the texture of the wicket, but left the rest of the field unmown and unprotected so that high catches, which might have been taken with ease, were missed due to players being concerned about their footwear. Firmly driven strokes, along the ground, resulted in the ball being kicked back to the wicket, since the ball had passed through a rear-end delivery on the way to the luckless fielder.

Not many teams went in for the cool changing facilities. Others, though, had their charm. Garboldisham, who now have an excellent pavilion, had a changing room under a quaint football stand. No lights and no water, but it was at least undercover. Ampton & Culford had a wonderfully thatched pavilion, with changing facilities - for home and away - at either end of a large open area, for watching proceedings under cover.

Some playing areas were somewhat smaller than suggested 70m. Wickhambrook's was considerably smaller and resulted in a number of the Walsham team standing in the car park to protect both home and away cars when Ian Campbell launched into one of his infrequent savaging of the opposition's bowling. Miraculously none of the cars received the attention of Ian's high flying missiles. Another time when Ian went on the rampage - described in the Bury Free Press as being 'like a rogue elephant on heat' - he sent a succession of balls over the nearby A619. Thankfully none of the projectiles found the roof of a car.

On a number of occasions the umpiring decisions were somewhat questionable, but none more so than at the end of a game against Wattisfield. Spencer, their regular umpire, whom it was claimed formed a highly successful partnership with his wicket keeping son, took his position at the bowler's end when Walsham, with five minutes left on the clock, required two more runs for victory. To the amazement of twenty-two players Spencer lifted the bails and called time.

These are but a few of the tales that make cricket what it is! If you have any memories of this or other games, played by Walsham teams, I am sure that Ian Campbell would be delighted to receive them for a book on Walsham Sports Club that he is hoping will be produced in the not too distant future.



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# FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

Throughout this current period of ‘lockdown,’ it has become customary to stand outside our homes on a Thursday evening and applaud those working on the frontline during the present pandemic. Among those we are showing our appreciation for are of course the nursing staff. It was therefore rather apt that on 12<sup>th</sup> May celebrations were held for the bicentenary of the birth of one of the most famous nurses of all; namely Florence Nightingale, not only a nurse but one of the great social reformers of Victorian/Edwardian England.

Born in Florence while her parents were travelling throughout Italy, Florence was given the name after the city of her birth. She was brought up in Derbyshire, and despite her early days as a member of the Unitarian Church, she was to join the Church of England; although her personal beliefs were far from the orthodox prevalent at the time. It was at the age of 16 that she decided to remain single and devote her life to God, shortly afterwards rejecting a proposal of marriage.

In 1849 Florence began her study of hospitals across Europe, and in 1850 began her own nursing training at Alexandria in Egypt. Florence recorded in her diary that year; ‘Today I am thirty – the age Christ began His mission. Now no more childish things. No more love. No more marriage. Now Lord let me think only of Thy Will, what Thou wilt me to do.’

Following further training in Germany, Florence became superintendent of the Hospital for Invalid Gentlewomen in London. After the outbreak of the Crimean War in 1854, Florence took 38 nurses to serve at the military hospital at Scutari in Turkey, and later to Balaklava in the Crimea.

It is widely acknowledged that through her tireless efforts to improve nursing care and basic sanitation, the mortality rate among the sick and wounded was greatly reduced. At night Florence would patrol the wards with a dim lamp, hence the legend of ‘the Lady with the Lamp’ was born.

Following the war, Florence began the first professional nursing training at St Thomas’s Hospital in London. It was largely due to Florence Nightingale that nursing was raised to that of a medical profession with high standards of education and important responsibilities.

Despite, (or perhaps because of), her faith and personal relationship with God, Florence had a complicated relationship with the Church, pointing out its failures and taking issue with the doctrines of the time. Not least she challenged the casual acceptance that suffering was part of God’s will for humanity, something she stood up against all of her life. She had two religious works published during her lifetime; emphasising the need to stay alert to God, and for the need of direct action to improve social conditions.

She was to receive many honours, and in 1907 became the first woman to receive the Order of Merit. She died in London on 13<sup>th</sup> August 1910, now celebrated within the Church as a Lesser Feast Day. Her tombstone bears the simple inscription; ‘F.N. 1820-1910.’

*Philip Merry*



# CO-DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU'RE TOLD-VID-19

Covid-19 is a phrase that everyone doth mention  
Unfortunately, if you get it, you'll never see your pension  
Coronavirus as it was called at the very start  
Then it changed to Covid-19 that sounded very smart  
Coronavirus or Covid-19 whichever way it's said  
If you contract either you'll probably end up dead

I like to think that all of us have just one pair of hands  
But selling gloves in the singular I just can't understand  
And masks another thing I just can't get around  
Can a paper mask really cost a hundred pound  
I've got aprons in my kitchen I shout it from the roof  
The NHS can have them if they like, I can show you proof

Social distancing as a thing is a lonely occupation  
But in my day, we called it isolation  
Now I don't know about you, but I don't know a virus that can walk  
But apparently, these days, you can catch it if we talk  
Gloves and sprays and alcohol and sanitising gel  
If you use them all at once it only makes you smell

So, all in all, and to top it off here is my conclusion  
What we are all told today is really an illusion  
The things the government roll out is all a big confusion  
And facts we are forced to believe is only an allusion  
The only thing to keep you alive is practising exclusion  
So please keep safe and just remember stick to your seclusion.

*B. Gorrah*



# ALL THE ANSWERS

## Observer Crossword

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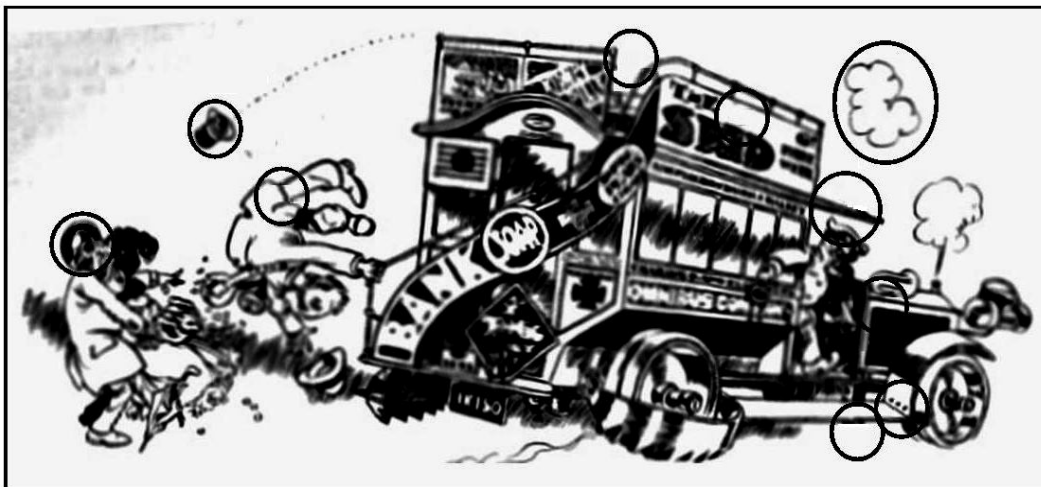
## Observer Su-Doku

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9	7	6	5	8	1	3	2	4
3	8	5	4	7	2	6	9	1
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8	5	4	6	1	7	9	3	2
7	9	3	2	4	5	1	8	6

## More or Less

4	1	2	5	3
2	4	5	3	1
3	5	1	2	4
1	2	3	4	5
5	3	4	1	2

## Spot The Difference



## Searching For Words

Asp	Astor	Ate	Eta	Etas	Pecs	Pest	Pesto	Pet
Pets	Poet	Poets	Port	Ports	Roe	Roes	Rope	Ropes
Rose	Rot	Rota	Rotas	Rots	Scat	Sop	Sort	Sport
Spot	Stat	State	Step	Stop	Strop	Taste	Tat	Tats
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**Page Bottom Quiz** (The numbers are the page numbers)

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|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. An asp           | 2. Ermine               | 3. The SAS            | 4. A monkey        | 5. Hamlin     | 6. Green          |
| 7. Lady Hamilton    | 8. Deserts              | 9. Shirley Bassey     | 10. Sarah Ferguson |               |                   |
| 11. Dennis Thatcher | 12. Zimbabwe            | 13. Winston Churchill | 14. Pound Sterling | 15. RCMP      |                   |
| 16. Joseph Goebbels | 17. Colchester          | 18. Excalibur         | 19. Termite        | 20. Harmonica |                   |
| 21. The Mona Lisa   | 22. The poppy           | 23. Robert Burns      | 24. Polar          | 25. Australia |                   |
| 26. Jack Ruby       | 27. Horse               | 28. Seaplanes         | 29. John Lennon    | 30. A geyser  |                   |
| 31. Jericho         | 32. Neville Chamberlain | 33. Four              | 34. Stitch         | 35. Gibraltar |                   |
| 36. Mount Ararat    | 37. Pig                 | 38. Linen             | 39. Cumberland     | 40. Lent      |                   |
| 41. Egyptian        | 42. Cider               | 43. Vest              | 44. Drones         | 45. Virgo     | 46. Nitrous Oxide |
| 47. Doctors         | 48. Moses               | 49. Tailors           | 50. A Joey         |               |                   |

## Suffolk Villages Quiz

1. Boxford    2. Rushbrooke    3. Middleton    4. Woolpit    5. Hengrave    6. North Cove  
7. Herringswell    8. Barrow    9. Debenham    10. Edwardstone    11. Lower Layham    12. Sizewell

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## **Notice from Walsham le Willows Parish Council**

# **CORONAVIRUS**

### **Register for Vulnerable People & Volunteers**

**The Parish Council** are in the process of building confidential registers of vulnerable people in the village and of volunteers who will make themselves available to assist where required. Obviously information from these registers will need to be shared appropriately but with due regard to General Data Protection Regulations.

**Priority** will be given to those older people who are living alone (or elderly couples) without nearby family support. The aim is simply to ensure that no-one in the village is left alone without support as evolving government advice (or orders) are put into practice.

Please contact the Clerk preferably by email (see below) to advise any of the following:

If you need support

If you know someone who needs support

If you are willing to volunteer to support someone

If you are already supporting someone

This information will greatly assist the Parish Council with co-ordination of responses and is especially important if someone is living alone even if the only requirement is to keep a close eye.

Kevin Boardley | Clerk to Parish Council | Walsham le Willows

Send email to | [clerk@walshampc.myzen.co.uk](mailto:clerk@walshampc.myzen.co.uk)

Or telephone | 01359 259 794 (please leave a message with name and number)

If you do not have an email account or need help, do ask someone to make contact on your behalf.